

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

LOW SUNDAY

April 23, 2006 – White

Mass of Sunday; Gl; Cr; Pref. Easter

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Priestly Ordinations

April 21, 2006

by

His Excellency Bishop Robert F. McKenna, O.P.

Reverend Father Bernard, O.S.B.

Reverend Father Joseph, O.S.B.

Monks of Christ the King Abbey

A Priest

"St. Bernard tells us that everything has come to us through Mary, and we may also say that everything has come to us through the priest, yes, all heavenly gifts. If we had not the Sacrament of Orders, we should not have Our Lord. Who placed Him there, in that tabernacle? It was the priest. Who was it that received your soul on its entrance into life? The priest. Who nourishes it to give it strength to make its pilgrimage? The priest. Who will prepare it to appear before God, by washing that soul for the last time, in the Blood of Jesus Christ? The priest – always the priest. And if that soul comes to the point of death, who will raise it up, who will restore it to calmness and peace? Again, the priest. You cannot recall one single blessing from God without finding, side by side with this recollection, the image of the priest!"

Go to confession to the Blessed Virgin, or to an angel: will they absolve you? No! Will they give you the Body and Blood of Our Lord? No! The Holy Virgin cannot make her Divine Son descend into the host! You might have two hundred angels there, but they could not absolve you! A priest, however simple he may be, can do it; he can say to you, 'Go in peace; I pardon you.' Oh, how great is the priest! The priest will not understand the greatness of his office until he is in Heaven. If he understood it on earth he would die, not of fear, but of love...O, God! O, God! How Thou hast loved us! See the power of the priest; out of a piece of bread, the word of a priest makes a God! It is more than creating the world!"

The Cure of Ars