

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

PASSION SUNDAY

March 25, 2007 – Purple

Mass of Sunday; no Gl; Cr; Pref. Holy Cross

Passion Sunday

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The Incarnation

Tomorrow we celebrate the marvelous Feast of the Annunciation of our Most Blessed Mother – this year transferred from today. Most of us attend to look upon this occasion merely as an interesting historical event, inadvertently placing it together with all the noteworthy historical events since the time of Adam up to this present day.

It is little to say of the Incarnation that it is the greatest historical event that has ever been or that ever will be. The Incarnation of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ dwarfs into utter insignificance everything contained in all human records. It is to belittle it to allow it to enter into comparison with anything at all that has ever affected human destinies. The Incarnation absolutely goes beyond any and every event that can be imagined by the human intellect. To compare it with any human event might very much be like comparing a tempest in a teakettle with the roar of the mighty ocean! Please forgive this inadequate comparison! In all the fortunes of mankind, the Incarnation was an event, decisive, startling, and sudden, like the very act of creation itself. In creation, God's infinite power appeared in His causing the whole ordered universe to spring forth from nothingness and to emerge an ordered thing from out of chaos. However, in the Incarnation, the power of the work of God was manifested in a far greater degree. He made the same Person to be both God and Man at the same time: complete and entire God and complete and entire Man. Nothing – nothing at all – can be greater than that God

should become Man! Man fell, therefore Man it had to be to satisfy Divine Justice. In all that we know about the Incarnation, vindication of the Divine Justice of Almighty God was paramount. Through Jesus Christ, God and Man, adequate reparation was made for the sins of all fallen mankind.

The devil was the conqueror of frail man. Now in his turn, the devil must be overcome by one who was entirely Man and not by any force exclusively divine. The work of reparation had to be that of Man. The reparative suffering was endured entirely by Man, unaided and unassisted. The overcoming of the devil was not accomplished by violence. It was not by violence or in any manner that violated right order that God saved mankind from perdition.

In the wise and merciful design of Almighty God, the taking on of created nature by a Divine Person was the event that completed creation. It was the crowning act of creation. It was to this event that everything human should come to and be joined together. It was to this event that everything human would derive its significance.

How unsearchable are the ways of God!

