

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

SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY

February 11, 2007 – Purple

Mass of Sunday; no Gl; Cr; Pref. Trinity; comm. St. Gregory II

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Septuagesima

Sexagesima Sunday

OF OUR THOUGHT LIFE

Our thoughts are the image of our soul. The more exalted its thoughts, the greater and nobler the soul. So long as we give ourselves solely to what is earthly: visible and created things – PEOPLE AND POWER AND PLEASURE AND THINGS (and now) ACCUMULATION OF WEALTH – our soul will never reach beyond such transitory and passing things. At the center of our thought life will only be found thoughts concerning: things to do and places to go and people to meet. At the center of our concerns will be the good life! Never satisfied, the struggle to surround ourselves with the transitory things of this present existence continues and continues. If, on the other hand, we think of God, our soul comes to share in the greatness of the Godhead. ONLY ANGELS AND MEN CAN THINK OF GOD. To think rightly of God is the highest thought possible for a created being. Thought cannot rise higher than the Highest. Worldly men will laugh at and ridicule this presentation because worldly men are concerned only with “matters of consequence.” Over and over men of the world tell themselves: “We are busy with matters of consequence.” And the thought of their “matters of consequence” makes them swell up with pride. Since their thoughts cannot go higher than the things they can see with their eyes and the money they can count, they scorn those whose thoughts go above and beyond their own silly calculations.

Thought cannot rise higher than the Highest! It is in prayer that man raises his thoughts to God and has communion with Him. Man is united with nothing so intimately as with the reflection of his own soul – his thoughts. And in this case we here speak of, in prayer the reflection of God Himself is at the very center of thought. God, the most beautiful, the most exalted in heaven and upon earth, lifts up and gives life to the soul of man. Thoughts of the most high God lift up! Thoughts of money and things weigh like lead on the mind of Man.