

Christ the King Abbey

(Traditional Benedictines)
(Formerly 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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Mass of Sunday; Gl; Cr; Pref. Holy Trinity; comm. St. Hildegard

The Bruised Reed Shall not be Broken

(Please read the following instruction carefully and with true Catholic understanding. It should be read many times over. Taken from: *Jesus Appeals to the World*, Our Lord's words to Sister Mary Consolata, a Capuchin Nun, 1903 – 1946, by Father Lorenzo Sales, 1955.)

"Consolata, it often happens that good and pious souls, and very frequently also souls who are consecrated to Me, wound My Heart to Its very depths by some diffident phrase such as: 'Who knows whether I will be saved?'"

"Open the Gospel and read there My promises. I promised to My sheep: 'I will give them life everlasting; and they shall not perish forever, and no man shall pluck them out of My Hand.' Do you understand, Consolata? No one can take a soul from Me! Now read on: 'That which My Father hath given Me, is greater than all; and no one can snatch them out of the Hand of My Father.' Do you understand, Consolata? No one can snatch a soul from Me. . . In all eternity they will not perish . . . because I give them eternal life. For whom have I spoken these words? For all the sheep, for all souls! Why then the insult, 'who knows whether I will be saved?' I have given assurances in the Gospel that no one can pluck a soul from Me and that I will give that soul eternal life, and so the soul cannot perish. Believe Me, Consolata, into hell go only those who really wish to go there; for though no one can snatch a soul from Me, the soul may, through the free will granted her, flee from Me, may betray Me, deny Me, and so go to Satan of her own volition.

"Oh, if instead of wounding My Heart with such distrust, you would give a little more thought to the heaven which awaits you! I did not create you for hell but for heaven, not as a companion for the devil but to enjoy Me in everlasting love! You see, Consolata, to hell go only those who wish to go there. . . How foolish is your fear of being damned! After having shed My Blood in order to save your soul, after having surrounded your soul with graces upon graces all through your entire existence . . . would I permit Satan, My worst enemy, to rob Me of that soul at the last moment of her life, just when I am about to gather in the fruit of the Redemption and when therefore that soul is on the point of loving Me forever? Would I do that, when in the Holy Gospel I have promised to give the soul eternal life and that no one can snatch her from My Hands? Consolata, how is it possible to believe such a monstrosity?"

"You see, final impenitence is found only in a soul who purposely wishes to go to hell and therefore obstinately refuses My mercy, for I never refuse to pardon anyone! I offer the gift of My immense compassion to all, for My Blood was shed for all, for all! No, it is not the multiplicity of sins which condemns a soul, for I forgive everything if she repents, but it is the obstinacy of not wishing to be pardoned, of wishing to be damned! Dismas on the cross had only one single act of faith in Me, but many, many sins; he was pardoned in an instant, however, and on the very day of his repentance he entered into My kingdom and is a saint! Behold the triumph of My mercy and of faith in Me!"

"No, Consolata, My Father who has given Me the souls is greater and more powerful than all the demons! No one can snatch souls from the Hand of My Father!"

"O Consolata, have confidence in Me! Trust Me always! You must have a blind confidence that I will fulfill all the great promises which I have made you, for I am kind, immensely kind and merciful, and I desire not the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way, and live."