

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 28, 2004 – Purple

Mass of Sunday; no Gl; Cr; Pref. Trinity

Weekly Bulletin #858

Season of Advent

The First Sunday of Advent

If God the Son is to be discovered on earth by men, He is to be found clothed in all the elements of His humanity and in all its circumstances and in all its conditions. The human vesture of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, in all its particulars, belongs to and is the apt clothing of the Divine. Therefore, the Life of Jesus Christ amongst men is the Divine way of living on earth; indeed, the life of Jesus Christ amongst men is the most appropriate - the way intended by the Father - for Man to live on earth.

Monday, December 6, 2004, is the Feast of Saint Nicholas, Bishop of Myra in Asia Minor. He was and continues to be a beloved Saint - especially of children. In many parts of the world, St. Nicholas would visit with little children on the evening before and then leave little goodies for them. These little visits are no longer possible, so now he passes quietly through the houses of each good child, filling a shoe or little basket with goodies. He was a wonderful Saint who loved to do good things, and everywhere he visited, he left people feeling happy and full of joy, and eagerly waiting for his visit next year. In the meantime, the children would try hard to behave properly in honor of good St. Nicholas. Later in life, when the little ones find out that St. Nicholas is an older member of the family, the knowledge does not cause any harm to them. The thrill of this beautiful childhood custom is retained in the memory, remaining to the days of old age - in all its beauty and fantasy. The older folks enjoy St. Nicholas Day as much as the children, and a little party on this day is a wonderful custom to foster.