

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

FEAST OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

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July 1, 2007 – Red

Mass of Feast; Gl; Cr; Pref. Holy Cross; Comm. Sunday

Feast of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus

Blessed be His Most Precious Blood!



AND WHAT IS A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN?

(Part 2)

As regards to himself, the fervent Catholic Christian knows that nothing that is done out of love for God is small. There are no small things in God's sight, if done in pure and abiding love. The very force of love, therefore, makes all things both big and small to be great. As far as we are concerned, that should be all that matters. To one whose heart is filled with the love of God, even the littlest things bring peace and joy and serenity. In the normal way of acting, such a one places no inordinate interest in the larger collector's items the man of the world seeks after. Such a man is interested only in collecting those treasures which bind him ever closer and closer to the God Whom he loves. It a way of life, not forced regimentation. In God, and in God alone, can one – indeed will one – find freedom, a freedom that keeps him uncluttered from the complications of materialistic living. The materialistic man knows no freedom. He is the slave of his materialistic tastes. The fear of loss is uppermost in the mind of the man of the world. In order to survive in the kingdom of the world, the man of the world constantly displays his muscle power by boasting, bragging, and flaunting. The man of God has no such fear. The man of God knows that neither thief nor moth can come after his treasure.

In the kingdom of God, the man of God, hidden as it were in humility and retirement and prayer, cries out: "But for myself, if I must glory, I will glory in nothing but in my infirmities." The man of God – the Catholic Christian – the one who moves about in the real religious abode set up by Jesus Christ, Himself, is always perfectly composed and devoid of obstinacy, uneasiness, confusion, pride, argument, fuss, internal anger, and heart-felt hate! Without hypocrisy in his attitudinal demeanor, and devoid of duplicity, he considers himself as the servant of all and he truly sees Jesus Christ Himself in his neighbor. He never seeks after human recognition and applause. Neither does he yield to the cravings of vanity, self-love, or self-complacency. He is in no way any sort of attention seeker. Even in his desire to always be hidden, he does so without attracting attention. He can be and is happy when he is not noticed. With genuine cheerfulness he devotes himself to promoting the glory of God, in whatever place, employment, or rank, and obediently and humbly accepts the steep steps of life without complaint. The face of such a man (his eyes ESPECIALLY) – his total demeanor – in some way or another always reflects God. Such a man is always happy, always in good humor, and has no problem with, and actually loves to engage himself in, the fun things of life.

In short, a fervent Catholic Christian shows in his entire conduct and in his actions nothing singular or extraordinary, but inevitably imparts a sublime elevation and value to all his actions. His whole conduct is directed by his exalted motives and by a wholly interior spiritual and recollected life. He walks always in the presence of God, and his desire for perfection is genuine. His hope and expectation for heavenly bliss is ever before him, and his feeling of compunction for his sins is sincere and always before him.

One may ask, however: "How can this be when everyone today is forced to walk daily in the market places of life?" The answer to this question is not as difficult as one might think. If one really WANTS to live a good and holy life, he will live a life of determination and solid commitment, and such a one can walk in any market place and maintain his interior life intact.

By constant fidelity to grace, by the faithful performance of all his duties and his work, by his inner conversion of life (*CONVERSIO*), the man of God is constantly storing up treasures and merits, all so unknown in the streets of the world, but all well known and pleasing to God, Who sees all and remembers all. *(Continued on page two)*