

# 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

Birmingham, Alabama

9:30 A.M.

Every Sunday except

first Sunday of each month

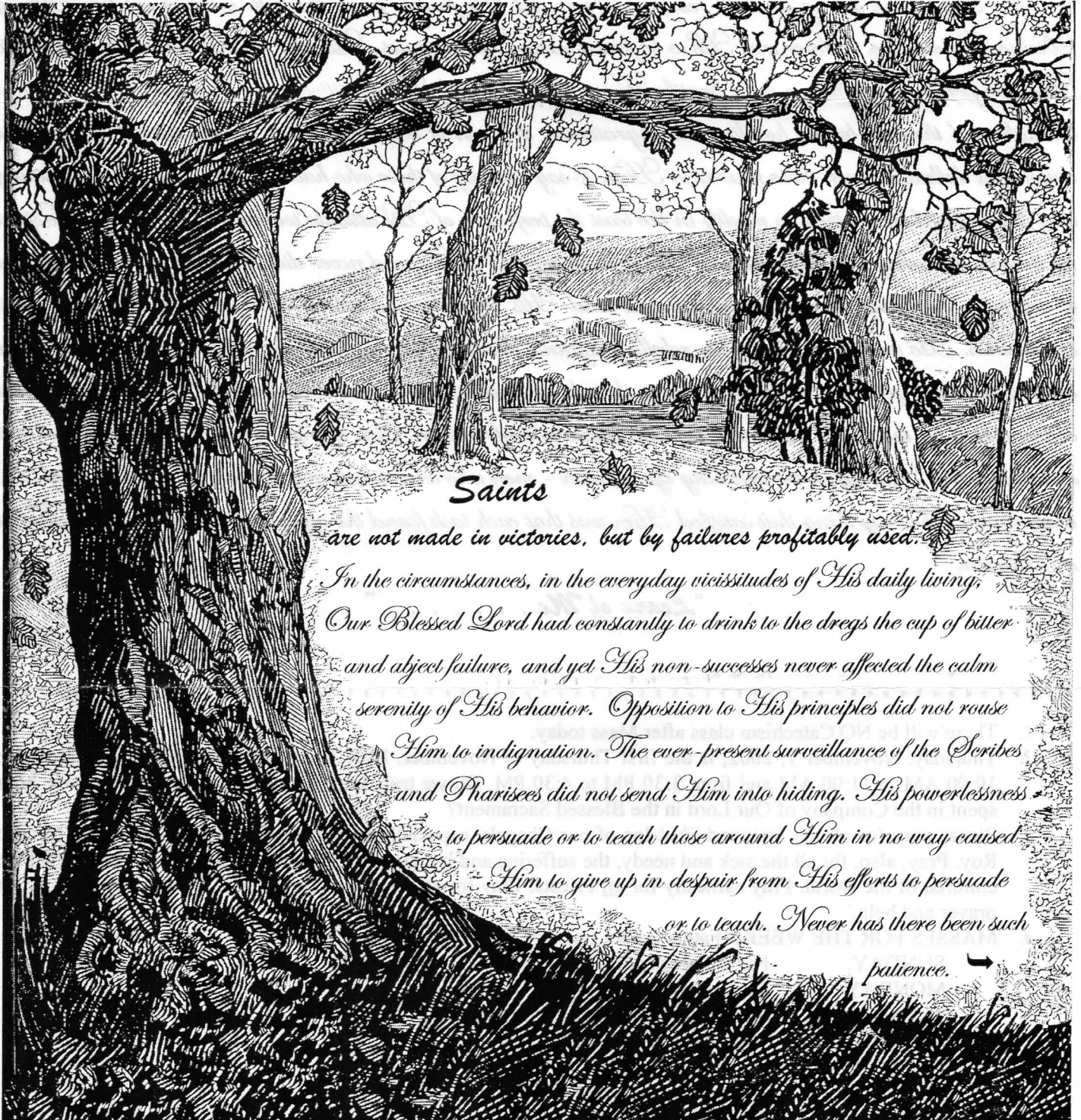
TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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**Fourth Sunday after Epiphany**

November 3, 2002 -- Green

Mass of Fourth Sunday after Epiphany: Gl; Cr; Pref Trinity



## *Saints*

*are not made in victories, but by failures profitably used.*

*In the circumstances, in the everyday vicissitudes of His daily living, Our Blessed Lord had constantly to drink to the dregs the cup of bitter and abject failure, and yet His non-successes never affected the calm serenity of His behavior. Opposition to His principles did not rouse Him to indignation. The ever-present surveillance of the Scribes and Pharisees did not send Him into hiding. His powerlessness to persuade or to teach those around Him in no way caused Him to give up in despair from His efforts to persuade or to teach. Never has there been such patience.*

Sometimes there was a touch of complaint in His words, but never was the strength or the determination of His efforts weakened. Certainly Our Blessed Lord was concerned about the fulfillment of His mission on Earth, but He was never moved to over-eagerness in His manner; neither was He moved to excitability when things had to be done. Can it be imagined that Our Lord ever shouted at anyone? Each day, with neither His dignity nor His calm even slightly ruffled, and unmoved from His earnestness by the previous day's failure, He resumed His work with the same love, the same force, the same courage, the same patience, the same determination, the same unimpaired energy of mind and will as before, exactly as if the disappointments of the past were not to be expected in the future.

He was always strong in His resolve. Never did He fear to tread the path marked out for Him by Divine Providence. Never was He to be found using His energies, His life, or His talents to minister to His own personal satisfaction or to gratify His egoism. Though His sensitive nature was very often wounded through and through by the hostility, the ingratitude, the lack of belief, the want of understanding, and the downright dullness of even those nearest to Him, to say nothing of those who hated Him, He allowed nothing that He suffered from others to modify in the least the perfection of His attitude towards any of them. He spent no time in deploring the improprieties of any of those around Him, and never did He display the slightest hint of self-pity. He was always straightforward and His unambiguous words were carefully placed with his adversaries. He wasted no energy in rebellion against circumstances. Never did He passively submit to the inevitable with a gesture of indifference or a thought of despair. The whole attention of His great Soul was concentrated on the doing of the task that the occasion confronting Him offered, never once reflecting what it should mean to Himself in the watching eyes of men - men who were constantly looking at the outcome of His every move. The only thing that satisfied Him was that each task found the approval of His Eternal Father in Heaven.

*"Learn of Me . . . . ."*



1. There will be NO Catechism class after Mass today.
2. Thursday, November 7, 2002, is the first Thursday of November. Holy Hours in the Abbey Church are from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM and from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM. Do we truly understand the infinite value of one hour spent in the Company of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament?
3. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Manny Gomez and Miriam Roy. Pray, also, for all the sick and needy, the suffering and hungry, the oppressed of the world. Pray for all the children of the world. Pray earnestly for all Priests! Pray for sinners! Pray for all who have called upon us for prayer and help.
4. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)
  - SUNDAY: For the people of our Chapels
  - MONDAY: Deceased Agnes Daliage
  - TUESDAY: Special intention Marguerite McGill
  - WEDNESDAY: Special intention Michael Burns Family
  - THURSDAY: For the Poor Souls
  - FRIDAY: Special intention Anne Kilpartic (Birthday)
  - SATURDAY: Special intention Bill and Carol Loyd