

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 21, 2003 – Purple

Mass of Sunday; no Gl; Cr; Pref. Trinity

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*Trust in
God*

Merry Christmas

*Do not be
Afraid*

Prayer – Penance – Sacrifice

Peace

*(From a Christmas Message
of Pope Pius XII)*

*“**The call of the moment** is not for lamentation, but for action; not lamentation over what has been, but a building up of what is to arise. It is for the best and most distinguished members of the*

Christian family,

filled with the enthusiasm of Crusaders, to unite in a spirit of truth, justice, and love to the Cause.

***God wills it!** They must be ready to serve, to sacrifice themselves like the Crusaders of old. The essential aim of this necessary and holy Crusade is that the*

Star of Peace,

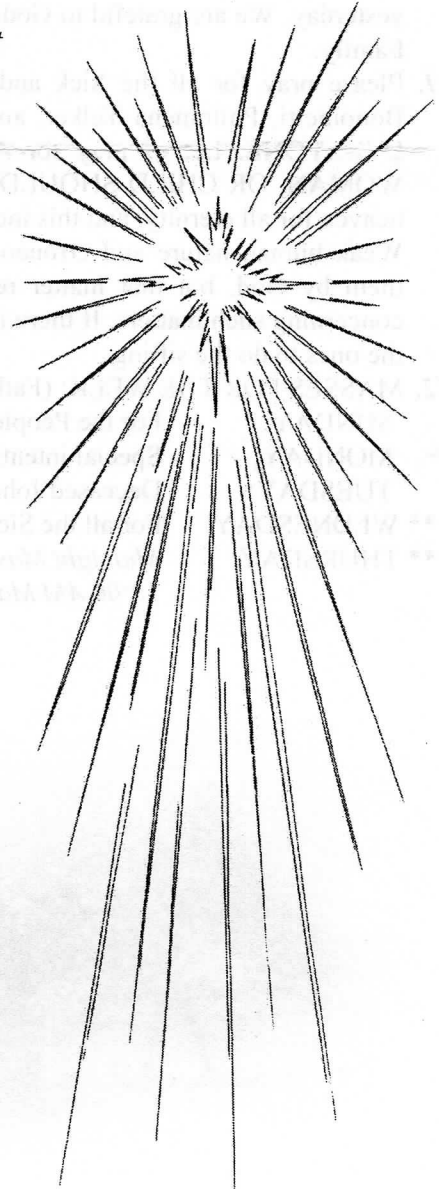
the Star of Bethlehem, may shine out again over the whole of mankind in all its brilliant splendor and reassuring consolation

Fight for the cause of mankind!

Let us go with confidence to the throne of grace ...

Immaculate Mother, thou are the hope of the world.”

Peace to Men of Good Will



1. There will be **NO** Catechism class after Mass until the Second Sunday after Epiphany (January 18, 2004).
2. Wednesday, December 24, 2004, is the Vigil of the Nativity (Christmas Eve). In every normal interpretation, Christmas Eve is a day of COMPLETE FAST AND ABSTINENCE. At the same time, Christmas Eve has to be understood to be a festive day of penance. Festivity simply cannot be suppressed on such a day – the eve of the greatest day in the history of Mankind. Therefore, on the occasion presenting itself in the home of GOOD-WILLED people, a bit of “shortcutting” in the law of fast and abstinence on that day is certainly not out of order.
3. **CHRISTMAS MASSES IN THE ABBEY CHURCH ARE AT MIDNIGHT ON CHRISTMAS EVE AND AT 10:00 AM CHRISTMAS MORNING.** The Church will be opened about 11:00 PM Christmas Eve. A recital of Christmas music will begin at 11:30 PM, for which we are grateful to Mr. Patrick Williams, who will be at the Abbey Church Organ for Midnight Mass. **THERE WILL BE NO 6:00 AM MASS CHRISTMAS MORNING.**
4. **N.B.: CONFESSIONS WILL NOT BE HEARD BEFORE EITHER OF THE CHRISTMAS MASSES IN THE ABBEY CHURCH.**
5. ANYONE RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION AT THE CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS MAY NOT RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION AGAIN AT A LATER MASS THAT DAY.
6. Mass at St. Pius V Chapel in Birmingham on CHRISTMAS DAY will be at 9:00 AM.
7. At the Christmas Midnight Mass Miss Adrienne Suzanne Liburdi will carry the Baby Jesus and place Him in the crib.
8. Christmas Day this year falls on Thursday. Therefore, the same rule applies to Friday, December 26, 2003, as applied to the Friday which followed Thanksgiving Day, namely: Friday, December 26, 2003, is **not** a day of abstinence. **MEAT MAY BE EATEN ON THAT DAY.**
9. *Thursday, January 1, 2004 (New Years Day), is the Feast of the Circumcision of Our Lord and is a Holyday of Obligation. Masses in the Abbey Church will be at 6:00 AM and 10:00 Am ONLY.*
10. By the wonderful grace of God, Michael Winland was Baptized and received into the Catholic Church yesterday. We are grateful to God for all His gifts and graces and we ask Him to bless and protect the Winland Family.
11. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Manny Gomez, Peggy Bonometti, Philomena Telker, and Salvatore Riccardi (Maria Morin’s father). **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.
12. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard’s schedule only)**

<p>SUNDAY: For the People of our Chapels</p> <p>MONDAY: Special intention George and Laurie Niebuhr</p> <p>TUESDAY: Deceased John and Grace Giardina (<i>Wedding Anniversary</i>)</p> <p>** WEDNESDAY: For all the Sick of our Chapels</p> <p>*** THURSDAY: <i>Midnight Mass: For the Monks and Nuns of our Monasteries</i> <i>10:00 AM Mass: For our Family: Oblates, People of our Chapels, Friends and Benefactors</i></p>	<p>FRIDAY: Dec. Sumter P Cousin</p> <p>SATURDAY: Dec. Paul McGill, Sr.</p>
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*If we keep this vision
in our hearts and minds,
we need have no fear
about our customary
Christmas preparations –
they will all be in proper focus,
and true peace and joy
will be in our hearts!*

OUR CHRISTMAS GIFT TO YOU –

The 10:00 AM (CST) Mass on Christmas morning will be offered for the following intentions:

- 1) For you, the beloved people of our Chapels.
- 2) For the welfare of all our benefactors, who contribute toward the support of our Monastery, our Abbey Church, and our Convent.
- 3) For the welfare of all those to whom we have promised our prayers and who have asked us for our prayers.
- 4) For the welfare of all those who are on our mailing list, and who, because of that, are lovingly numbered among the members of our Benedictine Family.

*May God keep you
one and all!*

ADVENT WREATH BLESSING

Fourth Sunday in Advent

All: That when again He shines revealed,
And trembling worlds to terror yield,
He give not sin it just reward,
But in His love protect and guard.

Priest: Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the just; let the earth be opened and put forth a savior.

Priest: *V.* The heavens show forth the glory of God.

People: *R.* And the firmament declares the work of His hands.

Priest: *V.* Come, O Lord, and do not delay.

People: *R.* Forgive the sins of Thy people Israel.

Priest: *V.* Lift up your gates, O ye princes; and be ye lifted up, O eternal gates, and the King of Glory shall enter in.

People: *R.* Who shall ascend into the mountain of the Lord or who shall stand in His holy place? The innocent in hands, and the clean of heart.

Priest: *V.* Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

People: *R.* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Priest: LET US PRAY: Bestir, O Lord, Thy might, we beseech Thee, and come; and with great power come to our aid, that, by the help of Thy grace, that which is hindered by our sins may be hastened by Thy merciful forgiveness.

People: Amen. *(Priest lights fourth candle)*

Ordination to the Subdiaconate

Frater Bernard, O.S.B. – Frater Joseph, O.S.B.

Celebrant: His Excelency, Bishop Robert McKenna, O.P.

Saturday, January 10, 2004 – 8:00 AM Mass

For the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation

Holy Family Sunday, January 11, 2004

Celebrant: His Excellency, Bishop Robert Mc.Kenna, O.P.

Sponsors: John and Rita Dumbacher

Howard Burchfield, III	Angela Marie Henderson	Celeste Marie Olson
Charlotte Cover	Victoria Yvonne Henderson	Albert Edward Patterson, V
Christine Jean Cover	Ashley Holmes	Elizabeth Anne Patterson
James Cover	Brianna Marie Kelly	Marie Catherine Patterson
Sarah Cover	Gerald Kelley, Jr.	Virginia Marie Patterson
Agnes Marie Fuller	Adrienne Suzanne Liburdi	Alena Roberts
Isaac Francis Fuller	Richard Martin	Kristin Roberts
Michael David Fuller	William Martin	Stefen Roberts
Andrew Joseph Hand	Ethan Muehlbauer	Judith Anne Smith
Christopher Michael Hand	Dorothy Irene Mullan	William Wyman Vintson
John Francis Hand	Allan Olson	Michael Winland

Those who are to be confirmed should select a Saint's name, and present it to the Bishop at the time of Confirmation. Special cards will be issued for this purpose on the day itself. The name of the Saint, as well as the official name of the person being confirmed, should be PRINTED in clear print.

During the Mass no places will be reserved. At the time of the ceremony, all those receiving Confirmation will approach as for going to Holy Communion, however, all the gentlemen will line up on the St. Joseph Chapel side of the center aisle, while all the ladies will line up on the Lady Chapel side of the center aisle, and approach the Bishop one at a time.

Private sponsors are not possible, and therefore private sponsors are not permitted.

Carefully check the above list of names. If there is an omission or any other error, please notify the Abbot (in person) immediately. If anyone is unsure about the reception of the Sacrament, please notify the Abbot (in person) immediately.

✠ IMPORTANT NOTICE ✠

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered for those in regular attendance at our traditional Roman Catholic Chapels in Alabama, here in our Abbey Church, on January 11, 2004. The matter of the reception of the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation remains the obligation and responsibility of the father and mother of the one to be administered to. The grandparents are not the responsible parties, nor are they the ones to make the arrangements, since they are not the ones responsible before God for the upbringing of the child. ***It is most necessary and important that at least one of the PARENTS of the child to be Baptized or Confirmed regularly attend one of our Chapels.*** For justifiable reasons, if the request for Baptism or Confirmation comes from elsewhere other than our own Chapels, then the PARENTS (NOT the grandparents) must submit a statement in writing from the priest in charge of their traditional Chapel, stating that they - the parents - regularly attend the specified Chapel, and that he (the priest) is in agreement with the Sacrament being administered here at Christ the King Abbey in Alabama. If this cannot be verified, PLEASE DO NOT ASK.

Baptismal Certificates are necessary for the reception of Confirmation and must be presented BEFORE any arrangements are made. Unexpected arrivals should not expect to be admitted to the Sacrament of Confirmation.

If the above rules cannot be honored, PLEASE DO **NOT ASK**.