

Christ the King Abbey

(Traditional Benedictines)

(St Francis of Assisi Chapel)

Cullman, Alabama

Every Sunday

6:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M.

6:00 A.M. Daily

Holy Days:

6:00 A.M.; 8:00 A.M.; 7:00 P.M.

Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel

Montgomery, Alabama

10:45 A.M.

Only on first Sunday

of each month

St Pius V Chapel

Birmingham, Alabama

9:30 A.M.

Every Sunday except

first Sunday of each month

FEAST OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS

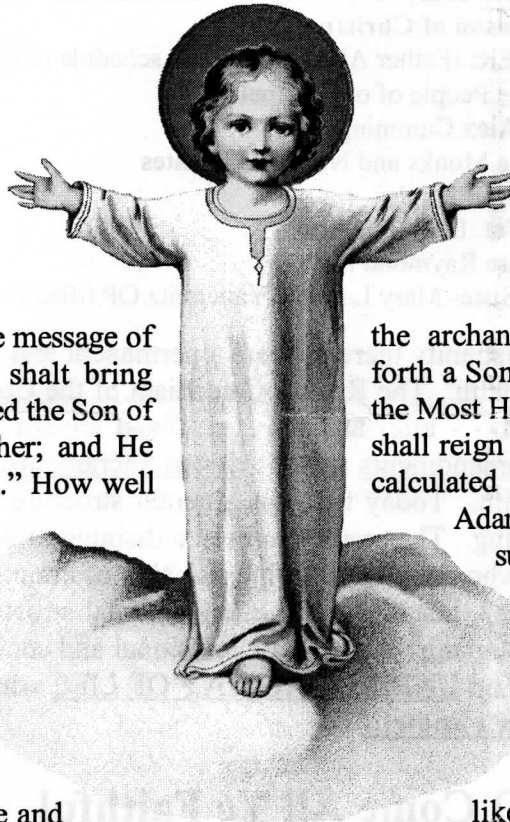
January 4, 2009 – White-Gold

Mass of Holy Name Gl; Cr; Pref. Nativity

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*O Lord, uphold us and
our absent brethren.*

Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus



How marvelously great was the message of shalt conceive in thy womb, and shalt bring He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of Him the throne of David His father; and He His kingdom there shall be no end." How well excessive pride any child of endeared her to God! How Son of God shall be the the material throne of David throne of which David's was shall rule not merely over but His sovereign sway shall earthly monarchs dare not enter; immortal souls made to the image and change the face of the earth and be the Founder of Christian civilization. His kingdom shall witness the destruction of empire after empire; it shall behold dynasty after dynasty prostrate in the dust because, like Him its Divine Founder, His kingdom shall be eternal: "Of His kingdom there shall be no end." He shall reign over His true followers, and shall lead them in the way of justice, holiness and truth. He shall not teach the varying, unstable opinions of men, but shall herald forth to the whole earth the eternal truths of God's word. Under the energizing power of His teaching, men dreaming on in the world's slumber shall awake and be alive unto God. "He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Most High." Immeasurably inferior will be the human, temporal grandeur of the kings of this world when compared with the divine, eternal glory of Him, the omnipotent Ruler of heaven and earth, the King of kings and the Lord of lords. Such was the burden of the mightiest message ever sent by God to man.

the archangel! "Behold," said Gabriel, "thou forth a Son, and thou shalt call His name Jesus. the Most High, and the Lord God shall give unto shall reign in the house of Jacob forever. And of calculated was this message to inspire with Adam but Mary, whose self-extinction so sublimely magnificent the promise: The Son of Mary. He shall sit, not on His father, but on a spiritual but the poorest symbol. He the temporal interests of men, extend into regions where His jurisdiction shall be over likeness of the Triune God. He shall

The delicately sensitive and unspeakably humble Virgin, rapt in silent communion with her God, trembled at the words of the heavenly messenger. But Gabriel comforted her: "Fear not, Mary, for thou hast found grace with God." Grace so great did she, by her humility, find with God that she was chosen to co-operate with His Divine Son in restoring man to a dignity far superior to what he had lost by sin. ("The School of Mary" by Fr John Kane)

Happy New Year

1. **N.B.** There will be NO Catechism classes after Mass until the second Sunday of January, 2009.
2. **Tuesday January 6, 2009, is the Feast of the Epiphany.**
3. As we approach the date of Confirmation every effort should be made on the part of the parents to instill in the minds of those to be confirmed the serious importance of that sacrament. It is not a mere formality that we engage ourselves in. It is a source of abundant sanctifying grace which we in today's church and world are so much in need of. Everyone is asked to start praying for those to be confirmed.
4. We are all also, asked to pray for His Excellency Bishop José Rodríguez who will honor us with his presence on that day.
5. In our prayers we should include the welfare and the intentions of George and Laurie Niebuhr, who, by the grace of God and their kindness will hold the place of sponsorship for those to be confirmed.
6. This morning is the monthly meeting of our Benedictine Oblates. Please make every effort to be present for this meeting immediately after the 10:00 AM Mass in the Abbey Church.
7. **Please do not forget to pray, every day, for our sick and for all who have asked for our prayer, especially during this holy season of Christmas.**
8. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)
SUNDAY: For the People of our Chapels
MONDAY: Dec. Alex Cummings
TUESDAY: For the Monks and Nuns and Oblates
WEDNESDAY: Dec. Ivan Landry
THURSDAY: Spec Int. Lucy Johnson
FRIDAY: Welfare Raymond Horner
SATURDAY: Dec. Sister Mary Laurene Yancovitz OP (died December 27, 2008)

From the earliest times of Christianity there appears a permanent and unrelinquishable nucleus of teaching, hence of formation of our holy faith. The Roman Catechism of the Council of Trent employed the same nucleus. All that is said about Faith - - after all - - is organized around FOUR fundamental elements: the Creed, the Our Father, the Ten Commandments and the Seven Sacraments. These embrace the very foundation of the true Catholic-Christian life. Today this fundamental structure is neglected in extensive areas of present-day so-called Catholic teaching. The result has been a disintegration of the Sense of Faith (*the sensus Catholicus*) in the new generations, who are almost fully incapable of comprehending their religion. Even the older generation has, to a great degree, lost sight of the fundamental structure of Catholicism, and has therefore become a product of a secular humanist infiltrated educational and social system. As a consequence most Catholic people no longer recognize an UNBIBLICAL WAY OF LIFE when they see it in operation. **Worse yet, they do not know that they don't know!!!**



O Come All Ye Faithful

Recessional: Please stand to sing



O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye o come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him, born the King of Angels:
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord

Sing, choirs of Angels, Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of Heav'n above:
Glory to God in the highest, glory
O come let us adore Him,
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord

A Thought To Remember ...

Our desire to maintain our Holy Faith intact, correct, accurate, pure and without any error, must be ungovernable.

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Epiphany

Arise be enlightened, O Jerusalem for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee... Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all these are gathered together, they are come to thee; thy sons shall come from afar, and thy daughters shall rise up at thy side... All they from Saba shall come bringing gold and frankincense, and showing forth praise to the Lord. (Isaiah)



"WE HAVE SEEN HIS STAR IN THE EAST AND ARE COME TO ADORE HIM" - -

From this is evident that their response to the touch of Grace was PROMPT AND UNHESITATING, and that they set out on their quest WITHOUT ANY DELAY! And yet, can anything be more strange in self? Their undertaking would seem to the worldly-wise most foolhardy. Why should they leave their magnificent homes and ease of a cultured and studious life, to go to pay their respects to One Whom THEY KNEW NOT?? The journey was long and would entail serious hardship. It is most likely that these Wise Men were not wanting in prudent friends who strove to dissuade them from setting out, pointing out the magnitude of the sacrifice they were making and the very problematic return that was to be theirs for what they were giving up. Why should they exchange what WAS CERTAIN FOR WHAT WAS DOUBTFUL? Why renounce home and wealth and royalty, in order to pay homage to a King, Whose powers and prerogatives were set forth in the prophecies in very perplexing and unclear terms? But the DEEP FAITH, the sincerity and the simplicity of the Magi triumphed over all the TOO REASONABLE OBJECTIONS of friends, neighbors and relatives. The FOLLY of their Faith SILENCES the difficulties presented by HUMAN REASONING, and they set out on the journey THEY -SET OUT ON A JOURNEY SHOWING ONLY DOUBTFUL RETURNS TO THE NAKED EYE!!!

All Nations shall serve Him

CHRIST THE KING ABBEY

Cullman, Alabama

PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION

PART I

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

1. I am the Lord Thy God, thou shalt not have strange gods before me.
2. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord, thy God, in vain.
3. Remember thou keep holy the Lord's day.
4. Honor thy Father and thy Mother.
5. Thou shalt not kill.
6. Thou shalt not commit adultery.
7. Thou shalt not steal.
8. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.
9. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife.
10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods

SIX PRECEPTS OF THE CHURCH

1. To assist at Holy Mass on all Sundays and Holydays of Obligation.
2. To fast and abstain on the days appointed.
3. To confess our sins at least once a year.
4. To receive Holy Communion during Easter time.
5. To contribute to the support of the church.
6. To observe the laws of the church concerning marriage.

HOLIDAYS OF OBLIGATION IN THE U.S.A.

CHRISTMAS DAY,
December 25

CIRCUMCISION,
January 1

ASCENSION THURSDAY
ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY,
August 15

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION,
December 8
ALL SAINTS DAY,
November 1

THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell: the third day he arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

THE SEVEN SACRAMENTS

1. BAPTISM
2. PENANCE
3. HOLY EUCHARIST
4. CONFIRMATION
5. EXTREME UNCTION
6. HOLY ORDERS
7. MATRIMONY

WHAT IS BAPTISM?

Baptism is the Sacrament which cleanses us from original sin, makes us Christians, children of God, and heirs of Heaven.

WHAT IS PENANCE?

Penance is the Sacrament by which sins committed after Baptism are forgiven.

WHAT IS THE HOLY EUCHARIST?

Holy Eucharist is the Sacrament which contains the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, of Our Lord Jesus Christ, under the appearances of bread and wine.

WHAT IS CONFIRMATION?

Confirmation is the Sacrament through which the Holy Ghost comes to us in a special way and enables us to profess our Faith as strong and perfect Christians and Soldiers of Jesus Christ.

WHAT IS EXTREME UNCTION?

Extreme Unction is a Sacrament, which, through the anointing and prayer of the priest, gives health and strength to the soul, and sometimes to the body, when we are in danger of death.

WHAT IS HOLY ORDERS?

Holy Orders is a Sacrament by which bishops, priests and other ministers of the church are ordained and receive the power and grace to perform their sacred duties.

WHAT IS MATRIMONY?

Matrimony is a Sacrament which unites a Christian man and woman in lawful marriage.