

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

PASSION SUNDAY

April 6, 2003 -- Purple

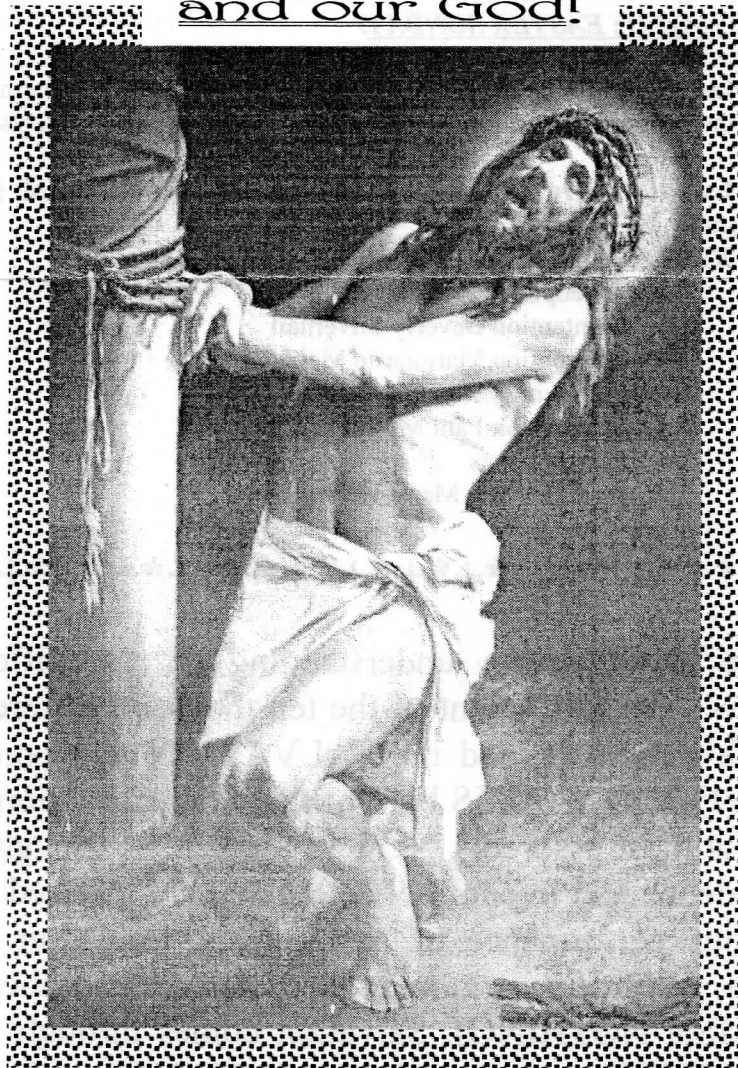
Mass of Sunday: No Gl; Cr; Pref Quadragesima

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LENT - PASSIONTIDE

Behold our Lord, our Holy Redeemer,

and our God!



What have I given to my Lord . . .

for all that He has given to me?

1. The first Sunday of May, May 4, 2003, is the day of the annual May potluck picnic at Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel in Montgomery. Everyone attending Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel on that day is invited to remain for the picnic, whether they bring a dish or not.
2. There will be NO Catechism class today after the 10:00 Mass in Cullman.
3. Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament every Friday during Lent at 7:00 PM.
4. Sunday, May 11, 2003, is MOTHER'S DAY. As everyone knows, it is the day we crown our Blessed Mother. This year, Miss Victoria (Tori) Henderson will crown the Blessed Mother.
5. Once again, for reasons known to all of us, the usual Holy Week ceremonies will not be observed in our Abbey Church this year. However, everyone is urged to offer special prayers during those most holy days. **On Good Friday, from 12:00 Noon until 3:00 PM, there will our usual Good Friday services and the Stations of the Cross in the Abbey Church. There will be NO Stations of the Cross in the evening on Good Friday.**
6. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Manny Gomez and Richard Ploeckelman. Pray, also, for all the sick and needy, the suffering and hungry, the oppressed of the world. Pray for all the hapless soldiers of the world. Pray for all the children of the world. Pray earnestly for all Priests. Pray for all sinners. PRAY FOR TRUE AND LASTING PEACE.
7. **Next Sunday, April 13, 2003, is Palm Sunday. There will be NO 9:30 AM Mass at St. Pius Chapel in Birmingham. Masses in the Abbey Church are at 6:00 AM and 10:00 AM, with the Palm Sunday ceremonies preceding the 10:00 Mass. Weather permitting, all should gather in front of the Monastery for the Blessing of Palms and the Procession.**
8. Holy Thursday, April 17, 2003, there will we ALL NIGHT ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT, beginning at 8:00 PM on Holy Thursday and ending at 8:00 AM on Good Friday.
9. **EARLY ANNOUNCEMENT: EASTER SUNDAY:**
 - +Masses in the Abbey Church are at the usual 6:00 AM and 10:00 AM.
 - +Mass at St. Pius V Chapel in Birmingham is at 9:00 AM. (Due to the necessity that Father will be rushed to meet the Montgomery Mission, he will not be able to bless objects or visit with the people on that day.)
 - +Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel in Montgomery is at 11:30 AM. (N.B.: Father may be a few minutes late in arriving.)
10. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)**
 - SUNDAY: For the people of our Chapels
 - MONDAY: Special intention Beverly Silvernail
 - TUESDAY: Special intention Marguerite McGill
 - WEDNESDAY: In thanksgiving - Rita Dumberger
 - THURSDAY: Special intention Paul Mullin Family
 - FRIDAY: For the Poor Souls
 - SATURDAY: Deceased Madame Marie F. Iselin

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We **MUST** arrive at a precise understanding of the difference between the externalisms of the law - the fulfillment of the ten thousand different rules of religious ceremonial and of life's conduct, and the **SALVATION** that comes through faith in Christ and through the **GOOD WORKS** born of that faith. Salvation is **NOT** in the letter of the law. Salvation is most assuredly **NOT** in austerities, though these do have their place if guided by prudence and freedom of action and are inspired by love. Salvation is **NOT** in the meticulous performance of ceremonials. Salvation is **NOT** in a book. Salvation is **NOT** in repetitious argument and debate and theological speculation (**WHICH ACCOMPLISH NOTHING**). Salvation comes through **FAITH IN CHRIST AND CHRIST CRUCIFIED** and through the **INTERIOR CHANGE** that faith in Christ Crucified and the prudent good works born of that faith bring about in the soul. If we fail to reach a clear and unquestionable understanding of this difference, all that took place on the hillside of Calvary - as far as we are individually and personally concerned - **will all have been for naught.**