

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 OF ADVENT

December 6, 2009 – Purple

Mass of Sunday no Gl; Cr; Preface of Holy Trinity

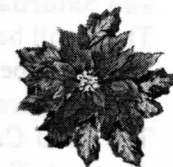
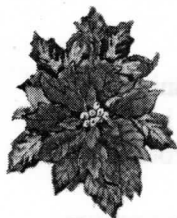
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*O Lord, uphold us and
our absent brethren.*

THE HOLY SEASON OF ADVENT

The Second Sunday of Advent

The Immaculate Conception



Possessed by the
her, swayed by the
imprisoned within
fines of her flesh,
exclaim: "I live,
Christ liveth in

So it was that
had her being in
of that engross-
"consumed yet
vital Power which
Itself the lifeblood
the life-love of her

But with the
life into the little
her unborn Baby,
with the joyful reali-
the God-man's helpless

His very life and for the salvation of the whole human race. Since God had thus
decreed, He had placed Himself at her mercy and tarried willingly the allotted
time with her, while all the world was waiting for His coming. He fed upon her life
as the Beloved among the lilies, while she breathed and moved under the loving
watchfulness of the Father's eye, quenching the thirst of God's eternal love.

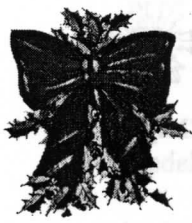


living Word within
Supreme Power
the tender con-
well might Mary
now not I, but
me."

Mary moved and
the sweet tyranny
ing life within her,
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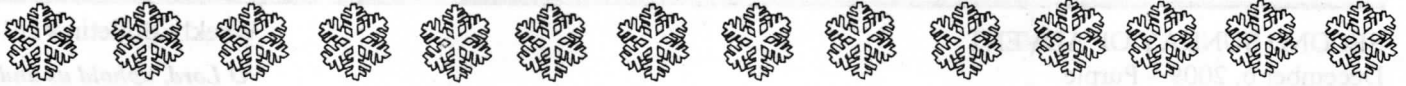
Feast of the Immaculate Conception



Holy Day of Obligation

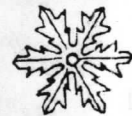
6:00 AM 8:00AM and 7:00 PM

May you be blessed on this most beautiful of Feasts. Our hope is in Mary, the Mother of Jesus Christ
Jesus, Mary, — I Love you — save Souls.

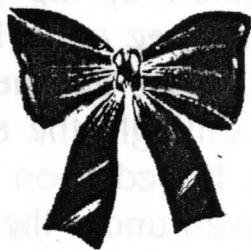


1. Tomorrow is the Vigil of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, it is a day of complete abstinence and fast.
2. Early notice: Wednesday December 16, Friday December 18, and Saturday December 19 are the Winter Ember Days, and are days of fast and abstinence. Meat may be eaten ONCE only on Wednesday and Saturday at the main meal.
3. There will be Catechism class after 10:00 AM Mass this morning.
4. There will be an Oblate meeting after the 10:00 AM Mass this morning.
5. Betsy Patterson will carry the Baby Jesus and place Him in the crib during the Christmas Eve Midnight Mass.
6. The 2010 Calendars are available at the usual price of \$8.00 each. At Christ the King Abbey in Cullman, please see Father Bernard, OSB; at St. Pius V Chapel in Birmingham, please see Mrs. George Niebuhr; at Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel in Montgomery, please see Mrs. Alan Olson.
7. Novena to the Immaculate Conception is now in progress, let us all be most conscientious about this prayer.
8. ADVENT is a time for SPIRITUAL RECOVERY AND RELIGIOUS AFFIRMATION.
It should be an affirmation of our True Catholic way of believing and living. We must - - WE SIMPLY MUST - - redouble our efforts at living true Catholic Religious Life: "Sensus Catholicus", and we must dedicate ourselves to the task of creating a proper and correct atmosphere amongst Latin Right Roman Catholics. Every effort must be made to avoid all "home spun" catholicism. Our effort must be to be thoroughly and correctly Catholic, not Catholic mixed with something else - whatever that something else may be.
9. Saturday, December 12, 2009 is the Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe. Let us pray to her and ask her to help us and protect us from every harm, every danger, every accident, and every physical attack that future days may have in store for us all. Let us ask her to give to us the grace of salvation and sanctity.
10. Special attention, Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel — Montgomery. The usual Christmas/Epiphany Picnic will be held after Mass on the First Sunday of January. Everyone is asked to help in the POT LUCK. Be sure to bring something for everybody to enjoy.
11. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels. LET US ALSO PRAY FOR EVERYONE. Let us pray for ALL the priests and religious men and women of the world. NO MAN, WOMAN, OR CHILD SHOULD BE LEFT OUT OF OUR PRAYER.
12. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

SUNDAY:	For the People of our Chapels
MONDAY:	Dec. Anna Rita Huelskamp
TUESDAY:	For the Monks and Nuns and Oblates
WEDNESDAY:	Dec. Mary Casey
THURSDAY:	Special Int. Danny Meilleur Family
FRIDAY:	Special Int. Peggy Rosenberg
SATURDAY:	For the Poor Souls

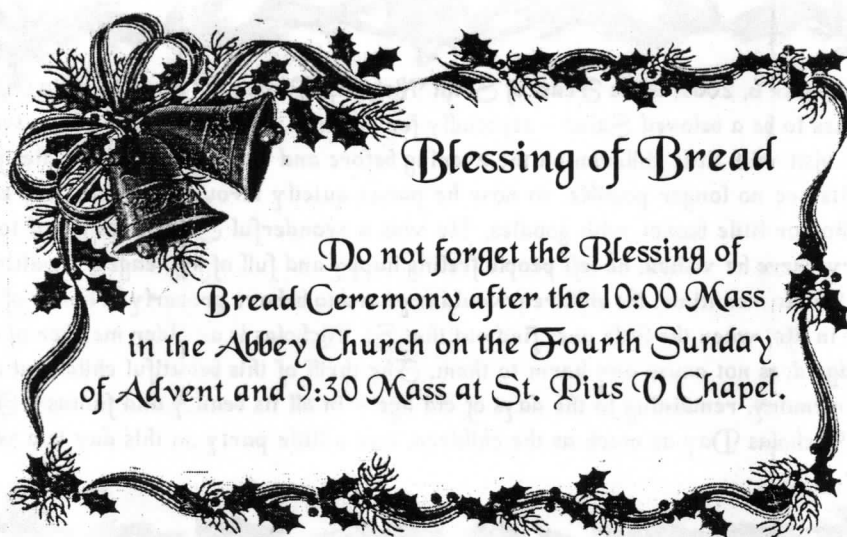


A Thought To Remember ...



Single mindedness —
in our One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church — has all
Gone With The Wind!

Will some good soul please step forward and tell us
Where do we go from here!



Blessing of Bread

Do not forget the Blessing of Bread Ceremony after the 10:00 Mass in the Abbey Church on the Fourth Sunday of Advent and 9:30 Mass at St. Pius V Chapel.

Special Note

The bread for this occasion should be baked by the mother of each family wrapped nicely, and then brought to the Church to be blessed by the priest. Later at home, when all is ready, the ceremony is concluded by the father or head of the family and household. If the family is too small, it might be wonderful if friends and relatives and other families be invited to the house to take part in the ceremony and the festive meal. The father of the host family will gather all around the table and proceed with the ceremony – giving, each a particle of Blessed Bread. Thereafter all should enjoy a beautiful meal with the joy and peace the ceremony demands.

Hymn for the Second Sunday of Advent

Sung after the 10:00 AM Mass – all please stand

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



3. O come, O come, our Lord of might, Who to your
4. O come now, Rod of Jesse's stem, From every



3. tribes on Sinai's height In ancient times did
4. foe deliver them That trust your mighty



3. give the law In cloud and majesty and awe.
4. power to save, And give them victory o'er the grave.



Re-joice! Re-joice! Emmanuel



Shall come to you, O Israel!

Today, December 6, 2009, is the Feast of Saint Nicholas, Bishop of Myra in Asia Minor. He was and continues to be a beloved Saint – especially for children. In many parts of the world, St. Nicholas would visit with little children on the evening before and then leave little goodies for them. These little visits are no longer possible, so now he passes quietly through the houses of each good child, filling a shoe or little basket with goodies. He was a wonderful Saint who loved to do good things, and everywhere he visited, he left people feeling happy and full of joy, eagerly waiting for his visit next year. In the meantime, the children would try hard to behave properly in honor of good St. Nicholas. Later in life, when the little ones find out that St. Nicholas is an older member of the family, the knowledge does not cause any harm to them. The thrill of this beautiful childhood custom is retained in the memory, remaining to the days of old age – in all its beauty and fantasy. The older folks enjoy St. Nicholas Day as much as the children, and a little party on this day is a wonderful custom to foster.

ADVENT WREATH BLESSING
Second Sunday of Advent

All: A thrilling voice by Jordan rings,
Rebuking guilt and darksome things:
Vain dreams of sin and visions fly:
Christ in His might shines forth on high!



Priest: People of Sion, behold the Lord shall come to save the nations
and the Lord shall make the glory of His voice to be heard in the
joy of your heart.

Priest: *℣.* Give ear, O Lord, that rulest Israel.

People: *℟.* Thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep.

Priest: *℣.* Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

People: *℟.* At it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.

Priest: LET US PRAY: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the ways
of Thine only-begotten Son, that through His coming we may be
worthy to serve Him with purified minds.

People: Amen. *(Priest lights second candle)*

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

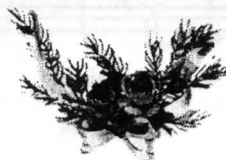
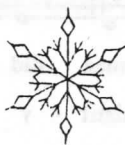
Friday, December 25, 2009

Christmas Masses in the Abbey Church will be at Midnight on Christmas Eve (the Church will be open about 11: 15 PM), and at 10:00 AM on Christmas Day. ***There will be NO 6:00 AM Mass in the Abbey Church on Christmas Day.***

Christmas Mass at St. Pius V Chapel in Birmingham will be at 9:00 AM on Christmas Day.

NB: Anyone receiving Holy Communion at the Christmas Midnight Mass may NOT receive Holy Communion again at a later Mass on Christmas Day.

SPECIAL NOTE: There will be NO Confessions before the Midnight Mass or the 10:00 AM Mass on Christmas Day.



We Must Believe

Faith is not acquired by reading or knowledge or debate or argument.

It is a gift. Faith is a pure gratuity of the all-wise and all-good God, which is bestowed upon the humble of heart whose disposition shines with brilliant light before His eyes.

Once given, it has to remain constant – never wavering.

If ever our Faith becomes tarnished, it begins, little by little, to die within us. Once Faith dies, it becomes like a dead ember in a dead fire.