

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

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

January 18, 2004 – Green

Mass of Sunday; Gl; Cr; Pref. Trinity; comm. St. Prisca

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The Monks of Christ the King Abbey and the Nuns of St. Joseph's Monastery wish to take this opportunity to thank you all who are in attendance at our Chapels, and who have been so gracious and generous and kind to us during the most holy days of Christmas. We are most grateful for the many and wonderful gifts you have given us, for your kind words to and for us, and for your love and prayers. Thank you for your goodness to us. In return we remind you of our continuous prayer for you and your loved ones, and we remind you that we hold each one of you in our hearts! May God bless you!

Christmas is now over, and all the Feast Days have once again come and gone. The long awaited-for administration of the Holy Sacrament of Confirmation is now memory, and the Ordination to the Subdeaconate is also a matter of history. The year is moving right along, and in a matter of days we will be talking about the holy Season of Lent, because the holy Season of Septuagesima begins on February 8, 2004. Consequently, we must now turn away from the season of festivity and turn toward the season of renewed prayer and penance, with more than the usual prayer of the other times of the year.

The greatest thing we can do for God and man is pray. It is prayer – true and good and selfless prayer – that pleases God and leads to man's salvation and sanctification. Prayer is not really the only thing, but it is the chief thing. Prayer, however, must be accompanied with work – spiritual work – the reconstruction of the soul according to the expectation of our most loving Father, and in its reconstruction the soul must demonstrate good will, good zeal, determination, and a humble dependence on God. The truly great people on earth are the people who pray. We do not here mean those who talk about prayer, or those who say they believe in prayer. We do not here mean those who explain about prayer or who give theological definitions of prayer. The truly great people on earth are those who look toward God and PRAY.

Recently – in Bulletins 802 and 803 – we presented Parts I and II of a series of meditations concerning “The Development of Virtue.” The Advent and Christmas Seasons caused us to interrupt the series. With the Season of Lent, please God, we hope to return to this series, repeating first, for the sake of continuity, both Part I and Part II. We strongly urge you to take the time to carefully re-read both parts and to carefully read the succeeding parts as they are presented. As always, read for the purpose of self-improvement, not for the sake of increasing your knowledge and accumulation of inanimate facts.

We are all most grateful to Bishop McKenna, O.P., for taking the time out of his busy schedule to visit us and administer the Sacrament of Ordination to the Subdeaconate and the Sacrament of Confirmation. Below are the names taken by those who were confirmed last Sunday. Please keep them and Bishop McKenna in your prayers. May God bless us everyone.

Howard Burchfield III: **Pio**

Charlotte Cover: **Rose**

Christine Cover: **Michelle**

James Cover: **Martin**

Mary-Caroline Cover: **Philomena**

Sarah Cover: **Therese**

Agnes Fuller: **Monica**

Isaac Fuller: **Michael**

Michael Fuller: **John**

Angela Henderson: **Michaela**

Tori Henderson: **Margaret Mary**

Ashley Holmes: **Catherine**

Brianna Kelley: **Elizabeth, Ann**

Gerald Kelly, Jr.: **Patrick**

Adrienne Liburdi: **Lucy**

Richard Martin: **Jude**

William Martin: **Michael**

Ethan Muehlbauer: **Anthony**

Dorothy Mullan: **Maria**

Alan Olson: **Thomas**

Celeste Olson: **Rose**

Albert Patterson V: **Charles**

Elizabeth (Betsy) Patterson: **Philomena**

Marie Patterson: **Agnes**

Jenny Patterson: **Bernadette**

Alena Roberts: **Agnes, Elizabeth**

Kristin Roberts: **Cecilia, Dorothy, Brigid**

Stefen Roberts: **Joseph**

Judy Smith: **Philomena**

Wyman Winston: **Thomas**

Michael Winland: **Paul**



1. There will be Catechism class after the 10:00 AM Mass today.
2. Tuesday, January 20, 2004, is the Feast of Saints Fabian and Sebastian and is the feast day of our Father Sebastian. Please remember Father Sebastian in you special prayers on this day.
3. **Anyone wishing to have candles blessed on Candlemas Day (February 2, 2004) should leave them in the Abbey Church vestibule before February 1, in clean and neat containers – with your printed name neatly and securely attached.**
4. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Manny Gomez and Edward Sautner (our Father Michael'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.
5. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)**
SUNDAY: For the People of our Chapels
MONDAY: Welfare Vernetta Jean Rust
TUESDAY: For Vocations
WEDNESDAY: Special intention Mary Rademacher
THURSDAY: For the Poor Souls (*Gordon Keane*)
FRIDAY: Deceased Buddy and Florence Clew
SATURDAY: In honor of the Holy Angels

