

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

February 20, 2005 – Purple

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

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THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT

*“Between the porch and the altar, the priests, the Lord’s ministers,
shall weep and shall say, Spare, O Lord, spare your people,
and shut not the mouths of those who sing to you.” Joel 2:17*

The man who loses his life in this world in order to find it again in Christ and in the next world has learned the principle of the spiritual life and of penance. He is allowing the seed to die so that it may begin to live. Such a man knows that self-indulgence cannot go hand in hand with living a Christ-like life as a disciple of Christ. When discipleship is the main focus of life, self-indulgence is eradicated. This is only elementary reasoning. But before this significant decision is made, there is normally great conflict. There is conflict all along the line, because there is opposition from every sense and from every emotion. If the senses and emotions have been allowed their independence they will not readily come to heel at a single command of a newly converted will. The senses and emotions will have substituted their own particular gratifications for conscience over such a wide area that the reformed person will have to go back and UNLEARN all of the bad habits and ways of living that have been learned over the years.

Each appetite, whether physical or mental, gathers strength in proportion as it lives for itself. It subtracts from the life of the whole, drawing to itself the energy which was meant to be distributed to others. The balance is consequently disturbed. Thus an unregulated interest in food, for example, can make a person unfit for serious work or thought. It can be easily appreciated what havoc can be caused by the intemperate satisfaction of the grosser appetites. The result of all this is that some of a person’s powers are stronger than they are meant to be, while others are weaker. The strong rebel against the conversion of the whole, and the weak are too enfeebled to support the change. A drunkard finds it hard to turn to God in penitence not only because of the abiding pull towards drink but also because of the lack of pull towards something other than drink. He has exhausted what were meant to be reserves.

1. There will be Catechism class after the 10:00 AM Mass this morning.
2. Thursday, February 24, 2005, is the Feast of Saint Matthias the Apostle.
3. The Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament are held on the Fridays of Lent at 7:00 PM in the Abbey Church.
4. It is understood that many of the people in attendance at our Chapels are unable to attend the Stations of the Cross at the Abbey. In such cases, the Home Chapel should be used. The head of the family should lead the devotion. In the place of Benediction, the Holy Rosary can be said by all. The proper example of the parents in this matter is most important. Wise, prudent, and gentle instruction should be used to motivate the children as to what is taking place. Force or strong discipline must never be used to bear upon children in this matter. Do not fatigue the children with lengthy devotions.
5. We encourage you to make use of the Lenten Readings. Again, it is the duty of the head of the family to read the assigned reading for the day. No one sitting at the table should begin eating until the reading is completed.
6. **EARLY ANNOUNCEMENT:** Palm Sunday this year is March 20. Because of the usual Palm Sunday Ceremonies held before the 10:00 Mass at the Abbey Church, **there will be NO Mass at St. Pius V Chapel in Birmingham on Sunday, March 20, 2005.**
7. 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. Our only duty is to pray for **souls**. We 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.
8. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

SUNDAY:	For the People of our Chapels
MONDAY:	Deceased Thomas and Mabel Regan
TUESDAY:	Special intention Ann Biwer
WEDNESDAY:	Welfare Edwin Gehl, Jr.
THURSDAY:	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
FRIDAY:	Special intention Michael Oleksa
SATURDAY:	Special intention Angelo Chiapparo

