

1. There will be Catechism class after the 10:00 AM Mass this morning.
2. Today we celebrate the Feast of St. Matthew. Matthew was a tax collector, and tax collectors were not held very high in the esteem of the people. Nevertheless, our Blessed Lord chose him to be one of His Apostles. Matthew wrote the first Gospel, which records so many loving details about his Master's life on earth. Tradition has it that St. Matthew evangelized Persia and suffered martyrdom among the Parthians. Let us pray fervently to St. Matthew, and ask him to come to the assistance of us all in these times of heavy peril and suffering and strife amongst the members of the Human Race.
3. October is the Month of the Holy Rosary. Needless to say, we must return to a more dedicated devotion to the Holy Rosary. During the Month of October the Religious Communities of Christ the King Abbey and St. Joseph's Monastery will, as is customary, recite the Rosary while processing to and from the Shrine of our Most Blessed Mother – weather permitting. If the weather does not permit us to go outdoors, we will remain inside the Church. The Rosary begins in the Church each evening of October at 7:10 PM.
4. The Sponsors for Confirmation this October are John and Rita Dumbacher.
5. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Manny Gomez. **LET US ALSO PRAY FOR EVERYONE.** Let us pray for **ALL** the priests and religious men and women of the world. **NO MAN, WOMAN, OR CHILD SHOULD BE LEFT OUT OF OUR PRAYER.** God made all men to be with Him in heaven for all eternity, and this includes every human being on earth, regardless of station or condition or place. Weak human nature and erroneous persuasions will prevent some from achieving the purpose intended for them by God, but that matter remains entirely between all such and God. We must make no judgments concerning such matters. If there is any sifting to be done, it is to be done by God, Himself alone. We are NOT the ones to do the sifting.
6. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

SUNDAY:	For the people of the Chapels
MONDAY:	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
TUESDAY:	Deceased Doris McCann
WEDNESDAY:	Deceased Richard Allen
THURSDAY:	Welfare of Robert Boczek
FRIDAY:	Special intention Gerald Lutz
SATURDAY:	Special intention Patricia Dimaggio

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REQUEST FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Date _____

I _____ request the reception of the Sacrament of
(Please print)

Confirmation to be administered in Christ the King Abbey Church on Sunday, October 26, 2003.

If I have been baptized somewhere other than at one of Christ the King Abbey's Alabama Traditional Roman Catholic Chapels, then I now submit, together with this statement of request, my Baptismal Certificate from the place where I received the Sacrament of Baptism. This is most necessary, and if I fail to produce such a Certificate, I understand that I cannot be confirmed.

Signed: _____

THIS REQUEST MUST BE RECEIVED AT CHRIST THE KING ABBEY BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2003
Mailing address: Christ the King Abbey, P.O. Box 1616, Cullman, AL 35056