

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

QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY

February 22, 2004 – Purple

Mass of Sunday; no Gl; Cr; Pref. Trinity; comm. Chair of St. Peter and comm. St. Paul

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Septuagesima Season

Quinquagesima Sunday

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Wednesday is ASH WEDNESDAY, and the minds of some people turn gently to thoughts of prayer and sacrifice. While prayer and sacrifice are certainly very good in themselves, they are NOT the purpose of Lent. The purpose of Lent is US! The purpose of Lent is our SANCTIFICATION! During Lent our thoughts must be concerned with the way our personal SANCTIFICATION can take place. This must be well understood, or we might find ourselves doing many wonderful things that remain totally useless – as far as our personal SANCTIFICATION is concerned. If what we do fails to bring about a GOD-INTENDED change in our behavioral pattern, it all profits us nothing. The candy, the cigarettes, the whiskey that we give up – not bad in themselves – are the doings of “light-weight” Catholics and not sufficient to bring about our SANCTIFICATION. Without proper conviction, even the burning of our bodies will remain insufficient. Those who do not understand true Catholicism look to their trivial efforts as necessarily a sign of strong conviction – as being solid evidence of their abhorrence of sin and of their avowed determination to become saints. Even though our religious convictions are not to be guided by a set of rules, it should be obvious that whatever convictions we may have must penetrate our superficial self-justifying obediences. We must comprehend GOD’S PURPOSE. But God’s purpose is frustrated by man’s self will! Therefore let us not waste precious time. If we are truly in earnest about God’s purpose in US then let us give up something worth while: LET US GIVE UP OUR SELF WILL!