

Christ the King Abbey

(Traditional Benedictines)

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Cullman, Alabama

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

First Sunday of each
month only

St Pius V Chapel
Birmingham, Alabama

9:30 AM

Second, Fourth, and Fifth
Sundays of each month only.

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING (Patronal Feast of Christ the King Abbey)

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

October 31, 2010 – Gold

Mass of Feast GI Cr comm. Sunday Preface Christ the King

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Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King



Christ is fully the spiritual King of all mankind, for He is the giver of life, the maker of law, the supreme judge and ruling authority, in the minds and wills and hearts of human beings. He is King of all mankind by the right that nature extends to the position of king. In addition He is the divine maker and sustainer of the universe. Furthermore, and more importantly, He took on human nature unto His divine Person. Yet in further addition, He is King because He redeemed mankind, on His own strength, by the sacrifice of His Body and Blood. Angels and human beings, and all things visible, are under the Kingship of Christ, for He is truly God, the Creator and Redeemer of mankind. By His crucifixion, Jesus ransomed all souls from sin.

All Hallows Eve - Halloween - Eve of All Saints

All Saints Day

Monday, November 1, 2010

All Souls Day

Tuesday, November 2, 2010



HEROIC ACT OF CHARITY FOR THE POOR SOULS IN PURGATORY

The Faithful are encouraged to make this most wonderful promise, intended for the welfare of the Souls in Purgatory. It is certainly not a matter of obligation, and if the offering is made, it must be made freely, privately, and without show. It is an act of TOTAL giving of every personal propitiatory benefit, whether personally earned or received as a gift from others – DURING ONE'S LIFETIME, AND AFTER DEATH AS WELL! **NOTHING** is reserved for one's own benefit.

"If a man devotes his life to working either directly or indirectly for the salvation of souls, and reaches such a degree of detachment from self that without neglecting his own perfection he leaves to others the merit of his actions, prayers, and suffering ... that man draws down abundant graces on the world ... he himself reaches a high degree of sanctity, far higher than he would have attained had he sought only his own advancement." (Words of Our Lord Himself to Sister Josefa Menéndez, in *The Way of Divine Love*)

The faithful who make the Heroic Act of Charity for the Poor Souls in Purgatory, may gain a PLENARY INDULGENCE, applicable only to the dead, on any day they (1) attend Mass, (2) receive Holy Communion, (3) pray for the intentions of the Sovereign Pontiff, and (4) make a good confession often.

Heroic Act of Charity for the Poor Souls:

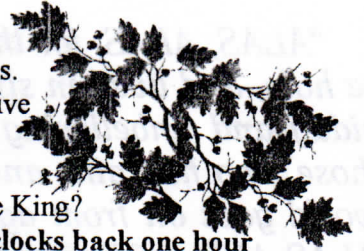
O my God, in union with the merits of Jesus and Mary, I offer Thee, for the Souls in Purgatory, all my propitiatory works, and all those which others may apply to me during my life or after my death. I beseech Thee, O my God, to accept this offering, for Thy honor and for the salvation of my soul. Amen.

Toties-Quoties Indulgence

November is the Month of the Poor Souls in Purgatory. Do not forget the Toties-quoties Indulgences (Toties-quoties means as many times as) for the Poor Souls. Each and every time a visit to a Church or Chapel is made during the period of time between 12:00 M today and 12:00AM tomorrow night and reciting the usual 5 Our Fathers and 5 Hail Marys and 5 Glory Be's with an added one of each for the required intention of the Church, one gains at each visit a plenary indulgence for the Poor Souls in Purgatory. Where it is impossible to visit a Church or Chapel, as it is for most of us today, one's Home Chapel can and should be used, repeating the same prayers as many times as you visit your little Chapel. Leave the chapel area in your home when finished with the prayers, and then shortly return to repeat the requirements for gaining the indulgences. Do this with right and safe conscience! Without fear leave, the efficacy of it all in the Hands of our almighty and loving Father Who is in Heaven.

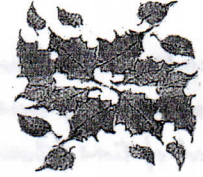
1. Following the Mass today there will be Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Let us hope that this ceremony will be an occasion for an increase of Grace in all of us. Let us sincerely work to understand the meaning of the Kingship of Christ! Let us strive earnestly to BELIEVE the Kingship of Christ. Let us put the question to ourselves: is Christ, in fact, in every way, KING in our hearts?
And as KING do we render to His divine Kingship all that is due to a King — a divine King?
2. **Early notice: Daylight saving time ends on the First Sunday of November — set clocks back one hour**
3. The A.D. 2011 Calendars are now available and at the usual price (\$8.00).
 - a. At Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel in Montgomery please see Mrs. Alan Olson
 - b. At St. Pius V Chapel in Birmingham please see Mrs. George Niebuhr
 - c. At Christ the King Abbey in Cullman please see Father Bernard OSB
4. There will be NO Catechism classes after 10:00 AM Mass this morning.
5. All Souls Day Envelopes are available. Please return them **BEFORE** November 1, 2010.
6. November is the month set aside for the purpose of remembering the Poor Souls in Purgatory. No matter the amount of devotion and prayer we may direct for the welfare of the Souls in Purgatory, it will always be insufficient. Therefore, it is highly recommended that we go out of our way for their benefit. Special prayers are asked for in their behalf. Let us not be found wanting in this regard.
7. Thursday, November 4, 2010, is the first Thursday of November, with Holy Hours and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Abbey Church from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM and from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM
8. Friday, November 5, 2010, is the First Friday of November, with Masses in the Abbey Church at 6:00 AM and 8:00 AM, and all-day Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament from 10:00 AM until 6:00 PM.
9. Saturday, November 6, 2010, is the First Saturday of November, with Masses in the Abbey Church at 6:00 AM and 8:00 AM.
10. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels. Pray for all people who are in need. Please pray for Abbot Leonard, Alfred Krebsbach, Frank Nash and J. D. Ballentine.
11. **Monday, November 1, 2010, is the Feast of all Saints and a Holy day of obligation. Masses in the Abbey Church are at 6:00 AM, 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM.**
12. Tuesday, November 2, 2010, is All Souls Day, but it is **NOT** a Holy day of Obligation. Nevertheless, it is a day of profound prayer. In charity, together with our strongest prayer must be found prayer for those Poor Souls who have no one to pray for them. **Masses on Monday 6:00 AM and 8:00 AM. There will be no Mass in the evening.**
13. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)**

SUNDAY:	6:00 AM: Prayer promises and benefactors
	10:00 AM: For our monks, nuns and oblates
MONDAY:	For our monks, nuns and oblates
TUESDAY:	Dec. family members of our monks, nuns and oblates
WEDNESDAY:	Dec. and living members of the families of those who attend our Chapels
THURSDAY:	For the Poor Souls
FRIDAY:	For the Poor Souls
SATURDAY:	Special Int. Paul Roy Family





November



Month of the Poor Souls

Lo! The book exactly worded,
Wherein all hath been recorded;
Thence shall judgment be awarded.



Dies Irae

When the Judge His seat attaineth,
And each hidden deed arraigneth,
Nothing unabenged remaineth.



“ALAS, ALAS, for those who die without fulfilling their mission, who were called to be holy, and lived in sin; who were called to worship Christ and who plunged into this giddy and unbelieving world, who were called to fight and remained idle. Alas for those who had gifts and talents, and have not used, or misused, or abused them! The world goes on from age to age but the Angels and blessed Saints are always crying, ALAS AND WOE over the loss of vocations, and the disappointment of hopes, and the scorn of God's love and the ruin of souls.” (Cardinal Newman)



DEATH



Death is an experience that most fear and wonder at. Just what do we mean when we say that we are not just yet ready to die? Is it because our worldly affairs are not quite completed and that we have some few things left to attend to? Or, perhaps, is it that we have some OTHER WORLDLY things that have yet to be looked into, so that when we come before God – FACE TO FACE – we will be clean of all of our imperfections, of our countless self-serving considerations, of all our hypocrisies? Do we want God to see us as we really are? Is this in our minds? Is this why we shy away from death? Is this why we insist upon looking on death as something to be avoided? Is this why we do not even want to talk about death? Death to a Christian of proper and good will, who has lived a good life with love in his heart for God and for all of God's people should be the most beautiful thing, the most beautiful moment we have ever experienced in our lifetime. The moment of death is the most important moment in the lifetime of man! It is a moment of birth. It can be the moment of freedom and the beginning of eternal life, or the moment of enslavement and the beginning of eternal suffering! Death is the time when we have reached our fulfillment or are thrown into the depths of disappointment! The present world, and all of the “wonderful” things in it, have never given us full satisfaction; a moment of happiness, perhaps, and then the pleasure is quite over. We strive to reach some goal, we work very hard to have something – we obtain it, and what do we actually have? We wonder that after having gotten all these “wonderful” things that we would be happy and satisfied! Is it not, rather, that more we have grasped into our hands, the more unhappy we seem to have become? Why is this? If the things of this world do not give us happiness, then just what is happiness? Where is happiness? Can we finally have real happiness in the here and now?

God is happiness! God alone is happiness! And God is LOVE. We can have happiness and we can have God, but we must love Him with all of our minds and hearts and all our souls. The worldly man fears death, because he does not know LOVE! The Godly man loves death because he does know LOVE!

To encounter God in Christ's eyes of fire is the highest fulfillment of our capacity for love – it is our highest achievement! So much do we LOVE, so much do we not fear death, so much do we walk through the portals of death without hesitation, so pleased are we when, at last, we look upon the HOLY FACE of God. So