

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 AFTER EASTER

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Mass of Sunday; Gl; Cr; Pref. Easter

The Death of John Paul

The death of the second John Paul has been an event that has set off a variety of reactions. There are those who mourn his death. There are those who rejoice and celebrate his passing. And there are those, perhaps few in number, who pray to be counted amongst the ones who, with peace of mind and serenity of heart, accept – in all humility – the reality of the judgment of Him Who alone is Judge. Such ones, with right and proper conviction give testimony to Truth. Such ones have been given the grace to know that judgment rests entirely in the Hands of Him before Whom every one of us will one day stand. Such ones know to ask for the great gift of Understanding – to understand that personal and human opinion and personal and human approval or disapproval have in no way whatsoever affected or influenced the judgment that has been given to this mortal man. In spite of all that has transpired, we must pray that a merciful judgment has been given him. We must pray also that we can keep our holy Faith and go forth believing always in the immeasurable and unsearchable goodness and power and love of our God.

Many witness the crumbed condition of things: religiously, morally, culturally, economically, politically, and socially, and ask: "What is there that we must do?"

Up to the present moment we have considered ourselves to be the architects of reconstruction. Aware of this, it follows that God has left us to our own silly ineffectual devices and sophomoric solutions. As long as we continue to delude ourselves by thinking ourselves capable of being the great masters of things, God is not going to move – and why should He?

From the very beginning of our devastated conditions, through our attitude of proud independence, we have turned God away from us. In spite of all of our deliberating