

# 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

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 15, 2007 – Green

Mass of Sunday; Gl; Cr; Pref. Holy Trinity

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## THE UNADORNED TRUTH

The one thing in Christianity – Catholic Christianity – which distinguishes it from all other religions is doctrine (of course), but more especially, the Person of the God-Man: His birth of a Virgin; His sacrificial death on a Cross for the sins of mankind; His resurrection from the dead. Therefore, at the very center of Catholic Christianity stands the miracle of the Incarnation. Only against the background of the Incarnation do all the words and deeds of Jesus exercise their binding claim upon us all. It was the bodily presence of the God-Man, and the certainty that He was there precisely for the poor and the needy and the sinful, that brought healing to the people and strengthened their union with Him. It was this union that made them whole and which freed the sinner from sin (“Go, and sin no more!”)

The presence of Jesus Christ continues without ceasing, and this in the Most Blessed Eucharist. Most important for us is that the Blessed Eucharist – His presence among us – can continue only because of the fullness of the valid Sacerdotal Priesthood which He passed on to us by way of His Apostles. The fullness of the Priesthood, the realness of the Priesthood, is essential, because the Priesthood stands directly in front of the background of the Incarnation. But the Priesthood must be certainly established and has to be kept within the limits of what has been determined for it to

be valid and efficacious; otherwise it will be no more than an actor standing in front of a cruciform prop! Guesswork and presumption and private opinion are out of the question in a matter of such vital importance.

In view of the central importance of the fullness of the Priesthood, as traditionally handed down from the moment of Jesus Christ to the present day, every precaution, avoiding unreasonable scrupulosity, has to be taken to protect the cornerstone of the purpose of our religion – **THE SALVATION OF THE SOUL OF MAN!** Every Priest must be an unquestionably trustworthy and valid member of the sacerdotal family of Christ – a direct descendant.

Any departure from what is the inviolable requirement for one to become a member of Christ’s sacerdotal line must be avoided at any cost. Modern application and change of the form of the ordination rite has inevitably brought justifiable doubt to the validity of the modern day Priesthood. It is in the best interests of the faithful who are on the receiving end of the new rite of ordination to be much more cautious and demanding of a valid Priesthood. It is said that the new rite **may** be valid – but **“may be” is simply not good enough.** It is also suggested that a short course in traditional formation and in the Latin language can bring one to the fullness of Traditional Roman Catholic Priesthood. **NOT SO!**

No matter how well the Latin word is pronounced! No matter how beautiful the rendition of the Gregorian Chant! No matter how precise the medieval cut of the vestment! No matter how accurately measured out the beeswax content of the altar candles! **IF THERE IS NO TRUE PRIEST — THERE IS NO MASS** – and all the words (“signifying nothing”) will not change the stark and unpleasant reality of **THE UNADORNED TRUTH!**

