

# 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

PALM SUNDAY

Passion of Our Lord according to St. Matthew

April 13, 2003 A. D. -- Purple

Mass of Sunday: No Gl; Cr; Pref Holy Cross

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## LENT - PASSIONTIDE

# Palm Sunday



1. There will be NO Catechism class today.
2. 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.
3. **HOLY THURSDAY:** There will be 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.
4. **GOOD FRIDAY:** Services in the Abbey Church start at 12:00 Noon and end after the Stations of the Cross at 3:00 PM. There will be NO Stations of the Cross in the evening on Good Friday.

5. **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 fact 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.)

6. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

SUNDAY: For the people of our Chapels  
 MONDAY: For the Poor Souls  
 TUESDAY: Deceased Anthony Satori  
 WEDNESDAY: For the Poor Souls  
 THURSDAY: HOLY THURSDAY ----- NO MASS  
 FRIDAY: GOOD FRIDAY ----- NO MASS  
 SATURDAY: HOLY SATURDAY ----- NO MASS

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*It behooves us . . .*

The life of a true Christian - and especially in these days of dreadful turmoil and unrest - the life of a truly professed Christian striving to live the life as outlined by traditional Roman Catholicism, is neither a matter of quiet religious enjoyment nor a matter of submissive obedience to a set of rules. It is something which for its fulfillment in the crowning happiness of peace and LOVE requires grave determination and positive active courage. That this life MUST be freely given we have shown before, but even in the freedom of the giving of it, it must nonetheless be a matter of grave determination. To approach traditional Catholic and contemplative living with any other view is to approach it quite frivolously. One might just as well form a judgment of it from books or video and audio cassette tapes, as so many do in their struggle to come to a grasp if it in our day. In the same way, neither do argument or debate or polemics or proving bring anybody one whit closer to the true fulfillment of the Christian life. The determination must be real and it must be lived with the fullness of life. It cannot be a fantasy moving about in the unrealities of an overactive imagination - an imagination overflowing with beautiful sounds, regal movement, and golden vestments, all of which are picked up by the clouds of incense smoke and carried to the vaulted ceilings of ancient cathedrals. To be sure, this is all very Catholic - but it is not the Catholicism that is so urgently needed in our day. Christ nowhere uses the superficial, the picturesque, the romantic, or the comfortable to attract and keep souls unto Himself.

The attraction must be to the Cross. The interest must be centered on Christ and Him crucified. If the allurements are anything else it cannot be guaranteed genuine. In the same way neither is the satisfying and devout recitation of many prayers, mechanically sent up to heaven, any guarantee to the hopeful Christian.

The attraction must be to the Cross. The interest must be centered on Christ and Him crucified. The determination must be to the living of the life of the crucified Christ, as shown to us by Himself all during His life at Nazareth. Anything less than this life cannot be guaranteed genuine.

Our constancy to the living of the Christ life must be proved at every point or there is nothing to show that WE ARE CONSTANT. The trial of our strength may make us feel weak and miserable, but without such a trial in times of sinful temptations and the stresses of everyday living we would remain weak and deserve to be miserable, tormented mentally, and psychologically disturbed and unfit.

The ONLY attraction must be to the Cross, and our total interest must be centered on Christ and Him crucified. Only there will we find the purifying fires that will temper our nature. Only there will we come to know that our painful purification will one day give place to perfect and lasting peace.