

## 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 OF ADVENT

December 5, 2004 – Purple

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

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# Season of Advent

The Second Sunday of Advent

*The Feast of the Immaculate Conception*  
Wednesday, December 8, 2004



“I am the Immaculate Conception.”

ADVENT WREATH BLESSING  
Second Sunday in Advent



All: A thrilling voice by Jordan rings,  
Rebuking guilt and darksome things:  
Vain dreams of sin and visions fly:  
Christ in His might shines forth on high!

Priest: People of Zion, behold the Lord shall come to save the nations  
and the Lord shall make the glory of His voice to be heard in the  
joy of your heart.

Priest: *℣.* Give ear, O Thou that rulest Israel.  
People: *℟.* Thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep.

Priest: *℣.* Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.  
People: *℟.* At it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world  
without end. Amen.

Priest: LET US PRAY: Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the ways  
of Thine only-begotten Son, that through His coming we may be  
worthy to serve Him with purified minds.

People: Amen. *(Priest lights second candle)*

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 25, 2004



Christmas Masses in the Abbey Church will  
be at Midnight on Christmas Eve (the Church  
will be open about 11: 15 PM), and at 10:00  
AM on Christmas Day. ***There will be NO  
6:00 AM Mass in the Abbey Church on  
Christmas Day.***

Christmas Mass at St. Pius V Chapel in  
Birmingham will be at 9:00 AM on Christmas  
Day.

***NB: Anyone receiving Holy Communion at  
the Christmas Eve Midnight Mass may  
NOT receive Holy Communion at a  
later Mass on Christmas Day.***

James Hand will carry the Baby Jesus and  
place Him in the Crib at the Midnight Mass.

1. There will be NO Catechism class this morning.
2. Tomorrow, December 6, 2004, is the wonderful Feast of Saint Nicholas. Let us all keep this day in its proper context, and enjoy it with all its beauty and fantasy. Every member of the family should receive and enjoy a lovely St. Nicholas treat. Even though it is the Season of Advent, a bit of festivity at the dinner table is in order.
3. Tuesday, December 7, 2004, is the Vigil of the Immaculate Conception and is a day of fast and abstinence.
4. Wednesday, December 8, 2004, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and is a Holyday of Obligation.  
**Masses in the Abbey Church on December 8 will be at 6:00 AM, 8:00 AM, and 7:00 PM.**
5. Wednesday, December 15, Friday, December 17, and Saturday, December 18, 2004, are the Winter Ember Days of the year, and are days of Fast and Abstinence. Meat may be eaten ONCE on Wednesday and Saturday.
6. **NB:** Christmas Eve – Friday, December 24, 2004 – is a day of Fast and Abstinence. In every normal interpretation, Christmas Eve is a day of COMPLETE FAST AND ABSTINENCE. At the same time, Christmas Eve has to be understood to be a festive day of penance. Festivity simply cannot be suppressed or avoided on such a day – the eve of the greatest day in the history of the earth. Therefore, the occasion of this day presenting itself in the home of GOOD-WILLED people, a bit of “shortcutting” in the law of fast and abstinence on that day is certainly permitted. In this matter, as in all similar matters of moral obligation, PRUDENCE prompted by a good, sincere, and properly informed conscience, should dictate. Too much to the right is just as bad as too much to the left – IN THE MIDDLE IS VIRTUE! Our service to God depends on our FREEDOM OF ACTION, inspired by love – it must never be pushed by force. At the same time, our freedom must never become a matter of license.
7. **EARLY NOTICE:** On Sunday, January 9, 2005 (The Feast of the Holy Family), in the Abbey Church, Miss Mollie Deptuch will enter the Novitiate of Saint Joseph’s Monastery. We ask the specials of everyone for Miss Deptuch, that her offering of herself to God will always have upon it the blessing of God.
8. The 2005 Calendars are available at the usual price of \$6.00 each. Please see Mrs. Pam Olson in Montgomery; Mrs. Laurie Niebuhr in Birmingham; Fr. Abbot or Fr. Francis in Cullman.
9. Especially during these holy days of Advent, let us pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels.
10. **MASSSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Father Abbot Leonard’s schedule only)

SUNDAY: For the People of our Chapels

MONDAY: Deceased Valentine Peterka

TUESDAY: Welfare Richard Brown

WEDNESDAY: Welfare our Religious Communities

THURSDAY: For Mary Peterka

FRIDAY: Special intention Gerald Lutz

SATURDAY: Deceased Frank Peterka

***SPECIAL NOTE: There will be NO Confessions before the Midnight Mass or any of the Masses in the Abbey Church on Christmas Day.***



Happy Saint Nicholas Day!

