

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 ST. THERESA OF THE CHILD JESUS

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(Patronal Feast of Christ the King Abbey Church)

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 3, 2004 – White / Gold

Mass of Feast; Gl; Cr; Pref. Common; Comm. Sunday

LET NOT THE WINDS BLOW OUT THE LIGHT

(Part VIII)

Some have well said that the Roman Catholic Church has not been in such sad straights since the Fourth Century. From the look of things, this statement seems painfully on target. What is so much needed at this point is an honest appraisal of the truth of this statement by all who know the difference between right and wrong! The principal work of the Roman Catholic Church has always been centered around the salvation of souls. If it should happen at any time that salvation becomes in the least uncertain as to its acquisition in the eyes of God's Children, it does indeed seem that it is time for somebody to stop and review purpose. The use of the term "The Bark of Peter" is being tossed about by the raging waves of our confused times and is being over-worked by the masterminds of the modernist church as well as by the masterminds of the traditionalist church – even to the point of the ridiculous!

It seriously appears that what was once the work of good priests and sisters and monks, has now become the work of parents who are truly interested in their own and their children's spiritual welfare. As is usually the case in times of disturbance, we find those who make it their "business" to add ever more confusion to the prevailing problems by pressing down on the sensitivities of people, with reckless and needless directives. In such wise, we strongly suggest the putting aside of all distorted directives given by those whose credentials do not show clear signs of orthodox authenticity. Our holy Catholic Religion, even though it has always been strict, has always brought about true peace and serenity to the souls of men and women of good will. Anything causing disturbance of conscience; anything fomenting debate or augment or suspicion; anything causing anger in the hearts and minds of the faithful; anything causing unrest of persuasion should be classified as untrustworthy and should be cast aside. There are some who go about nourishing a false hope that there are signs of a Catholic return to former orthodoxy. As it appears at the present time, any real return to former religious orthodoxy is not evident in the agenda of the Catholic powers that be. Quite the opposite, in fact! In the mean time, those who have honest concern must work to prove sincerity and personal worthiness to God and must work to live good and holy lives.

For a long time now we have advocated the formation of "Monastic Home Chapels," and we have given instructions as to how to construct small home altars. In some cases the monks have built and distributed these small altars to the people who attend Mass at our Chapels. The people, without exception, have accepted our instruction and have set up these altars in their homes. However, in some instances, these altars have become mere house ornaments, mixed in willy-nilly amongst all the other household ornaments. We simply have to do better than that.

To quiet the unruly voices of any conscientious objectors, we quickly emphasize the need to understand exactly the fundamental scope of our instruction. Monks (and Nuns) are monastics who are bound by Vows and live in organized monastic communities and monasteries. They live totally by the requirements laid down for them by their Rule. It is clear that life in a well regulated monastery is not besieged by the distracting noises and cares of the world. We are well aware that the readers of our instructions do not live in monasteries and are not monastics in any sense of the word. Let us all keep in mind that our condition at present is serious and demands the making of appropriate adjustments. However, the adjustments that we must give consideration to, though monastic in nature, must be kept livable for the faithful laity – good-willed people who have no serious monastic inclination, and who have not been formed in the ways of monastic living. Nevertheless, these adjustments must be of such a nature that our Holy Religion will be kept safe from the prevailing ill winds. ***The light must not ever be allowed to go out – no matter what!***

All those capable of giving objective appraisal to the oppressive burdens of our day, both politically and religiously, should be able to see that some form of religious monastic living, however adjusted, is imperative. Of necessity, such a life can only be lived in the home, if lived at all. Please note that it is not the monastic life itself that we give concern to – it is the very Religion that once gave secure life to us all that we are concerned about. →

The program begins in the home and in the good atmosphere generated by the parents, who must first come to understand that they are not just husband and wife. They are not merely the legal biological begetters of their untrained and unruly offspring who stand every ready to report to the authorities any "misdemeanor" leveled at them by their begetters! Parents, as expected by the Spirit of Almighty God, are Father and Mother and they beget children. Parents must understand that the spirit existing between and amongst them in the home has to be the result of love, good will, trust, and respect. The words of our instructions will be absolutely meaningless to anyone who fails to be guided by the mandate placed upon each and every one of us by God Himself: **LOVE!** *(To be continued)*

1. Today is the Feast of St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, and is the Patronal Feast of our Abbey Church.
2. There will be **NO** Catechism class this morning.
3. Monday, October 4, 2004, is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. It is also the Name's Day of our Father Francis, O.S.B. – Please keep Fr. Francis in your special prayers on this day.
4. Thursday, October 7, 2004, is the Feast of the most holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
5. This Thursday is also the first Thursday of October, with the usual Holy Hour and Benediction **ONLY** at 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. ***THERE WILL BE NO HOLY HOUR OR BENEDICTION THURSDAY AFTERNOON.***
6. Because of the Marian Ceremonies taking place at the Abbey Church Next Sunday, October 10, 2004, ***there will be NO Mass at St. Pius V Chapel in Birmingham next Sunday.***
7. The daily October Rosary starts in the Abbey Church at 7:10 PM each evening of October.
8. The Holy Souls envelopes are now available. Please fill them out and return them **no later than November 1.**
9. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Alex Salillas (of St. Pius V Chapel in Birmingham) and Diane Calandra (our Frater Joseph's mother).
10. **MASSSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

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| SUNDAY: | Welfare of our Monastic Communities (St. Therese – Patron of Abbey Church) |
| MONDAY: | For the People of our Chapels |
| TUESDAY: | Deceased Joseph Vicini |
| WEDNESDAY: | Welfare Bill Swift |
| THURSDAY: | Special intention John Ward |
| FRIDAY: | Special intention Lauren Lehmann |
| SATURDAY: | Welfare Father Louis L. Renner, S.J. |

Next Sunday, October 10, 2004, at the 10:00 AM Mass, the statue of Our Lady, under the miraculous title of "Cape de la Madeline" (Our Lady of the Cape), will be solemnly blessed and crowned at Christ the King Abbey. This will be followed by a procession in honor of Our Lady and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE FEAST OF THE HOLY ROSARY

"Cap de la Madeleine"
(Our Lady of the Cape)

A solemn tribute to our Blessed Mother

Christ the King Abbey
Cullman, Alabama
October 10, 2004

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| Celebrant of the Mass and Benediction: | His Excellency, Bishop Robert McKenna, O.P. |
| To Bless the Statue of Our Lady: | His Excellency, Bishop Robert McKenna, O.P. |
| To Crown the Statue of Our Lady: | Father Abbot Leonard, O.S.B. |
| Masters of Ceremony for the Mass: | Father Michael, O.S.B.; Father Sebastian, O.S.B. |
| Acolyte: | Frater Bernard, O.S.B. |
| Thurifer for Ceremony and Benediction: | Wyman Vinton |
| Masters of Ceremony for the Procession: | Father Michael, O.S.B.; Father Sebastian, O.S.B.; Father Francis, O.S.B.; Frater Bernard, O.S.B. |
| Chanters: | Frater John, O.S.B.; Frater Joseph, O.S.B. |
| Organist: | Patrick Williams |
| Cross Bearer: | Ethan Muehlbauer |
| Bearers of Our Blessed Mother: | Thomas Girardi; Danny Henderson; Sam Liburdi; Alan Olson |
| Banner Bearers: | Donald Mullan; Chris Christen; James Cover; Bernie Morin; Steve Smith; Charles Jernigan; Niceforo de Jesus Blanco; Jerry Kelley; Herman Ray Bishop, Jr. |
| Children with Rose Petals: | James Hand; Joseph Patterson; Theresa Patterson; Andrew Winland |
| Photographer: | Michael Winland |

ALL THE GENTLEMEN PARTICIPATING IN THIS CEREMONY SHOULD WEAR SUITS (COATS AND TIES).

PLEASE. NO CONFESSIONS AFTER 9:30 AM NEXT SUNDAY.