

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

TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Mass of Sunday; Gl; Cr; Pref. Trinity

LET NOT THE WINDS BLOW OUT THE LIGHT

(Part XII)

THE CEREMONY FOR THE BLESSING OF THE HOME CHAPEL

“My house shall be called a house of prayer, said the Lord. In it everyone who asks shall receive, and he who seeks shall find, and to him who knocks it shall be opened.” *(Communion Antiphon from the Mass of the Dedication of a Church)*

And “a house of prayer” we can make of our little Home Chapel, if it be the result of the genuine desire of our hearts and minds and souls, but the foundation of the entire effort must be our Faith. Without Faith it is all foolishness. In these days when all about us is chaos, and all of Mankind – especially the elect Children of God – is bombarded with the feeling of despair of ever understanding the problem, much less of doing something about it – the necessity of prayer becomes ever more essential. This is where we hope our little chapels will be of great assistance.

After the location of the chapel has been determined, and all things have been set up in it, the next thing that must be done is the dedication and blessing of it. This blessing should be performed by the father or the head of the family after the evening meal. Before the ceremony of the blessing, the mother should prepare a beautiful and festive meal with all the family members present to enjoy it. This occasion should be a happy and joyous one.

When the meal is over, with the dishes washed and put away, the family should gather at the entrance to the chapel. The father or the head of the family performs the blessing, saying in a loud and clear voice:

Antiphon: Awesome is this place; it is the house of God and the gate of heaven: and it shall be called the court of God.

Psalm: How lovely is Your dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts! My soul yearns and faints for the courts of the Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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Reading:

(Apoc. 21: 2-5) “In those days, I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, and made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘Behold the dwelling of God with men, and he will dwell with them. And they will be his people, and God Himself will be with them as their God. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. And death shall be no more; neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away.’ And He Who was sitting on the throne said, ‘Behold, I make all things new!’”

Antiphon:

This place has been made by God; it is a mystery beyond comprehension, free from all stain. O God, before whom the choirs of Angels stand, hear the prayers of Thy servants. I will worship in Thy holy temple and give glory to Thy Name.

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