

Christ the King Abbey

(Traditional Benedictines)

Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel
Montgomery Alabama
10:45 A.M.
Only on First Sunday
of each month

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.

St. Pius V Chapel
9:30 A.M.
Every Sunday except
First Sunday of each month

(St Francis of Assisi Chapel)

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Visitation of BVM - - White

Mass of Feast: Gl. Cr. Pref BVM Comm Sunday

What is the quality of our Reading?

Some have asked that the Catechism be given more time in our Sermons and in our Bulletins. There are those who consider the Catechism as the main teacher of the Interior Life and the principal instructor of Catholic Spiritual ity. This is not quite correct. Reading the Catechism is easy reading, and in brief language - easy to quote language - tells the Catholic W H A T the Catholic must do to save his soul. The dictionary definition of the word catechism is: "a manual or guide for catechising, especially for moral and religious instruction". That is exactly and all that a catechism is. More or less, our Catechism is a directory of the moral law. The Catechism is not a book on the Spiritual Life. The Catechism does not tell the Catholic H O W TO SAVE HIS SOUL.

Our Bulletins - and our sermons - work to present the H O W of the Spiritual life. At the same time our Bulletins attempt to present a view of the CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE of former times. Today's major Catholic trouble is the Catholic Faithful - and to some degree our Catholic priesthood - is truly and simply NOT ACQUAINTED with the actual Catholic Life that was lived past thirty-five years ago. The role models are nearly all gone with the wind, and for too many --priests and people alike--the main source of Catholic information is the picture book. This should explain the existence of so much uncatholic information that has percolated into many of our traditional catholic centers in recent years. Our Bulletins and our Sermons work to develop the Faith Life of the people who attend our chapels. This has always been the technique by the Benedictine Monks, and past centuries prove this fact.

Our Bulletins and our Sermons work to demonstrate to all how to get rid of the ROCK HEAVY AND THE ROCK HARD weights that keep us from ascending to the heights of God's Life - here on earth. The words in our Bulletins and Sermons, will not - of course - pick us up and then place us directly in God's Lap - - WE HAVE TO DO THAT FOR OURSELVES! and this requires much effort on our part.

Most of us simply do not read! or we read those items which in no way assist us in the development of the Spiritual Life of the Soul. The multitude of apologetical tracts; the endless - tape like - lists of out of context quotations, the completely untheological proofs and debates concerning validity and all the rest: DO ANY OF THESE HAVE ABSOLUTELY ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE SPIRITUAL GROWTH IN OUR SOULS? Rather, do they not cause harm and hinder any delicate spiritual development? Unfortunately, at some later date, all of these writings will surface from time to time and with unproved authenticity spawn further confusion and disruption

It might be noted that even here in our Chapels, the problem lies in the fact that many of us do not read our Bulletins as they should be read. A quick, cursory glance at them - usually in church before Mass on Sunday - is about all the time spent on them. This is not good enough. Consequently we fail to get the CORNER STONE meaning of what exists in them and consequently our Faith Life suffers accordingly. Every Bulletin has a serious instruction in it, and every Bulletin adds to the basic reason for our coming to the True Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Some of us come simply for the pleasing scenery of the Tridentine Mass.

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