

Christ the King Abbey

(Traditional Benedictines)
(Formerly St Francis of Assisi Chapel)
www.ChristTheKingAbbey.org
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

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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Feast of the Holy Family (formerly: *Sunday within the Octave*)

January 7, 2007 – White

Mass of Sunday within the Octave; GI; Cr; Pref. Epiphany



Feast of The Holy Family

Jesus Mary Joseph



How happy were Mary and Joseph when, sitting down to their simple meal, they had the little Jesus between them. **How they must have felt when each morning and evening they knelt beside Him, knowing that He whose prayer went up with theirs was Himself the God to Whom they prayed.** Was there ever a scene on earth more beautiful than morning and night prayers at Nazareth?

As Jesus advanced in age and as He learned how to perform the various chores around the Holy House, can anyone doubt that He swept the house, washed the dishes, ground the corn, cleaned up around and outside the house. No work was too lowly or too commonplace for Him – God – Who had made all things out of nothing. Mary and Joseph were never tired of watching their young Son and admiring the care with which all was done and finished, not once or twice, or when the work was interesting or new or challenging to Him, but day after day, week after week, and year after year, even when it was quite dull and tiresome.

They never forgot Who He was; they never got used to the thought that He Who came at their slightest call, and went on errands, and brought home the modest pay for Joseph's work, was the Lord of Angels and of men. "Whence art Thou?" their hearts must have cried out, as they saw the readiness with which He obeyed their every wish and direction. Always and always they never failed to see the cheerfulness and grace and charm with which He served them. Was this not most marvelous, that God, Himself, was at the service of His own creatures? Could they ever fail to notice how faithful and dependable He was in the performance of all His duties – big and small?