

Christ the King Abbey

(Traditional Benedictines)

(St Francis of Assisi Chapel)

Cullman, Alabama

Every Sunday

6:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M.

6:00 A.M. Daily

Holy Days:

6:00 A.M.; 8:00 A.M.; 7:00 P.M.

Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel

Montgomery, Alabama

10:45 A.M.

Only on first Sunday
of each month

St Pius V Chapel

Birmingham, Alabama

9:30 A.M.

Every Sunday except
first Sunday of each month

SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY

January 30, 2005 – Purple

Mass of Sunday; No Gl; Cr; Pref. Trinity

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SEPTUAGESIMA

CALVARY ~ YES OR NO?

The matter concerning the salvation of our immortal souls has to be given the most serious consideration that we are capable of. As children of God, in full awareness of our purpose, we must come to a full realization that all matters not directly associated with the salvation of our souls must be given secondary importance and value. In this presentation, therefore, let us focus our attention only on affairs of religious significance. In so doing we must conscientiously strive to arrive at a precise understanding of the difference between the externalisms of the law which pertain to Catholic observance (the fulfillment of the ten thousand different rules that have come to govern liturgical ceremonial and the various rules and laws that govern Catholic conduct), and the salvation that comes through faith in Christ and through the good works born of that faith. This is not to say that regulatory precepts are of no importance. They are, but they, in themselves, do not bring about salvation. Salvation is not in a book. Salvation is not caused by rules. Salvation is not in repetitious argument or in theological and legalistic speculations - which accomplish nothing.

Salvation comes through faith - LOVE AND CONFIDENCE - in Christ and Christ crucified. Love and confidence in God, our loving Father (not theological and legalistic force of argument), are the wings with which the soul undertakes the most daring flights and victoriously gains every height. Argumentation is like a heavy anvil weighing down the soul, forcing it into frustration and confusion. Trust and confidence in God are the life of the soul. If confidence wanes, then love also languishes, and the soul then merely drags itself along a murky road, gradually losing sight of its purpose. Outside of self-seeking, lack of faith is the greatest obstacle to the divine working in a soul. A love which does not trust is not love at all. It is fear! Salvation comes through faith - trust and love - in Christ and Christ crucified, and through the interior change that faith in Christ Crucified together with the prudent good works born of that faith bring about in the soul. Interior change is a matter of the supreme most importance. If there is no interior change - no interior turning away from self and sin, no serious effort at CONVERSIO - it is idle to speak any further about salvation.

If we fail to reach a clear and unquestionable understanding of these differences, and the way these differences in motive and purpose affect the soul, all that took place on the hillside of Calvary - as far as we are individually concerned - will have been for naught.

1. There will be Catechism class after the 10:00 Mass this morning.
2. Wednesday, February 2, 2005, is the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary, with the blessing of candles before Mass.
3. Thursday, February 3, 2005, is the Feast of St. Blaise (Roman Calendar), with the St. Blaise Blessing of Throats after Mass.
4. Thursday is also the first Thursday of February, with the usual Holy Hours and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament in the Abbey Church from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM and 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM.
5. Friday, February 4, 2005, is the First Friday of February, with Masses in the Abbey Church at 6:00 AM and 8:00 AM, and all day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 10:00 AM until 6:00 PM.
6. Saturday, February 5, 2005, is the First Saturday of February, with Masses in the Abbey Church at 6:00 AM and 8:00 AM.
7. Next Sunday, February 6, 2005, is the first Sunday of February. **Therefore there will be NO Mass at St. Pius V Chapel in Birmingham next Sunday. Also, there will be NO Catechism class next Sunday.**
8. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels. LET US ALSO PRAY FOR EVERYONE. Let us pray for ALL the priests and religious men and women of the world. NO MAN, WOMAN, OR CHILD SHOULD BE LEFT OUT OF OUR PRAYER. God made all men to be with Him in heaven for all eternity, and this includes every human being on earth, regardless of station or condition or place. While Our Blessed Lord was hanging on the Cross He did not look around and pick and choose those for whom He was dying. He did not exclude a single member of the Human Race – even His enemies – from the wounded Love that came forth from Him during those momentous moments. Weak human nature and erroneous persuasions will prevent some from achieving the purpose intended for them by God, but that matter remains entirely between all such and God. We must make no judgments concerning such matters. If there is any sifting to be done, it is to be done by God, Himself alone. We are **NOT** the ones to do the sifting.
9. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

SUNDAY:	For the People of our Chapels
MONDAY:	Deceased Wallace Graham
TUESDAY:	Special intention Mary Conlon
WEDNESDAY:	Special intention George and Laurie Niebuhr
THURSDAY:	Special intention Anna Rita Huelskamp
FRIDAY:	Deceased of Abel Family
SATURDAY:	Special intention Paul Roy Family



SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY

One tiny act of love for Jesus Christ and His most Blessed Mother may well decide the eternal salvation of a soul! An act of love is the most fruitful prayer of reparation for sin. In truth, an act of love is more fruitful than vocal prayers, though vocal prayers must never be omitted.

Our actions will have more value in proportion as we increase in our love of God.