

## 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 NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 24, 2001 - - - White

Mass of Feast - G1; Cr; Comm Third Sunday; Pref Trin.

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# CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE - - MORE OF NAZARETH

The Tract today is a reprint of Bulletin #671 (May 27, 2001).  
It is Part I of a two part narrative concerning the House of  
Nazareth - by St. Therese of Lisieux. This is a most important  
lesson. Therefore, for the sake of continuity and a better  
understanding of the lesson, Part I today - Part II next week.



*Spirituality is achieved ONLY in the  
spiritual formation and  
direction of the soul.*

*It is never given any assistance  
by polemics and sets of rules.*



SPECIAL NOTE: - - - The following has been taken directly from a small book  
entitled: "THE MESSAGE OF THERESE OF LISIEUX"

Written by M.M. Philipon, O.P.

This is a First Part of the Discussion.

### 'AT NAZARETH THERE WERE NO RAPTURES'

The title of Our Lady preferred by Therese, her model of holiness, was  
that of the Virgin of Nazareth, whose simple and sublime life was spent so  
quietly in the midst of daily occupations, like that of the other women of  
Galilee.

'How lovely it will be to learn in Heaven all that happened in the home  
of the Holy Family! It seems to me that their life must have been very  
simple. Her countrywomen came and spoke familiarly with the Blessed Virgin.  
It does me good, when I think of the Holy Family, to imagine that they lived  
a very ordinary life. Not at all the kind one is often told about or would  
suppose! For example, that the Child Jesus, after having frozen the birds  
into stone, blew upon them and gave them back their life. No, little Jesus  
did not perform any useless Miracle. If He did, why were they not all  
transported to Egypt in a miraculous way, which would have been much more  
natural and so easy for God? In the twinkling of an eye they would have  
been taken down there! No, it was not that way: everything in their life  
was done as it is in ours.'

What charmed Therese in contemplating the Mystery of Mary was to see  
the Mother of God pass unnoticed among the anonymous crowd of the other  
women of her country.

'How I should like to have been a priest to preach about the Blessed  
Virgin Mary! I think just one sermon would have been enough to make my  
ideas on this subject clearly understood. First I would have shown how  
extremely little is known of the life of the Blessed Virgin. One ought  
not to say unlikely things about her or such as are not known for certain,  
for example, that at the age of three, when she was very small, she went  
to the Temple to offer herself to God with extraordinary fervour and burn-  
ing sentiments of love, when instead, perhaps, she went there quite simply  
out of obedience to her parents.'

