

# Christ the King Abbey

(Traditional Benedictines)

(St Francis of Assisi Chapel)

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.

Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel

Montgomery Alabama

10:45 A.M.

Only on First Sunday

of each month

St. Pius V Chapel

9:30 A.M.

Every Sunday except  
First Sunday of each month

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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## CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE - QUALITY OF FAITH

Our earnest prayer must be that the quality of Faith that urges us to attend Holy Mass in any Traditional Roman Catholic Chapel - - - IN OUR OWN ABBEY CHURCH - - - be a matter of the highest possible importance. Our greatest concern must be our Faith. Preference for the ritual and our enjoyment of the traditional atmosphere must never be allowed to be the attraction. If preference for ritual and atmosphere is stronger than our inner desire to practice the true Catholic Religious Faith, it would be better for us if we did not attend at all. When the practice of religion is a matter of preferences, it is quite easy to understand how souls motivated by their preferences find no difficulty - in the name of convenience - in attending, willy-nilly, both the Traditional Act of Worship and the New Order Act of Worship. Our Faith, our Belief, our Conviction, indeed, our Holy Religion must be solidly and firmly established, and there can be nothing willy-nilly about that! The Faith Program of the Traditional Church is radically different from the Faith Program of the New Order Church. When a solidly strong Faith rooted in a well informed conscience is lacking, that is when one takes leave to attend - free choice - sometimes the one and sometimes the other worship service, even in cases where "necessity dictates". We simply cannot give simultaneous allegiance to both forms of worship - even though both are labeled Catholic. Neither can we give simultaneous allegiance and belief to doctrines that are in opposition to each other. We cannot accept BOTH WAYS! The hopeless result is that we hold fast to neither. Furthermore it means that the practice of our religion is no more, for us, than a fulfilling of a none-too-clear obligation, rendering a vague satisfaction experienced when we pay homage to the Commandments of God - threadbare though they may be. If a vigorous and living Faith does not undergird an unflinching conviction in us concerning our Act or Worship, it would be better if we stayed at home and attend to "matters of greater importance."

Lent is about to begin, and just before the beginning of Lent is a good time for us to place our Faith under the microscope, and to give our Faith a courageously honest appraisal! In the appraisal of our Faith we must be guided by the strictest rules which total commitment demands. In like manner our appraisal must be grounded in a genuine Filial Fear of our Blessed Lord - and it is Filial Fear that brings about Wisdom. Unable or unwilling to penetrate the surface of such an important matter as one's Faith, there are those who give their Faith level a hasty assessment and a very shallow academic analysis. When they reach their conclusions, they remain with the belief that Faith must remain at the service of the development of the personality. The development of the personality is placed above the Love of God. Such is the spirit that prevails today, and such is the spirit that has evolved into the Catholicism of the New Age! and the unyielding position of True Catholic Belief - established firmly by the mighty and clear Word of Jesus Christ, Himself - has become detrimental to the discovery effort of one's fundamental personality type, a matter of serious necessity for one's successful interplay with one's neighbor.

Once we have been presented with TRUTH, we are no longer free to choose. Neither are we free to place TRUTH in the hands of "consensus opinion". Yet the questions are always asked: "Who has the right and the authority to present the claims of TRUTH? Who has the authority to impose TRUTH?" Today we can hear the question: "WHAT IS TRUTH?" Right reason tells us that TRUTH itself is the only needed authority to demand obedience to itself. When man turned sideways of TRUTH'S authority, he turned everything topsy-turvy, even while using perfect logic. With everything turned inside out, most assuredly, man made himself free to choose to believe as true anything he wished to believe.

From the very first moment of the Christian Era, every bona fide Christian - Catholic - SCHOLAR constructed the full body of TRUTH which has been handed down father to son all the way to us. Every bona fide Christian - Catholic SCHOLAR has always and clearly proclaimed that the only proper object of Religious Worship is God. This teaching militates against the efforts of those who work in the interests of "SELF" - in the interests of MAN, and this causes problems. Unreasonable emphasis on self is what caused the downfall of Adam and Eve. Unreasonable emphasis on self is still at work and is the predominant feeling today. →