

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT


December 8, 2002 -- Purple

Mass of Sunday: No Gl; Cr; Pref Trinity

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✠ ADVENT ✠

PRIDE



Pride is the worst sickness known to man. In reality pride is a worse disorder than insanity. It was pride - NOT INSANITY - that caused Lucifer and his legions to fall from their heavenly paradise. It was pride -- NOT INSANITY -- that brought about the expulsion of man from his earthly paradise. Pride can be brought under control, insanity cannot. Pride is under the control of the will of man -- insanity is not. The insane man does not really know what he is about. The proud man knows very well what he is about. Even though the proud man feigns ignorance concerning his actions and attitudes, it cannot be reasonably estimated that his actions and attitudes are performed without pre-meditation or malice aforethought. He is in full control, and works to bring everyone around him under his full control. Even the power of God is unable to withstand the awesome power of the proud man. Of all the sicknesses known to man -- sicknesses usually and normally cured with the administration of an assisting physician -- pride is the only sickness that the assistance of a physician cannot cure. THE PROUD MAN KNOWS NO PHYSICIAN! The only person who can stifle his pride is the proud man himself --ALONE! If there be any hope for him it remains in the battle of the proud man, in the first place to acknowledge the malice of his offence, to then turn to God for help, consent to God's corrective cure, then in genuine interior disposition strenuously commit himself to conquering his pride.

ONE'S PREDOMINANT AND

UNATTENDED-TO FAULT WILL,

BY ORDER OF DIVINE JUSTICE,

BRING ABOUT THE BEGINNING

OF A LONG AND PAINFUL

SENTENCE OF EXPIATION EVEN

IN THE YEARS OF ONE'S

PRESENT EXISTENCE!

ADVENT WREATH BLESSING

Second Sunday in Advent

- All: A thrilling voice by Jordan rings,
Rebuking guilt and darksome things:
Vain dreams of sin and visions fly:
Christ in His might shines forth on high!
- Priest: People of Sion, behold the Lord shall come to save the nations:
and the Lord shall make the glory of His voice to be heard in the
joy of your heart.
- Priest: *℣.* Give ear, O Thou that rulest Israel.
People: *℟.* Thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep.
- Priest: *℣.* Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.
People: *℟.* At it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen.
- Priest: LET US PRAY: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the ways
of Thine only-begotten Son, that through His coming we may be
worthy to serve Him with purified minds.
- People: Amen.
(Priest lights second candle)

 *The Immaculate Conception* 



1. Tomorrow, December 9, 2002, is the transferred Feast of the Immaculate Conception and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses in the Abbey Church are at 6:00 AM, 8:00 AM, and 7:00 PM.
2. There will be Catechism Class after the 10:00 Mass this morning.
3. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Manny Gomez. 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. Pray for ALL the people of the world - leave no one out of your prayers! Let our prayer be the words called for by the Blessed Mother, herself, at Fatima: "O MY JESUS, FORGIVE US OUR SINS, SAVE US FROM THE FIRES OF HELL, LEAD ALL SOULS TO HEAVEN, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN MOST NEED OF THY MERCY."
4. This year at the Christmas Midnight Mass, Andrew Winland will carry the Baby Jesus and place Him in the Crib. Pray for Andrew as he performs this most important privilege, which of all the times before, this year carries with it a MOST significant meaning. Andrew will carry in his young hands that which is the ANSWER to all our problems.
5. Tuesday, December 24, 2002, is the Vigil of Christmas and is a day of complete fast and abstinence. The fast on that day is not easy to keep, but it should be observed as much as the circumstances will allow and the festivities of the occasion will permit. Remember the Eucharistic fast which should begin about 9:30 PM for the Midnight Mass.
6. Christmas Masses in the Abbey Church are: Midnight (the church will be opened "about" 11:30 PM) Christmas Eve and 10:00 AM Christmas Day. **(There will be NO 6:00 AM Mass on Christmas Day.)**
7. Christmas Day Mass at St. Pius V Chapel, Birmingham: 9:00 AM.
8. Thursday, December 12, 2002, is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe.
9. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)
 - SUNDAY: For the people of our Chapels
 - MONDAY: Welfare of our Benedictine Communities
 - TUESDAY: Welfare Vincent McDonnell
 - WEDNESDAY: Special intention Stephen Fillip
 - THURSDAY: Special intention Leonard and Betty Liuzzi
 - FRIDAY: Deceased Frank Peterka
 - SATURDAY: Special intention Joan Pang