

# 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

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

Fourth day within the Octave

December 28, 2003 – Red

Mass of Feast; Gl; Cr; Pref. Nativity; comm. Nativity

Weekly Bulletin #810



# Happy New Year



1. There will be **NO** Catechism class after Mass until the Second Sunday after Epiphany (January 18, 2004).
2. 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.**
3. **Because the first Thursday of January is New Years Day, and is a Holyday of obligation, we will NOT have our usual Holy Hours this Thursday; instead they will be postponed until next Thursday, January 8, 2004.**
4. Friday, January 2, 2004, is the First Friday of January, and Saturday, January 3, 2004 is the First Saturday of January, with Masses in the Abbey Church at 6:00 AM and 8:00 AM on both days, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 10:00 AM until 6:00 PM on Friday.
5. Next Sunday, January 4, 2004, is the first Sunday of January. Therefore there will be **NO** Mass at St. Pius V Chapel in Birmingham next Sunday.
6. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Manny Gomez and Edward Sautner (the father of our Father Michael). 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.
7. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)
  - SUNDAY: For the Families of our Monks and Nuns
  - MONDAY: For the People of our Chapels
  - TUESDAY: For Jack and Peggy Kennemur
  - WEDNESDAY: For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
  - THURSDAY: For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
  - FRIDAY: Deceased Charles, Marie, and Carolyn Slader
  - SATURDAY: Special intention Paul Roy Family



### IN ALL HUMILITY

*With the most profound diligence and constant determination must we pray for the very special grace to realize and fully comprehend the really perilous condition of our present existence: culturally, socially, economically, politically, intellectually, and especially RELIGIOUSLY. We must stop grabbing – willy-nilly – at the straws of our false hopes and the toys of our dream world. We must learn to work with the unfortunate realities of our day – exactly as they are. We must put aside all of the empty make-believe, exclusivistic, and false securities of our cardboard houses.*

*Then we must place our entire trust in God! We must place our entire prayer in God, for He, ALONE – not us – can put an end to our suffering and affliction. However, God must first see in us a humble genuineness and a disposition of total dependence on Him. God resists the proud.*

*Whatever restoration of our securities, especially Religious security, is ever to take place, can only be accomplished by God – HIMSELF ALONE – NOT US! The very best we can hope to accomplish is to preserve the tiny bits that we are able to salvage from the ruins all around us.*

# 20 + G + M + B + 04

(20 + Gaspar + Melchoir + Balthazar + 04)



## THE CEREMONY FOR THE BLESSING OF EPIPHANY CHALK



*(Epiphany Chalk is used to write the inscription over all the doors of one's house. Soft classroom chalk of any color is best for writing on varnished or painted surfaces. A priest should bless the chalk on Epiphany Day, before the celebration of the main Mass of the day, using the following Blessing, which is taken from the Roman Ritual.)*

- ✠. Behold, the Lord, the ruler is come; and the kingdom is in His hand, and power, and dominion.  
O God, with Your judgment endow the king, and with Your justice, the king's son.
- ✠. Glory be to the Father ... *R.* *As it was in the beginning ...* (Repeat the above: Behold, the Lord ...)
- ✠. All nations shall serve Him. *R.* *All nations shall serve Him.*
- ✠. Nations shall walk by Your light, and kings by Your shining radiance. *R.* *All nations shall serve Him.*
- ✠. All from Saba shall come, bringing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord. *R.* *All ...*
- ✠. Rise up in splendor, O Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord shines upon you. *R.* *All nations shall serve Him.*
- ✠. We have seen His star in the East, and have come with gifts to worship the Lord. *R.* *All nations shall serve Him.*
- ✠. The kings of Tharsis and the Isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring tribute.  
All kings shall pay Him homage; all nations shall serve Him. *R.* *All nations shall serve Him.*

**Priest:** LET US PRAY:

O Lord God, bless ✠ this chalk which Thou hast created, that it may be helpful to mankind; and grant that through the invocation of Thy most holy Name all those who use this chalk or with it write over the doors of their houses the names of Thy Saints, Gaspar, Melchoir, and Balthazar, may by their merits and intercession receive health of body and protection of soul. Through Christ Our Lord. *Amen.* *(Priest now sprinkles chalk with Holy Water.)*

*(Later that day - or any day within the Octave of the Feast of the Epiphany - at home, the ceremony is completed by a priest or the father or senior member of the family. The following prayer is said once and at the main entrance of the house. All the family members should be present, and should accompany the priest or the head of the family as he or she goes from door to door - everyone keeping a respectful silence, or better yet, reciting the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary.)*



## THE CEREMONY FOR THE EPIPHANY BLESSING OF THE HOME



- ✠. Peace to my house. *R.* *And to all who live here.*
- ✠. The father of the just will exult with glee; let your father and mother have joy. *R.* *All nations shall serve Him.*
- ✠. Happy they who dwell in Your House, O Lord! Continually they praise You. *R.* *All nations shall serve Him.*
- ✠. Blessed is the man who hears me and who watches daily at my gates and at the post of my doors. *R.* *All ...*
- ✠. O Lord, hear my prayer. *R.* *And let my cry come unto You.*

**Father:** LET US PRAY:

Hear us, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Eternal God, and send Thy Holy Angel from Heaven to watch over, cherish, protect, be with, and defend all who live in my house. I call upon Your Saints, Gaspar, Melchoir, and Balthazar, to protect my family and my home from every harm and danger, and I place the marks of their holy names over the doors of my home to remain there as a constant reminder to us and to all who enter here that my house is truly a house of the Lord.

O God, make the door of my house wide enough to receive all who need human love and companionship; narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride, and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back the tempter's power.

O God, make the door of my house the gateway to Thy eternal Kingdom. I ask these things in the Name of Jesus Christ Thy Son. *Amen.*

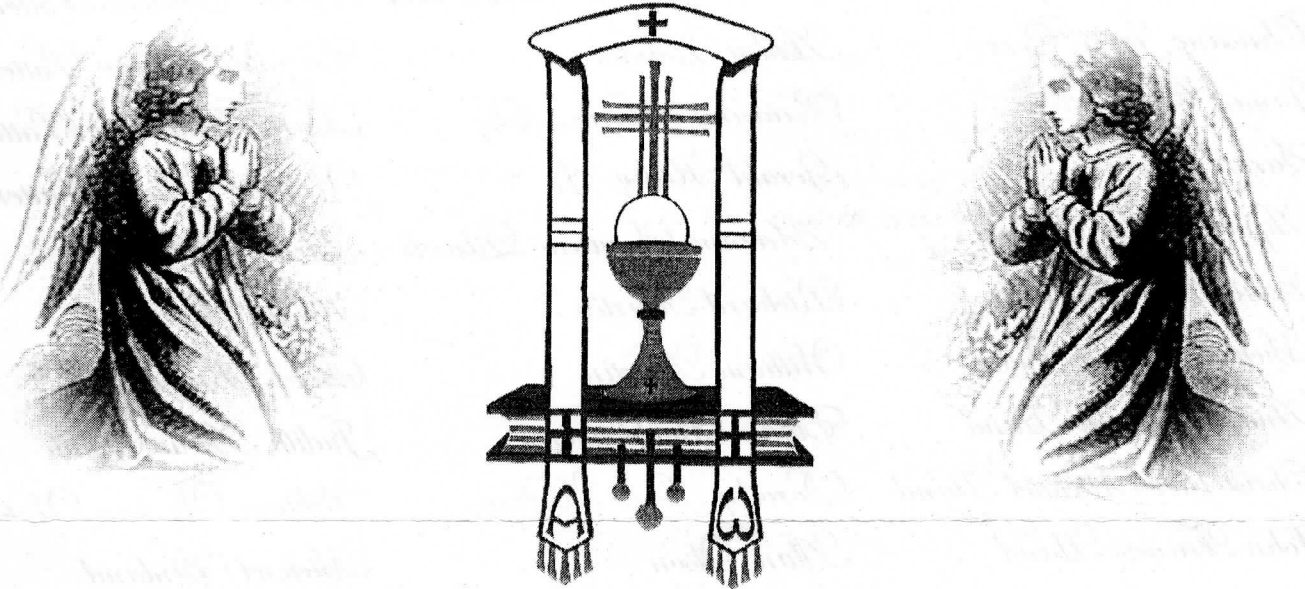
# *All nations shall serve Him*

# 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



The Order of Subdeacon: Though not a sacramental Order, the Subdeaconate is considered a Major Order, ranked just below the sacramentally ordained Deacon. All those in Major Orders are no longer free to marry, and take up the obligation of the Divine Office. At Ordination the Subdeacon receives an empty chalice and paten, cruets with wine and water, and a basin and towel. Already wearing an alb, he is then invested with amice, maniple, and tunic (dalmatic). Finally, the new Subdeacon is given a book containing the Epistles, which he is now empowered to sing at Solemn Mass. The Subdeacon is also to bring to the altar and later remove the sacred vessels at Solemn Mass, and to directly assist the Priest when the Deacon is otherwise occupied.



# For the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation

Holy Family Sunday, January 11, 2004

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

Sponsors: John and Rita Dumbacher

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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	Alan Olson	Michael Winland

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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.**