

## 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.

Birmingham

Every Sunday except

First Sunday of each month

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 5, 2001 - - - Green

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Mass of Sunday - G1; Cr; Comm Our Lady of the Snows; Pref Trin.

The word MAGISTERIUM has not been in the thololgical vocabulary for a terribly long time, even though the concept of it is as old as we can go back. It is not an easy word. The average layman is not helped by its acadamic definition. It cannot be easily defined - it can only be understood. We hope our present attempt will help the understanding of it. To do so we must go all the way back to the very beginning of it all. Therefore, we ask for patience and a study attitude.

## CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE

### - THE MAGISTERIUM

#### PART 1

On the Sixth Day, God leaned forward and scraped slime and soil of the face of the earth and gave it a form. When this was done, God breathed into the form and He put His breath into it, and the form began to move and to see and to think. "Let us make man in Our image, after Our likeness" - - so God had said, and so it was. God looked upon the form and saw that it was good. He called the form MAN and gave him the name of Adam. Soon, however, God noticed that it was not good for Man to live alone. He, therefore, caused Adam to go into a deep sleep, and while Adam was in his deep sleep, God took a rib from out of the side of Adam, and He gave flesh to it. When Adam awoke from his deep sleep God presented him with his new companion. This made Adam very happy with his new companion and called her "WOMAN" because she was taken out of man, and he gave her the name "Eve". God, then, told Adam and Eve - - just as He had told all things - - to go forth and increase and multiply and fill all the earth. This they began to do.

However, from the very start things did not go well. Presently there came into the peace and quiet of their abode a handsome and convincing stranger. One afternoon this stranger found Eve happily walking about in the garden and he greeted her. At first Eve was astonished, but the handsome appearance and the pleasing voice of the stranger calmed her. The stranger smiled at Eve and his voice was polite, and with its own attractive music, he asked Eve, "Is it true that you are not allowed to eat of the fruit of that tree in the center of the Garden?" "Why?" "What is the reason you can't eat that most delicious fruit?" "You shall not die." "The day you eat of the fruit of that tree, then your eyes shall be opened, and you and Adam shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." With his carefully picked words, the handsome stranger tickled the ambitions of both Eve and Adam, and Eve slowly approached the Tree in the Center of the Garden. She reached up and plucked one of the fruits and ate and brought the rest of it to Adam. He, too, ate of it, just as Eve had done. In so doing they disobeyed God's order. For their act of disobedience both Adam and Eve were driven from out of the garden.

Not long after they begot Cain and Abel. Cain, because of jealousy, killed his brother Abel. Adam and Eve had other children and all these married and were given in marriage, and they became a great people, but a people with whom God was not pleased. Indeed, so displeased was He, that He determined to destroy them all and everything that was on the earth. However, there was one certain man whose name was Noah. Noah was a good man and a very uprighteous man, and God instructed Noah to build a wonderfully described ship, and he was to build it in the only truly available place, but that place was in the middle of the desert. Surely, this was a most unusual request, but Noah questioned not, and did exactly as God directed.. The project was very large for the ship was very large, indeed. The people around them, ridiculed Noah and his family, and thought them crazy. Whoever heard of building a ship in the middle of the desert? In spite of all the derision, Noah faltered not a bit. He did not bother to explain. He knew the people would not understand. He knew, as well, that the people did not really want to understand. He never stopped his work which took many years to complete. Where Noah lived there was no water, there was no place to lower the ship, and the people laughed all the more. They refused to believe the warnings that Noah gave them. Noah believed and Noah knew that a flood was coming. Finally it began to rain, and Noah gathered up all the animals and herded them into the ark. When this was done he and his family entered the ark and the hatches were fastened above them. Still the people remained unafraid. They had seen storms before, and they had seen rain before, and their fun and frolic remained unabated. But there was something different about this storm. It continued and would not stop, and the waters began to rise and continued to rise and the high hills were submerged and even the high mountains were covered. All flesh outside the ark was drowned, and everything was destroyed over all the face of the earth. Only the occupants of the Ark - the strange ship built in the middle of the desert - were safe. In due time the rains stopped and all the waters of the huge flood gradually disappeared off the face of the earth and the Ark touched the earth once again. As soon as the Ark became settled on dry land, Noah and his family and all the creatures within the Ark set foot, once again, on the land - a dry, desolate and lonely wilderness. Desolation was everywhere, and nothing living could be found anywhere. Everything had to begin once again - - -

FROM THE BEGINNING!!

Continued Next Week

1. Tomorrow, August 6, 2001 is the Feast of the Transfiguration of our Blessed Lord. Let us all pray that Our Lord will see fit to allow us to see His Blessed Transfiguration, and that it will take place in our hearts.
2. Friday, August 10, 2001 is the Feast of St. Lawrence. Let us pray to him and ask him to obtain for us the Grace of a pure Faith - the same that was to be found in him.
3. Tues, August 7, 2001 beginning the Novena of Masses to The Holy Ghost - and the Novena will end on the Feast of the Assumption of our Most Blessed Mother. This is an important prayer offering of our Monastery to the Holy Ghost. Everyone is invited to offer prayers in behalf of the serious intention of the Monks.
4. The Baptism of the Cover Family will take place in the Abbey Church on the Feast of the Assumption at 2:30 P.M. in the Lady Chapel. Anyone who is free and able to attend this glorious occasion is most welcome to attend.
5. Beginning on the morning of August 16, 2001 - the day after the Feast of our Blessed Mother, the Monks will begin a new and tedious work in the Abbey Church. The High Altar of the Church has not ever been completed. The work of completion and decoration will begin on that day. As a consequence, the Blessed Sacrament will have to be moved and it will be reserved in the Lady Chapel. The normal reverence, therefore, to the Crucifix on the High Altar, when the Blessed Sacrament is not there, is a bow, not a genuflection. Please pray that this work will be brought to a successful completion, and that it will be as beautiful as it is hoped to be - - THAT IN ALL THINGS GOD MAY BE GLORIFIED!
6. There will be no First Communion Class today.
7. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Abbot Leonard's Schedule Only)
 

SUNDAY:	For the People of the Chapels
MONDAY:	Dec. Carmen de Bullo
TUESDAY:	Dec. Mrs. Kirk Kanzenbach
WEDNESDAY:	Special Int. of the Donor
THURSDAY:	Dec. Florine and Walter Brisbois
FRIDAY:	Special Int. Gary Wukawitz
SATURDAY:	For the Poor Souls
8. Please pray for the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Miriam Roy and Manny Gomez and Little Baby Patterson.
9. Wednesday, August 15, 2001 is the Feast of the Assumption of our Most Blessed Mother, and it is a Holy Day that has to be observed if at all possible.  
 Masses in the Abbey Church: 5:45 A.M. - 6:00 A.M. - 8:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.  
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## **Important Notice**

ST. PIUS V CHAPEL - - - BIRMINGHAM

During the Month of August - - - we have been asked  
to vacate the Chapel by 10:15 each Sunday.

**THEREFORE - Mass will begin promptly at 9:00 AM.**

**NO ROSARY BEFORE MASS**

**No confessions after - 8:50 AM**

"THE SPIRITUAL CONFLICT AND CONQUEST"

By Dom J. Castaniza, O.S.B.

"No one can be at all acquainted with the old-fashioned Benedictine School of spiritual writers, without perceiving and admiring the beautiful liberty of spirit which pervades and possesses their whole mind. It is just what we should expect from an Order of such matured traditions. It were well if we had more reprints and translations of them. St. Gertrude is a fair specimen of them. She is thoroughly Benedictine! There are whole treatises of the spiritual life which people in the world read through, and feel quite honestly that the method proposed to them is a bondage which it would be a simple indiscretion for them to attempt . . . . . A spirit of breadth; a spirit of liberty - - - that is the Catholic Spirit - - - and it was essentially the badge of the old Benedictine ascetics."

(Quoted by Father Faber in "ALL FOR JESUS")