

# Christ the King Abbey

(Traditional Benedictines)  
(Formerly St Francis of Assisi Chapel)  
[www.ChristTheKingAbbey.org](http://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

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

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Mass of Sunday; Gl; Cr; Pref. Easter

## *“And Thou Shalt Renew the Face of the Earth”*

*In this most holy time when we continue to bring to mind the Sacred Passion of our dear Lord, let us work to reach a new level of understanding of the infinite amount of love that was in the bosom of Christ. Only love – the most perfect love – could have wrought such suffering. The love was infinite – the suffering could well be classified as infinite, and the Victim was infinite. It is true that God's mercy can pardon, but only His love can renew the world; only His love is powerful enough to bring back new life to His Church – provided His church is willing and ready to respond. “Thou shalt send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created, and Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.” In praying this prayer, our words ask the Father to vivify the action of the Holy Spirit in the world, indeed, in His Holy Church – the Holy Spirit, Who is the Spirit of love, or rather, is Love Itself. Only the Spirit of God can renew the face of the earth spiritually, and until this happens, the work of us poor creatures is for nothing. Yet work we must, knowing that whatever work we perform, if it be not filled with the Spirit of God working in us – it will always remain fruitless. The work is the work of the Spirit, not ours, to make fruitful.*

*God works amongst us using the most insignificant of means – He does so in order to confound the intellectual pride that has always obscured the mind of man. Only the poor in spirit can bring down the strong men of this earth who think they can succeed and erect their own pagan civilization over the tomb of the One True Church of Jesus Christ. Through a silent but very active life of love and prayer and sacrifice, God wishes to cure the world of the pernicious evil of the modernist way. The Spirit of God will vivify none of the evil activity of modern man. None of the atheistic activity now in evidence will ever completely subdue the Spirit of God. The omnipotence of our God will never be completely overpowered by the hooliganisms of His upstart creatures.*

*In spite of the message of Jesus Christ to the poor family of man in this world, man rejects the springs of living and health-giving waters of the Gospel, favoring the polluted cisterns of evil and sin and untruth and error. In so doing, he finds only corruption, death, and ruin in them – regardless of the high-sounding cosmetic words man uses to cloak the hideous destruction that has become the normal way of life for Modern man, in his world and in his religion.*