

Christ the King Abbey

(Traditional Benedictines)

(St Francis of Assisi Chapel)

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Cullman, Alabama

Every Sunday: 6:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Daily: 6:00 AM

Holy Days of Obligation:

6:00 AM - 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel

Montgomery, Alabama

10:45 AM

Only on first Sunday
of each month

St Pius V Chapel

Birmingham, Alabama

9:30 AM

Every Sunday except
first Sunday of each month

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 5, 2006 – Green

Mass of Sunday; GI; Cr; Pref. Trinity; Comm. St. Agatha

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THE AWESOME TREASURE OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

The Most Blessed Sacrament is the Memorial of Divine Love. Our Lord did something infinitely great when He gave Himself wholly to us through His living and personal Presence in the most adorable Eucharist. Our Savior could not possibly have given us a greater, a more tender, a more ardent proof of love. He could not possibly have given us a treasure of greater value, though it were the entire universe! It is beyond human intellect to grasp and understand such love. Not even the highest of celestial spirits are capable of comprehending or penetrating the infinite and unfathomable depths of the love that Christ, the Second Person of the Most Blessed Trinity, has for us, His creatures. In wondrous amazement all the angel choirs of heaven offer praise and adoration to their God-made-man – Who is Himself present under the species of Bread. We too, in complete amazement, might ask ourselves:

1. For whom is Jesus present in the Blessed Eucharist?
2. For whom does He in the Blessed Eucharist offer Himself?
3. For whom does He give Himself as food?

No angel in heaven – not even the great Saint Michael – has ever been given so much – such love! Yet perishable and sinful man, created out of the slime of the earth, is the happy recipient of such wondrous love! In complete astonishment, the great King David once asked: “What is man that Thou art mindful of him, or the son of man that Thou visitest Him?” And we – in too many instances and in too many places – when we approach the Tabernacle, what is the feeling that overtakes us? With what indifference and carelessness do the hands of just about anybody reach into a place where Angels dare not approach, and simply snatch up the Sacred Body and put It in absolutely anybody’s hands extended out to grab at It. (*In all such places where the Eucharist is believed to be nothing more than symbolic – where there is no valid Consecration – such practice is nevertheless offensive and merely adds to the general degradation of the awesomeness of the reality of the Real Presence in a properly consecrated Host!*) Simply imagine the horror of it all. All of heaven bows in adoration, yet man grabs at the Sacred Body of Christ with no more devotion and care than that given to a stale cookie! **In a valid Consecration, the Most Blessed Eucharist is NO symbol! It is a reality. It is the greatest reality – the most serious reality – that exists on earth! It is, indeed, the Body of Christ!**

“What is man that Thou art mindful of him?”

What does man give to God, for all that God has given to Him? No more than the grabbing at a stale cookie!

- How earnestly must those of us who have been given the grace to know, pray for all those who do not have the grace to know!
- How earnestly must those of us who have been given the grace to believe, pray for those who do not have the grace to believe!
- How earnestly must those of us who have been given the grace to adore, pray for those who do not have the grace of adoration in their hearts!

Sometimes we wonder! We wonder as to what has urged Our Lord, Jesus Christ, to such immeasurable love for us. Does He derive benefit or profit therefrom? It seems as if He could not be happy without us – as if He were in need of us and our works. This seems not to make clear sense to our minds and intelligence. And what is more, He is our God – we are His creatures! He is our Redeemer – we are His redeemed! He is our Lord – we are His servants! He is the Supreme Good – we are His indebted, helpless, and very weak subjects! He is the Lord, our God, infinitely happy, infinitely powerful, infinitely beautiful, infinitely self-sufficient, yet He loves us so much – so very much, that He was only too happy and willing to travel all the way from heaven to the cold manger of the stable to the horrible cross of Calvary. What greater love has man? How incomprehensible are His judgments! How unsearchable are His ways!

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