**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

St Pius V Chapel Birmingham, Alabama 9:30 AM Every Sunday except first Sunday of each month

## SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE

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Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel

Montgomery, Alabama

10:45 AM

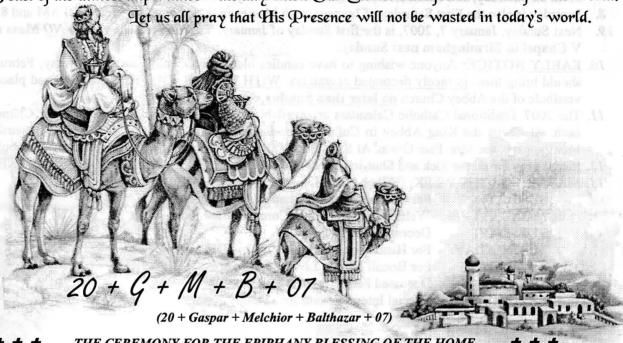
Only on first Sunday

of each month

Mass of Sunday within the Octave; Gl; Cr; Pref. Nativity; comm. Nativity

## Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Saturday, January 6, 2007
This is a Feast of the utmost importance ~ the day when Our Savior manifested Himself to the world.



THE CEREMONY FOR THE EPIPHANY BLESSING OF THE HOME

(On Epiphany Day - or any day within the Octave of the Feast of the Epiphany - at home, the following ceremony is performed by a priest or the father or senior member of the family. The following prayer is said once and at the main entrance of the house. All the family members should be present, and should accompany the priest or the head of the family as he or she goes from door to door - everyone keeping a respectful silence, or better yet, reciting the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary.)

- y. Peace to my house. And to all who live here.
- V. The father of the just will exult with glee; let your father and mother have joy. R All nations shall serve Him.
- V. Happy they who dwell in Your House, O Lord! Continually they praise You. R All nations shall serve Him.
- ). Blessed is the man who hears me and who watches daily at my gates and at the post of my doors.
- V. O Lord, hear my prayer. R. And let my cry come unto You.

## Father: LET US PRAY:

Hear us, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Eternal God, and send Thy Holy Angel from Heaven to watch over, cherish, protect, be with, and defend all who live in my house. I call upon Your Saints, Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, to protect my family and my home from every harm and danger, and I place the marks of their holy names over the doors of my home to remain there as a constant reminder to us and to all who enter here that my house is truly a house of the Lord.

O God, make the door of my house wide enough to receive all who need human love and companionship; narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride, and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back the tempter's power. O God, make the door of my house the gateway to Thy eternal Kingdom. I ask these things in the Name of Jesus Christ Thy Son. Amen.

+ All nations shall serve Him +

