

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

THE PURIFICATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 2, 2003 -- White

Mass of Purification: Gl; Cr; Pref Nativity; comm. Fourth Sunday

THAT IN ALL THINGS GOD BE GLORIFIED

How anxious are we to give glory to God? How truly committed are we to God's glory? Or does the glory of God have no more importance to us than the flurry of a passing thought? Do we fully comprehend our obligation, and are we deliberate in our COMMITMENT to the Creator of us all? Do we fully comprehend our enormous obligation to the sanctification of our souls? Do we actually and truly WISH and WANT to comprehend our commitment to the sanctification of our immortal souls - or is the very thought something that we will worry about at some future date? Will we ever bring ourselves to understand that the sanctification of our souls - the souls of ALL men - is the chief means of giving glory to God?

All of us have the craving to be great; to be wealthy; to be popular; to be friends with the upper classes in the world in which we live, and we erroneously think that our greatness and strength consist in the favor of the great and mighty of the world, in the social, cultural, and political personages of the world. NOT SO! If we want greatness and strength, it can come only from a free and open access to God, from Whom all greatness and strength come. To look upon this matter in any other way will sooner or later doom us to utter failure, and if we do not become saints of God, to be with Him for all eternity, WE ARE NOTHING BUT MISERABLE FAILURES!

We must not be content only to love God. We must strive with all our strength to be wholly LOST in His love, instead of letting ourselves be carried away by our work or the cares of the world. Work we must, and nobody is spared of this, which is placed upon us by God Himself. But what is the motivating force behind the work we do? Is it for the greater honor and glory of God - or is our motivation MONEY? POWER? VAINGLORIOUS WORLDLY ESTEEM?

It must be our outlook to GIVE ourselves entirely to our Creator, and only LEND ourselves to creatures (people, places, things). We have a strong duty to those of our household, and to those who are good to us and who care for us, and we must be grateful to them all. At the same time we have a duty to our enemies whom we must love. We must be obliging to our companions and give them every consideration. We must be courteous towards everyone. When trouble comes to the threshold of our comfortable homes (and who is without trouble?), the best way to bear the trouble is with self-control, levelheaded-ness, composure, and gratitude to God for the suffering involved. For some time to come, without doubt, we will all be besieged with the worry of war. A recollected mind is the best way approach to take, and prayer and penance (sacrifice) the only remedy.

The truly humble man is the one who truly recognizes his limitations and is not over zealous to protect his own opinion. A recollected mind - a mind centered upon God - is what we all must show of ourselves. Standing upon our right to our own opinion, quarrelling and disputing with anyone and everyone who contradicts us, is no demonstration of a recollected mind.

When we come into contact with the poor we must be compassionate and merciful toward them, and we must be genuine with them. They are poor - not beggars - and but for the grace of God, anyone of us can be caught up in poverty.

These are but a very few of the recommendations for those wishing to become perfect and to give the greatest honor and glory to Almighty God. There are many, many others, of course, and anyone desirous of sanctity will seek them out. Let us not be too mindful of what concerns us personally. Rather, let us stand up zealously for whatever touches God and His honor and glory.

Above all, every aspect of our lives must love and speak TRUTH at all times. Deceit before man is deceit before God - let us not forget this!

SUGGESTED READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE FOR
EACH DAY OF THE SEPTUAGESIMA SEASON

SEPTUAGESIMA

Sunday: Gen. 1: 1-26
Matt. 20: 1-16
Monday: Gen. 1: 27-31; 2: 1-10
Tuesday: Gen. 2: 15-24
Wednesday: Gen. 3: 1-20
Thursday: Gen. 4: 1-16
Friday: Gen. 4: 17-26; 5: 1-5
Saturday: Gen. 5: 15-31

SEXAGESIMA

Sunday: Gen. 5: 31; 6: 1-15
Luke 8: 4-15
Monday: Gen. 7: 1-5, 10-14, 17
Tuesday: Gen. 8: 1-13
Wednesday: Gen. 8: 15-22; 9: 1-6
Thursday: Gen. 9: 12-15, 20-29
Friday: Gen. 10: 1-6; 11: 1-8
Saturday: Gen 11: 10-30

QUINQUAGESIMA

Sunday: Gen. 12: 1-19
Luke 18: 31-43
Monday: Gen. 13: 1-16
Tuesday: Gen. 14: 8-20



*This above all:
To thine own self be true
And it must follow, as the night the day,
Thou canst not then be false to any man.*

(Shakespeare - Hamlet)



Let us note well that the importance of our expressions or our conversations with God does not lie in the quality of the spoken words of the prayer that issues forth from our lips. The importance of our prayer lies entirely in the **QUALITY OF THE INTERIOR DISPOSITIONS WHICH PREDOMINATE IN OUR HEARTS, AND THE HUMBLE STATE OF MIND THAT SPRINGS FORTH FROM THE TRUE AND PURE LOVE IN OUR HEARTS!** So much do we love - so much do we speak the truth, **and this is prayer!**

✠ CHRIST THE KING MONASTERY ✠

SUGGESTED READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE FOR EACH DAY OF LENT: (Traditional Chapels in Alabama)

ASH WEDNESDAY: Joel: 2:12-19
Matt: 6:16-21
Thursday: Isiah: 38:1-6
Friday: Isiah: 58:1-9
Saturday: Isiah: 58:9-14

FIRST WEEK OF LENT: - - - -

Sunday: II Cor: 6:1-10
Matt: 4:1-11
Monday: Ezech: 34:11-16
Tuesday: Isiah: 55:6-11
Wednesday: Exod: 24:12-18
EMBER DAY: III Kings: 19:3-8
Thursday: Ezech: 18:1-9
Friday:
EMBER DAY: Ezech: 18:20-28
Saturday: Duet: 26:12-19
EMBER DAY: Duet: 11:22-25
II Mach: 1:23-27
Ecclus: 36:1-10
Dan: 3:47-56

SECOND WEEK OF LENT - - - -

Sunday: I Thess: 4:1-7
Matt: 17:1-9
Monday: Dan: 9:15-19
Tuesday: III Kings: 17:8-16
Wednesday: Esth: 13:8-11
:15-7
Thursday: Jer: 17:5-10
Friday: Gen: 37:6-22
Saturday: Gen: 27:6-40

THIRD WEEK OF LENT: - - - -

Sunday: Eph: 5:1-9
Luke: 11:14-28
Monday: IV Kings: 5:1-15
Tuesday: IV Kings: 4:1-7
Wednesday: Exod: 20:12-24
Thursday: Jer: 7:1-7
Friday: Num: 20:1-3:6-13
Saturday: Dan: 13:1-62

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT: - - - -

Sunday: Gal: 4:22-31
LAETARE SUNDAY: John: 6:1-15
Monday: III Kings: 3:16-28
Tuesday: Exod: 32:7-14
Wednesday: Ezech: 36:23-28
Isiah: 1:16-19
Thursday: IV Kings: 4:25-38
Friday: III Kings: 17:17-24
Saturday: Isiah: 49:8-15

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT: - - - -

Sunday: Heb: 9:11-15
PASSION SUNDAY: John: 8:46-59
Statues Covered in Purple
Monday: Jon: 3:1-10
John: 7:32-39
Tuesday: Dan: 14:27-42
John: 7:1-15
Wednesday: Lev: 19:1-25
John: 10:22-38
Thursday: Dan: 3:25-45
Luke: 7:36-50
Friday: Jer: 17:13-18
John: 11:47-54
Saturday: Jer: 18:18-23
John: 12:10-36

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY: Matt: 21:1-9
Phil: 2:5-11

SACRED PASSION

Matt: 26:36-75
27:1-66

Monday: Isiah: 50:5-10
John: 12:1-9
Tuesday: Jer: 11:18-20

SACRED PASSION

Mark: 14:32-72
15:1-46

Wednesday: Isiah: 61:11
63:1-7
Isiah: 53:1-12

SACRED PASSION

Luke: 22:1-71
23:1-53

HOLY THURSDAY: I Cor: 11:20-32
John: 13:1-15

GOOD FRIDAY: Osee: 6:1-6
Exod: 12:1-11

SACRED PASSION

John: 18:1-40
19:1-42

HOLY SATURDAY: Gen: 1:1-31
2:1-2

Exod: 14:24-31
15:1
Isiah: 4:2-6
Duet: 31:22-30
Matt: 28:1-7