

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

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HOLY NAME OF JESUS

January 4, 2004 – White/Gold

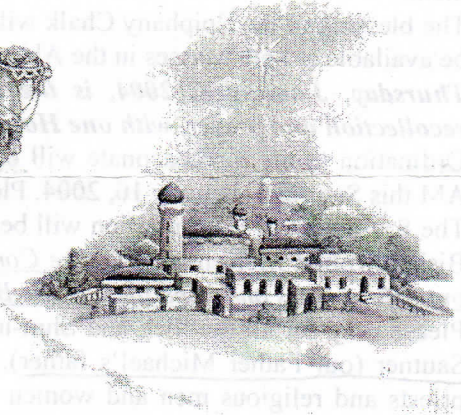
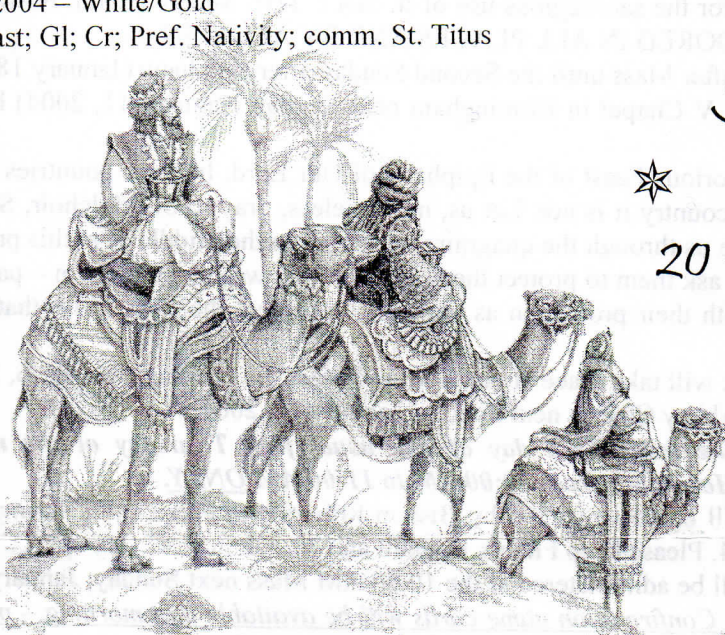
Mass of Feast; Gl; Cr; Pref. Nativity; comm. St. Titus

All Nations

Shall Serve Him



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Epiphany

Tuesday, January 6, 2004

Do we wish to become Saints – or do we not?

Our constancy must be proved at every point or there is nothing to show that we are constant. The painful test of any burden upon our strength may make us feel weak and miserable, but without our trials we would remain weak and deserve to be miserable. At least while in the purifying heat of the fires that temper our nature, we have the knowledge that all this will one day give place to perfect peace. At the same time, let us keep in mind that the heat of the purifying fires that temper our nature must be fueled by a most pure Love. Love is always concerned with largeness of giving, not with the exactitudes required of a proper observance and worshipful demeanor asked for by empty formality! Love does not exist – indeed it cannot exist – where and when one has to walk about one's life with a Rule Book in one's hand; where one has to be guided at every step what next to do. Any action that is not inspired by Love is no more than empty formality. St. Paul has so wonderfully pointed out – in other words – that if there is no Charity – Love – even if we give up our bodies to be burned – it profits us nothing! (How well do we understand this?)

A Blessed and Happy New Year!