

# 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 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST\*

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**Fifth Sunday after Epiphany**

November 10, 2002 -- Green

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



*“Learn of Me ...”*



*In one of our earlier Bulletins we pointed out that our holy Catholic Religion is not a “set of rules”. This is indeed so - it is not a set of rules. Our holy and true Catholic Religion is a way of life - a way of living, a way of living the DIVINE WAY on Earth. Not only did the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity come to Earth to REDEEM us - He had also to SHOW us how to avail ourselves of His redemptive work. He said: “Learn of Me”. All the way from the stable of Bethlehem to the steep heights of Calvary, Our Blessed Lord showed us the “Way”. Totally extraordinary, His journey through this life was most ordinarily performed, and all the while He walked the ordinary paths of life, yet every step He took had a touch of distinction about it - a touch of HOLINESS about it. It is the touch of the HOLINESS of His life that He wants us to learn and live. The HOLINESS He speaks of is not to be found in a book - it can ONLY be found in Him. Ever so urgently did He indicate that we must learn of, and from, His life, even if it leads us - step by painful step - up the steep steps of Calvary. So determined - so committed was He; so determined - so committed must we be.*

*The followers of Christ, all who wish to walk in His footsteps and who wish to press towards the goal of sanctity, must cultivate the same attitude towards life that characterized Him. The true disciple of the Divine Teacher does not desist from his efforts to create within himself the reign of justice just because he is thwarted and cannot have his own way in dealing with the multitude of irritating circumstances that confront him every day of his life. Such a man realizes that things are all wrong. He understands that things are wrong not because he cannot have his own way with things, but because HE WILL NOT LET GOD HAVE HIS WAY WITH HIM! (Special note: Modern man does not see the problem as being with himself. He sees the problem as being with God, Who fails to adapt Himself to the changing developments of our modern day world.)*

*In our completely achievement oriented culture, if we achieve great things - and many of us are quite capable of great achievements - if we achieve them OUTSIDE of ourselves, and the achieving of them does not affect and bring about improvement in the spiritual development WITHIN ourselves, we have done nothing! Man seems not to know that life's PURPOSE is not to GRATIFY him, but to PURIFY him, and that if life fails to purify him, life has done nothing for him. Life on Earth is not a theater where we are called upon to play a brilliant part with a view of gaining the applause of the audience. Nor is life an arena in which one achieves success in order to be greeted by the acclamations of the onlookers. Life is - it can only be - a process by which our souls are to be made strong with the supernatural life. Yet, who acts a part without an audience? Is not the audience THE incentive to perfect fulfillment of the role? If there is no audience - why bother with good performance? Where is the motive power to urge us to our best attainment, if there be no witness? But there is a Witness - there always is a Witness. God is our Audience! God is our Witness! God was the only audience in Bethlehem! God was the only audience in Nazareth! God was the only real audience on Calvary! What is it about these three locations that is so important, and why does the importance of these three locations affect the vastest majority of God's children so weakly - if at all?*

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