

# Christ the King Abbey

(Traditional Benedictines)

Cullman, Alabama

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Every Sunday: 6:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Daily: 6:00 AM

Holy Days of Obligation:

6:00 AM – 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM

## Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel

Montgomery, Alabama

10:45 AM

Only on first Sunday  
of each month

## Saint Pius V Chapel

Birmingham, Alabama

9:30 AM

Every Sunday except  
first Sunday of each month

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

May 10, 2009 – White

Mass of Sunday GI; Cr; Preface of Easter

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

## Our Lady of Perpetual Help

*Next to God,  
the*

*is the  
masterpiece*

*She  
is the  
created image*

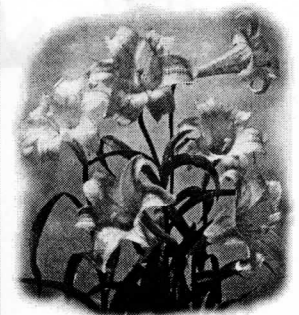
*the  
Most Blessed  
Trinity*



*Immaculate  
Heart  
of  
the Virgin Mary*

*of God's creation.*

*that most resembles.*



*What is perfect love? It is above all a pure love with which one loves God for His own sake. It is also actual love which is undoubtedly more perfect than habitual love. It is a love, therefore, which embraces God and souls in the same heartbeat, for it is impossible to love God without loving one's neighbor. We should also add that our love for Jesus cannot and must not ever be separated from our love for the Most Blessed Virgin Mother, Mary, for we cannot please Jesus if we do not also love His and our Mother. Nor will our love reach God in true perfection unless it is made to pass through the love of Mary, the one and only creature who has ever loved God here below in the way He wishes to be loved and ought to be loved.*

*If a formula for perfect love is desired, it must therefore comprise, together with the love of Jesus, also the love of Our Lady and of all souls.*

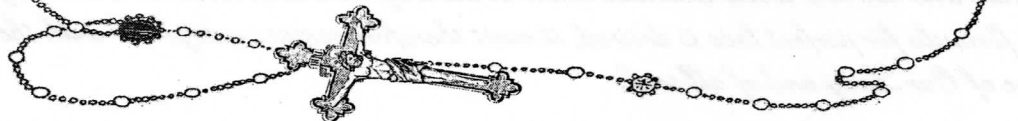
*Speaking of Nuns – Our Lord once said to one of His chosen: "It is in the souls of My Nuns that I take refuge in order to forget the iniquities of the world. I hide and find rest in My religious for they are full-blown roses who defend Me by their thorns and they comfort Me by their love."*



*By the grace of God  
Today, during the 10:00 AM Mass in our Abbey Church,  
Sister Mary Philomena, O.S.B. will pronounce her Triennial Vows.*

*Triennial Vows are only for three years.*

*Please pray for Sister Philomena and for all our Sisters.  
May she persevere in her holy vocation all the days of her life.*



## We Must Pray For Our Neighbor

We must pray for our neighbor! We can largely pay our debt to our neighbor by simply giving him a share in our prayer life. To do this it suffices to make compact with God — ONCE FOR ALL — and to renew it from time to time. United to Jesus when speaking to God, in order to obtain the desired end in all of this is truly so easy to accomplish. A simple sigh of the soul, a look, a word and AMEN said from the heart — anyone one of these can be most efficacious — ALWAYS.



### Saints? Yes? or No?

We oftentimes think that saints wake up of a morning and out the blue start performing miracles! NOT SO! Saints were, every one people like us, and each had to struggle very much before any degree of sanctity began to manifest itself in them.

Like for us, the chief struggle for the saints was within themselves. Like us, they had their double personalities, one good and one bad, and like in us their two personalities were constantly struggling with each other. To the extent that good overcame evil, to that degree did they become holy, and therefore saints. Their struggle was in most cases very violent, very fierce and very long-lasting! The same is true for us as it was for them! There is nothing different!

Today, being products of our times and the softness of life which we have learned so well, we have become indeed, a soft generation. We have lost almost all of the STUFF that men of former times were made of. We are a weak and a pampered generation! In no way are we as strong and as committed as our forefathers, especially in the religious living of the true faith. When any disagreeable matter presents itself to us we give in and take the path of least resistance. When any skirmish, big or little, begins to take place within us, then it is that our two personalities begin their usual fighting and convenient interpretation goes into action immediately. Unable to put up with the heat and dust of battle, most often, we give up and once again evil succeeds and the easy and convenient interpretation predominates. Little by little we become victims OF OUR OWN INTERPRETATIONS AND CREATE OUR OWN STANDARDS. How sad is this practice because it demonstrates so much the flame that is always going out — because our standards are always in a state flux. EVIL IS VERY PERSISTENT! Therefore, we must be ever watchful lest perhaps the devil like a roaring lion overtake us in our conceits! The devil's active influence is entrenched in many circumstances of our lives.

A little restraint and some self-control mixed with a small amount of humble understanding will go a long way in attending to much of the struggle between good and evil within us. This is an excellent directive for a good willed soul's desire to reach sanctity.

# Happy Mothers' Day

May God bless you one and all

1. Due to the ceremonies this morning, there will be no Catechism Class after the 10:00 A.M. Mass.
2. **EARLY NOTICE:** The annual Corpus Christi procession depending on the weather will take place as usual. The date of the Solemnity of Corpus Christi is Sunday, June 14, 2009.
3. During the Month of May daily Rosary procession in honor of Our Lady, every evening begins in the Abbey Church at 7:10 PM, followed immediately by Compline.
4. **Unfortunately, it was to late to do anything about it when we discovered that we do not have enough ceremonial booklets for every one to have a copy of today's ceremony for the vows of Sister Mary Philomena OSB please share.**
5. Today after the 10:00 AM Mass, Miss. Theresa Patterson will crown Our Lady on Mothers' Day
6. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels.
7. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)
  - SUNDAY: For the People of our Chapels
  - MONDAY: Welfare of Vinita Kelley
  - TUESDAY: Special Int. Jean Rentschler
  - WEDNESDAY: Special Int. Peggy Rosenberg
  - THURSDAY: Welfare Trud Le-Drullienec
  - FRIDAY: Special Int. Rose Ann Kinnett
  - SATURDAY: Dec. Rama Coomaraswamy

## Lest We Forget

This morning, Miss Theresa Patterson will place the crown on our Blessed Mother. Please pray most specially for Miss Patterson she is doing a good and a most important work.

Let us not become so accustomed to this ceremony that the repetition of it, each year, becomes something of little importance. The giving of honor to our most Blessed Virgin Mother is something of very serious importance, especially during these terrible days of wars that are more terrible than any yet heard of, and rage so bad that the majority of mankind suffers poverty and slavery, and killings, and such like, all, without the comfort and security of our holy and reliable faith. **We simply do not know anymore who is telling us the "REAL" truth.**

To add to our troubled condition we are forced to witness unbelievable developments which today more than ever are crushing the Holy of Holies of our true religion. We need blessing! Our true faith alone can impart peace of mind, security of being and salvation of soul. The Blessed Mother is the only one who can bring blessing to us. While the crowning is actually taking place let everyone here present be mindful of what this ceremony is all about and let everyone here present pray with the deepest sincerity of mind and the most profound gratitude of heart for the blessings brought to us by way of the Blessed Mother of Jesus Christ, **He, who died for the REDEMPTION of mankind!**

The act of the crowning of our Blessed Mother is no small thing. Let us all be mindful of that significant fact. Giving honor to Mary is indeed, significant!

## A Thought To Remember ...

After all is said and done the Catholic Christian Order will be restored according to the mind of God, not according to the mind of man, therefore, the more time we spend on our knees in humble prayer AND THE LESS TIME WE SPEND POLEMICISING the better chance we will have in reaching the ear of God!