

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

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 14, 2009 – Green

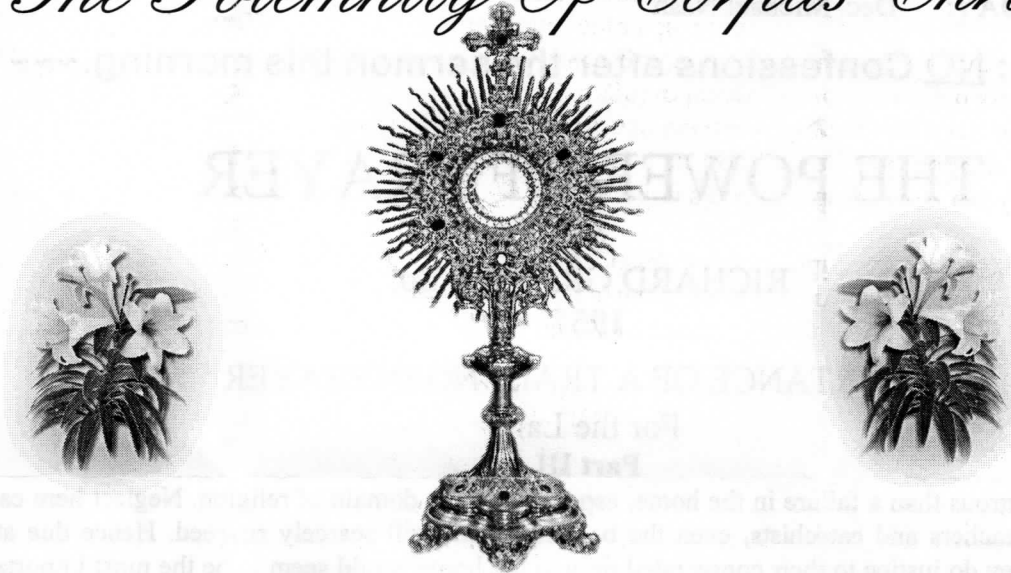
Mass of Sunday GI; Cr; comm St Basil BCD Preface of Holy Trinity

(10:00 AM Mass: Solemnity of Corpus Christi; Pref. Nativity)

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

The Solemnity Of Corpus Christi



Jesus answered and said to them: “Murmur not among yourselves. . . I am the Bread of Life. The discontent and murmuring increased. It was a repetition of the scene in the synagogue at Nazareth, the same enthusiastic reception of our Lord, the same eager listening at the beginning of His discourse, the same indignation and rejection before the end. “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” they asked.

Hundreds upon hundreds of thousands have asked this question since that day: “How can Christ be present whole and entire in the Host?” The answer is that we do not know how. Our Lord did not tell the Jews to understand the mystery, **BUT TO BELIEVE IT.** To believe Him who for years had been working among them the signs for which they asked, signs such as no other man had ever wrought. They ought to have believed His word and waited humbly to see how He would accomplish it. But instead of this, many even of His disciples among the crowd said: “This saying is hard, who can hear it?” And they went back and walked no more with Him.

Let us stop a moment to ask what this wonderful Promise really meant, and why so precious a Gift was left us. When our Divine Lord took a body and soul like ours and the Word was made Flesh and dwelt amongst us, He did not mean this dwelling in our midst to be merely for the time of His mortal life, and for the few who were able to approach Him then. It was to be for all time and for all mankind. His blessed body, whose touch gave life and healing to the sick of Galilee and Judea, was to be our life and healing, as well. Indeed, we were to be allowed a closer union with Him than were those whose sores He touched and healed. He promised a Divine Bread that should give life to the world. This Bread was to be His Flesh and the food of all who should believe in Him: “My Flesh is meat indeed and My Blood is drink indeed,” are His solemn, earnest words.

When our Lord spoke in parables, He explained their meaning clearly, at least to the Apostles. But there was no parable here. He meant exactly what He said, and when some of His hearers, refusing to believe, went away, He let them go. He would have let the twelve go had they refused to take His words as He meant them, in their simple, literal meaning. The way in which He was going to make this Gift to men and the manner, in which His Body and Blood were to be received, He did not at that time explain. As it was then with our Lord so is it now! —

!IF THE FAITHLESS DEPART LET THEM DEPART!

This morning, Paul Smith, Emily Smith and James Winland will receive their **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** during the 10:00 Mass in the Abbey Church.
Please allow them to receive Communion first and alone.

1. There will be no Catechism classes after 10:00 AM Mass this morning.
2. Friday, June 19, 2009 is the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Masses in the Abbey Church will be at 6:00 AM and 8:00 AM
3. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels. LET US ALSO PRAY FOR EVERYONE.
4. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)
 - SUNDAY: For the People of our Chapels
 - MONDAY: Special Int. Robert Preston
 - TUESDAY: Dec. Geraldine Russnak
 - WEDNESDAY: Dec. Traci Dumbacher
 - THURSDAY: Dec. Father Mario Blanco
 - FRIDAY: For Christ the King – Monks – Nuns - Oblates
 - SATURDAY: Dec. Michael Nash

~~~ **N.B.:** NO Confessions after the sermon this morning.~~~

# THE POWER OF PRAYER

By  
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## IMPORTANCE OF A TRAINING IN PRAYER

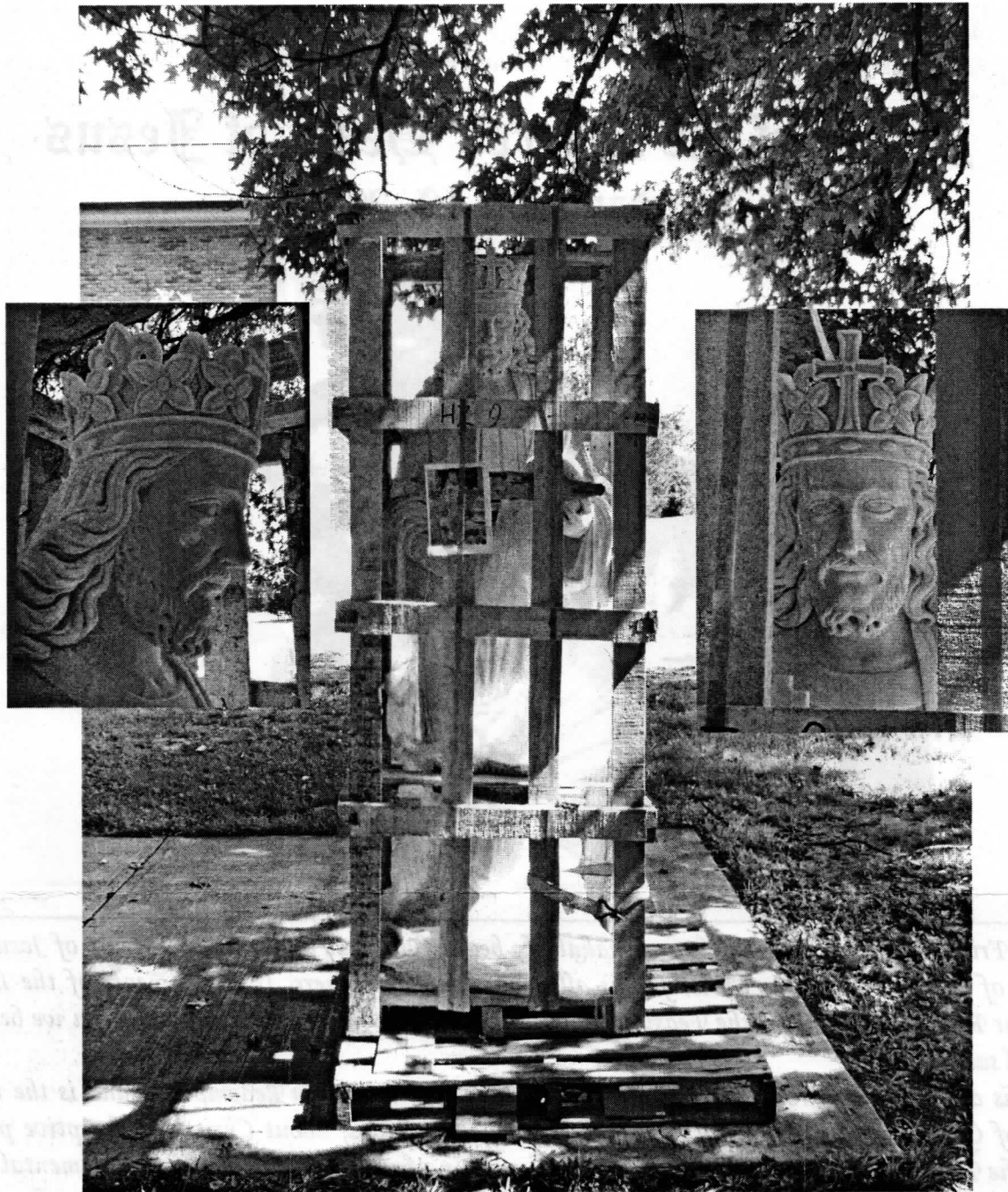
For the Laity  
Part III

Nothing is more disastrous than a failure in the home, especially in the domain of religion. Neglect here can scarcely ever be made good; preachers and catechists, even the best equipped, will scarcely succeed. Hence due attention to young mothers to see they do justice to their consecrated duty in the home would seem to be the most important duty of a pastor. If we have the mothers we have the families too; we have the young people; we have, in consequence, future generations. **If we lose the pious influence over the family then we lose everything. No association, no regimentation, will be effective in the long run.**

In the school, we can usually do little more than teach the children their catechism, just as we teach them their poetry. Whether the art of praying can be taught at school, along with the background that makes their prayers real prayer—that is the great question. It may be that prayer is only learnt in a religious atmosphere of silence and calm such as is found in the quiet of home, quiet cultivated and maintained by the mother for herself and her children. **Hence first beginnings in the habit of prayer are made most effectively, if partly unconsciously, at a mother's knee.** At school, in church, where there is question of a large number of children this devout atmosphere of prayer can scarcely be created.

And even if in school and church children could be taught how to pray, little would be gained if the home fails to cooperate. If prayerfulness is missing from the home, if no family prayers are said, no prayers morning or night or at meals; if the parents never say their prayers, never get the children to say theirs—then, despite all that is done by teacher or priest, no prayerful spirit will be developed. And if such a spirit of prayer is not fostered in the home then the children forget even the *Our Father* and the *Hail Mary*, just as they forget the poems they learnt by heart. **What results can we expect if the family breaks down here?** If children from Catholic circles and Catholic families come to school unable to make the sign of the cross or say their *Glory be to the Father* or their *Hail Mary* correctly, what hopes can we entertain for the future when Catholic parents adopt an attitude of utter irresponsibility in this matter, saying perhaps to themselves: no need for us to teach our children how to pray; our priest is there for that; he is paid for that!

**How comes it that so many of our young people abandon to all intents and purposes the practice of their religion as soon as they leave school?** They are products of a Catholic upbringing, heirs to century-long Catholic traditions; they have had the benefit of religious instruction for several hours a week for eight full years in Catholic schools, and later in vocational schools. Instead of becoming staunch Catholics, rooted in their attachment to the Church and in the practice of the faith, they have outgrown both. A contrast to what we find in Mission lands where two or three years of catechetical instruction suffice to make quite passable Christians out of people with pagan traditions and living in completely pagan surroundings.



The way of God is always splendid. Several months ago, a dear friend of our monastery was killed in an automobile accident. Prior to his death, he had prepared his will and left a memorial grant to the monastery. Frank Tate was his name and he lived in Russellville Alabama. The monks thought it proper to have a memorial prepared in his name and selected a statue of Christ the King. The order was placed and a statue of white marble was ordered. After many months of waiting the memorial statue of Christ the King arrived, on no less a day, last Monday which was THE FEAST OF THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY! To many this was utter coincidence. To others it was a Smile of God appropriate for such because the way of God is always splendid. The work for the preparation of the site will begin immediately.

That in all things God may be glorified.



# Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Friday June 19, 2009



*Next Friday June 19, 2009 is the unspeakably beautiful Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is the Feast of the Love of Jesus Christ for us all poor wretched sinners. It is the Feast of the Love of Christ - our Redeemer God! It is the Feast of hope. By way of the Sacred Heart of Jesus can we best hope for eternal salvation.*

*By His death on the Cross, Jesus Christ is the Author of our Holy Redemption, and is the infinite Treasure of Grace. Not only that, in spite of current evil opinions, about Christ's Redemptive purpose, Christ is the Efficient Cause of All grace. Therefore, resulting from that, Christ is the fundamental motive of All Christian hope. Grace, and the operation and purpose of grace came into existence only after the moment of the death of Jesus Christ. The Redemption of man came into existence at the moment of the death of Jesus Christ on the cross.*

*On us, priests, a very serious duty is placed upon us by the fact that we are priests and that duty is that we must preach the Christian life the spiritual life, the interior spiritual life of the soul. And that life is based entirely on love. We seldom here about the interior life of the soul in too many of our traditional pulpits, and that which has no relevance at all as far as the soul is concerned, is what is placed before us to consider. (1) we hear much too much about all the religious traditional political problems of our day; (2) we get an overdose of catechetical instruction, good in itself, but not sufficient to help the development of the interior life. The catechism tells one what to do; it does not tell one how to do. Therefore, the pulpit is the only place where many of us can go to find out what we must do to save our immortal souls. Christian people have a right to be told the way to eternal life.*