

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
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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

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Mass of Sunday; GI; Cr; Pref. Holy Trinity; comm. St. Mary Magdalene

AND WHAT IS A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN?

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There is no one who does not have a full realization of his own deficiencies. One's personal deficiencies are constantly gnawing away at his mental awareness. Everyone – the truly humble excepted – is always at work trying to cover up his weaknesses. In this great cover up, the countless artifices of pride are there to be used in the rescue.

We here point out some of the many ways that pride manifests itself:

- 1) Pride leads a person to talk much of himself and of his own affairs, most often artfully embellishing them, the better to gain the esteem of others.
- 2) There are those who cannot resist the compulsion to boast. No matter what the subject under discussion may be, the boaster always has the foremost experience and is preeminent in background training. The boaster is always one cut above the expertise of those around him.
- 3) The artifice of mock “modesty” (false modesty) is excellently used to subtly draw ever more attention to oneself.
- 4) So often is a litany of ailments and sicknesses, and sought-after treatments, used to focus attention upon oneself.
- 5) Some there are who are quite adroit in turning the conversation to topics in which they can display their vast knowledge and ability.
- 6) The proud person is often most patronizing and goes about patronizing other people's manifest weaknesses.
- 7) Proud people consider themselves superior, and their demeanor, their walk, their posture, their eyes, even, give off the fumes of superiority. The superior person makes use of studied phrases and clichés and he takes on a magisterial tone in any group discussion. He is a “last word” person.
- 8) Pride insists on maintaining its own opinion, sometimes even in the presence of one who is noted for his established knowledge and experience concerning the matter at hand.
- 9) The proud person cannot let anyone's mistake or fault pass without correcting it in his dealings with those around him. He is ever too glad and quick to correct others, but is bitterly resentful when the least correction is aimed at himself. How quick he is to defend himself.
- 10) Perhaps the meanest form of self-exaltation (pride) is that which seeks to increase itself by belittling others. The proud person does not like to hear others praised, and is only too ready, “in all charity” or “for their own good,” to point out the clay feet of those who are renowned.
- 11) The proud person cannot bear contradiction of any kind. His word is final. He speaks with the authority of a master.
- 12) Proud people cannot bear the least correction – even constructive criticism. Nor can they accept the fact that it is possible for them to ever be wrong.
- 13) Pride will not let one apologize when his error, mistake, or wrongdoing is brought to his attention; rather, the one accused cleverly shifts the defect onto the one who points out the error, mistake, or wrongdoing.
- 14) The proud person never shows gratitude for assistance given him in time of need. He accepts (even expects) it as his just due.
- 15) Proud people do not know how to forgive, or, if they do “forgive,” they yet never forget any wrong done them – which is not true forgiveness.
- 16) Always and always, the proud person, in one way or another, insinuates his supposed superiority upon others.