

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

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

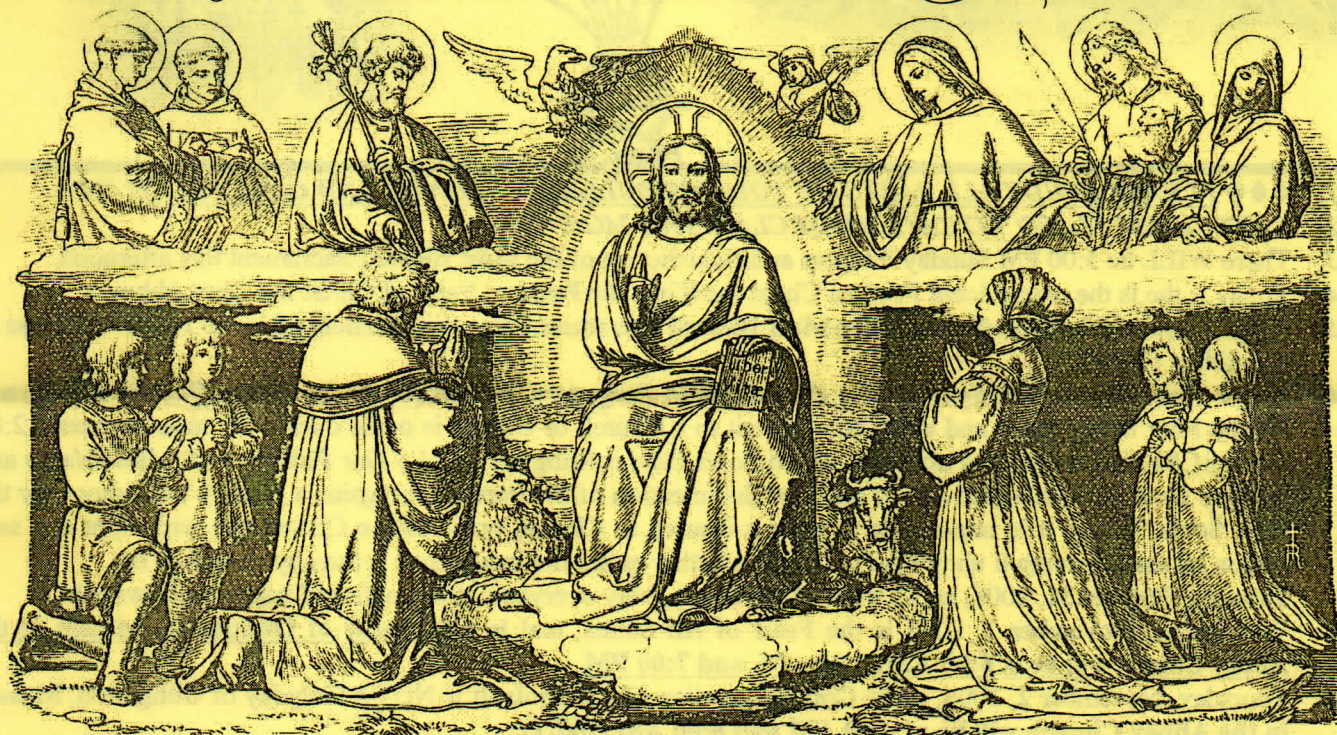
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Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost

October 29, 2006 – White / Gold

Mass of Feast; Gl; Cr; Pref. Christ the King; comm. Sunday

Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King



“The kingdom of God is within you. Wherefore, O faithful man, be converted to the Lord with all your heart. Forsake this miserable world and your soul will find rest. Learn to despise exterior things, ... and Christ will come to you and impart to you his consolation, if you prepare for Him a worthy dwelling within yourself. ... Make room for Christ and forbid entrance to all the rest.

“Do well what you are doing; labor faithfully in My vineyard; I will be your reward. Write, read, grieve, and be silent; pray, labor, bear opposition manfully, for the eternal life is a worthy reward for this and still greater conflicts. ... Raise your eyes to Heaven and see how I and all My saints who in this world had such great conflicts, and now rejoice and are comforted. Now they are safe and rest without anxiety, and they will remain with Me in My Father’s kingdom for all eternity. “... There the reproaches you have suffered will be rewarded with eternal glory, your sorrow with praise, and for the lowest place on earth I will give you a glorious throne in the eternal kingdom. There will be made manifest the fruit of your obedience; and your acts of penance and all humble subjection will be gloriously crowned.” (The Following of Christ)

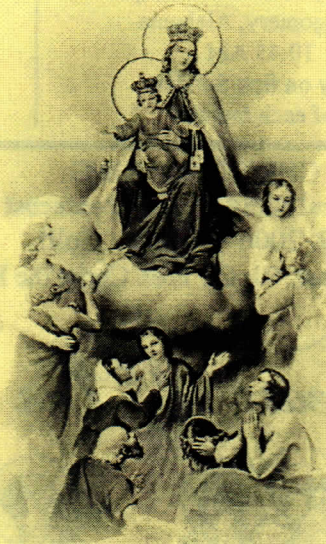
No matter what the monk may be called upon to do; no matter where duty directs his feet, the monk has his face turned to the desert. The ears of the monk are not attuned to the echoes of the thunder that storms the city of Babylon. The ears of the monk are attuned to the silence of the far away mountains on which the armies of God and the enemy confront one another in a mysterious and deadly battle, and with uncomplicated soul he prays as he goes about doing what he has been called upon to do.

All Saints Day

Wednesday, November 1, 2005

All Souls Day

Thursday, November 2, 2006

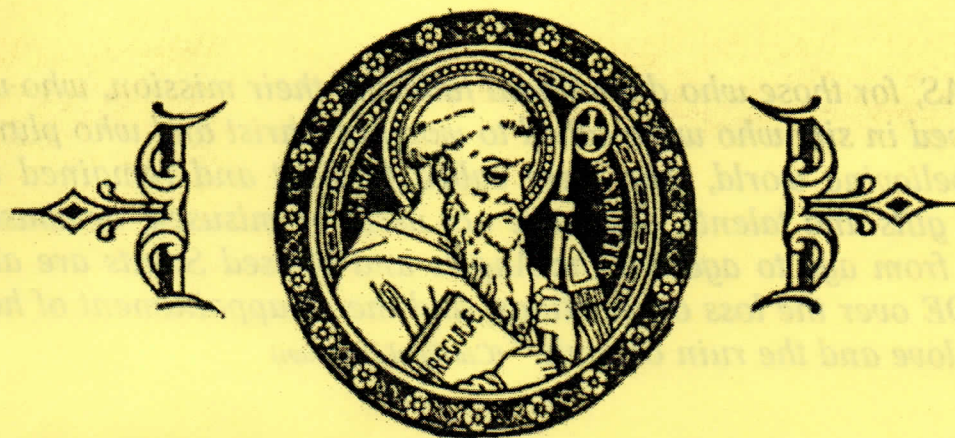


1. **◆◆◆ PLEASE STUDY ALL PARTS OF TODAY'S BULLETIN SLOWLY AND CAREFULLY! ◆◆◆**
2. **CATECHISM CLASS: NO CATECHISM CLASS THIS MORNING.**
3. There WILL be 5:00 PM Sunday Vespers and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament this afternoon.
4. Today is the is the magnificent Feast of Christ the King, the Patronal Feast of Christ the King Abbey.
5. **N.B.:** There will be Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament today immediately after the 10:00 AM Mass in the Abbey Church.
6. **❖❖❖ November is the Month of the Poor Souls in Purgatory. Do not forget the Toties Quoties indulgence** for the Poor Souls. Each and every time a visit to a Church or Chapel is made during the time between 12:00 Noon of All Saints Day and midnight of All Souls Day, reciting the usual 5 *Our Fathers* and 5 *Hail Marys* and 5 *Glory Be's*, with an added one of each for the intention of the Pontiff, one gains a plenary indulgence for the Poor Souls. Where it is impossible to enter a Church or Chapel, one's Home Chapel can with right and safe reason be used, leaving it up to God to decide whether or not the indulgence is thereby gained or not.
7. Tuesday, October 31, 2006, is the Vigil of All Saints. May everyone have a safe and happy Halloween!
8. Wednesday, November 1, 2006 is the Feast of All Saints, and is a **Holyday of Obligation**. **Masses in the Abbey Church will be at 6:00 AM, 8:00 AM, and 7:00 PM.**
9. Thursday, November 2, 2006, is the Commemoration of All Souls. It is **NOT** a Holyday of Obligation. **Masses in the Abbey Church will be at 6:00 AM and 8:00 AM ONLY.**
10. **N.B.:** Thursday, November 2, 2006, is also the first Thursday of November, however ***there will be NO First Thursday Holy Hours or Benediction this Month***, due to the All Souls Day observances this Thursday.
11. Thursday, November 2, 2006, at 3:00 PM, we will have our All Souls Day procession to the Cemetery, weather permitting.
12. Friday, November 3, 2006, is the First Friday of November, with Masses in the Abbey Church at 6:00 AM and 8:00 AM, and all-day Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament from 9:00 AM until 6:00 PM.
13. Saturday, November 4, 2006, is the First Saturday of November, with Masses in the Abbey Church at 6:00 AM and 8:00 AM.
14. Next Sunday, November 5, 2006, is the first Sunday of November. Therefore there will be **NO** Mass at Saint Pius V Chapel in Birmingham next Sunday.
15. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels. **LET US ALSO PRAY FOR EVERYONE.**
16. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)**

SUNDAY:	Welfare of our Abbey of Christ the King (Feast of Christ the King)
MONDAY:	For the People of our Chapels
TUESDAY:	For Betty (deceased) and Leonard Liuzzi (Wedding Anniversary)
WEDNESDAY:	Welfare of the Monks and Nuns of our Monastic Communities (All Saints Day)
THURSDAY:	Deceased Family Members of our Monks and Nuns (All Souls Day)
FRIDAY:	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
SATURDAY:	Special intention Paul Roy Family

May it be that for us, today is a day of very great blessing. That Almighty God has deigned to send us three young men to join our Benedictine Family is no small thing in today's world. We, therefore, ask for special prayers that the grace of God will never be wanting, and that these men persevere in what we, today, hope is God's will and pleasure. It has always remained true that for the Benedictine life of either the monk or the nun, there is scarcely but one aptitude required, and that is the interior purpose of the sanctification of the soul. Therefore, the primary concern of the abbot must be the supernatural life of the soul. Only by constant communing with the master thought of St. Benedict will the monks of today, few in number though they may be, be able to keep alive among them and among those who seek to fulfill the reason for their existence, THE TRUE SPIRIT OF GOD!

*Mr. Nicholas McHenry of Ohio
Mr. Autrey Corley of Texas
Mr. Peter Linder of British Columbia*



When monks live together in the charity of Christ, bearing one another's burdens and helping one another to find themselves in God, they are beginning here on earth to build the heavenly city.

Monastic charity is not merely a social contract arrived at by the agreement of many egoisms – of men, each preoccupied with his own welfare and advancement. In a monastery given to the service and praise of God, the brotherhood really cares about each one in the brotherhood, and the love that they bear for each other is as for family members in the truest sense of the word. The love is pure; it is holy; and it is kept intact because it is rooted in Jesus Christ, Himself. The monks are not merely a band of associates working on the same project! Monastic charity is the purity of heart and mind and body and soul which is reached only when all the separate wills of the monastic family composed of many brothers become one will – the common will – which is the WILL OF CHRIST. The very summit of the mountain is reached when with one voice the prayer of the corporate body reaches the ears of God, Who cannot but yield to it. The community of wills cannot ever be attained by a business deal. It cannot be attained, actually, by the function of the democratic method. It is the embrace of souls in the purity of the Spirit of God. It is a family of men (of women in a Convent of Nuns) all living together under the guidance and direction and leadership and full authority of their Father in Christ – the Father Abbot – (the mother Superior or abbess in the convent). Such as this is the highest point of the monastic ideal. The family life found in a properly functioning monastery, is the ideal example of family life that should be followed in any family whose direction is God. Such as this is the urgent need of the human family of today's world!

November

Month of the Poor Souls

Lo! The book exactly worded,
Wherein all hath been recorded;
Thence shall judgment be awarded.

Dies Irae

When the Judge His seat attaineth,
And each hidden deed arraigneth,
Nothing unabenged remaineth.

“ALAS, ALAS, for those who die without fulfilling their mission, who were called to be holy, and lived in sin; who were called to worship Christ and who plunged into this giddy and unbelieving world, who were called to fight and remained idle. Alas for those who had gifts and talents, and have not used, or misused, or abused them! The world goes on from age to age but the Angels and blessed Saints are always crying, ALAS AND WOE over the loss of vocations, and the disappointment of hopes, and the scorn of God's love and the ruin of souls.” (Cardinal Newman)

DEATH

Death is an experience that most fear and wonder at. Just what do we mean when we say that we are not just yet ready to die? Is it because our worldly affairs are not quite completed and that we have some few things left to attend to? Or, perhaps, is it that we have some OTHER WORLDLY things that have yet to be looked into, so that when we come before God – FACE TO FACE – we will be clean of all of our imperfections, of our countless self-serving considerations, of all our hypocrisies? Do we want God to see us as we really are? Is this in our minds? Is this why we shy away from death? Is this why we insist upon looking on death as something to be avoided? Is this why we do not even want to talk about death? Death to a Christian of proper and good will, who has lived a good life with love in his heart for God and for all of God's people should be the most beautiful thing, the most beautiful moment we have ever experienced in our lifetime. The moment of death is the most important moment in the lifetime of man! It is a moment of birth. It can be the moment of freedom and the beginning of eternal life, or the moment of enslavement and the beginning of eternal suffering! Death is the time when we have reached our fulfillment or are thrown into the depths of disappointment! The present world, and all of the “wonderful” things in it, have never given us full satisfaction; a moment of happiness, perhaps, and then the pleasure is quite over. We strive to reach some goal, we work very hard to have something – we obtain it, and what do we actually have? We wonder that after having gotten all these “wonderful” things that we would be happy and satisfied! Is it not, rather, that more we have grasped into our hands, the more unhappy we seem to have become? Why is this? If the things of this world do not give us happiness, then just what is happiness? Where is happiness? Can we finally have real happiness in the here and now?

God is happiness! God alone is happiness! And God is LOVE. We can have happiness and we can have God, but we must love Him with all of our minds and hearts and all our souls. The worldly man fears death, because he does not know LOVE! The Godly man loves death because he does know LOVE!

To encounter God in Christ's eyes of fire is the highest fulfillment of our capacity for love – it is our highest achievement! So much do we LOVE, so much do we not fear death, so much do we walk through the portals of death without hesitation, so pleased are we when, at last, we look upon the HOLY FACE of God. So fulfilling will be our ecstasy!