

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

PALM SUNDAY

March 20, 2005 – Purple

Mass of Sunday; No Gl; Cr; Pref. Holy Cross

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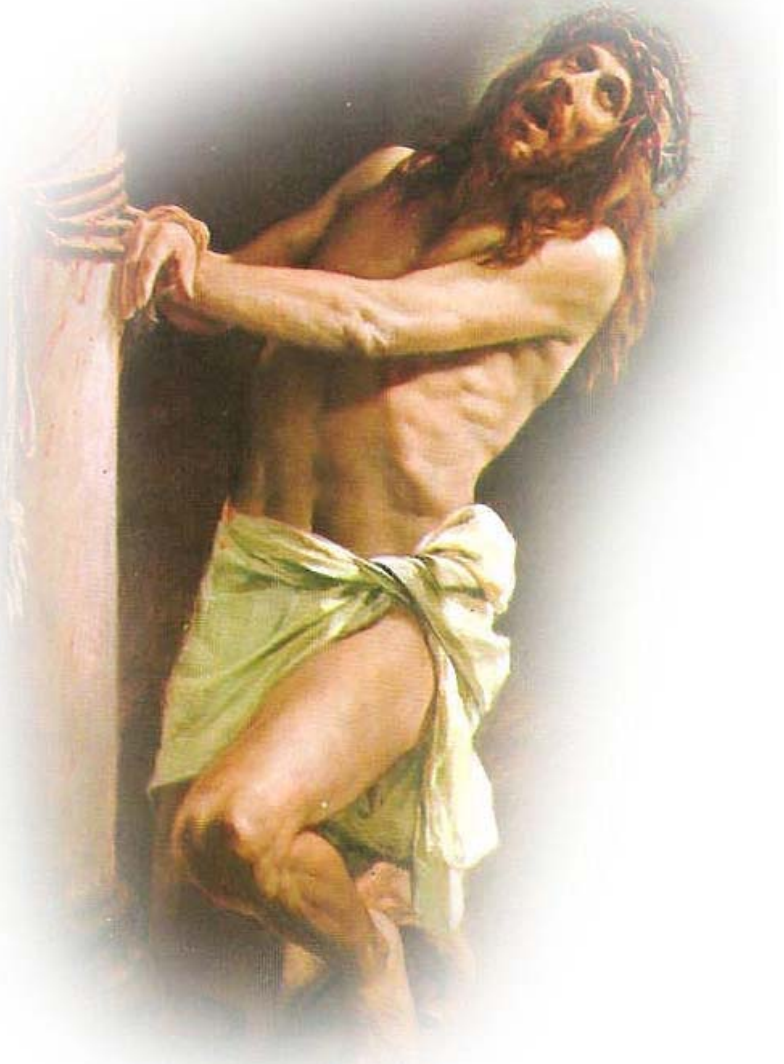
Palm Sunday

We must arrive at a precise explanation of the difference between the externalisms of the law, and the salvation that comes through faith in Christ and the good works born of that faith. Salvation simply is not in the fulfillment of the twenty-hundred differently interpreted rules of correct traditional religious ceremonial and personal moral conduct.

Salvation is not in the letter of the law – especially in the various home-spun traditionalist opinions that have sprouted up concerning the law! Salvation is not in the meticulous performance and extravagant renditions of liturgical ceremony! Salvation is not in a book! Salvation is not in the scrupulous following out of carefully selected – preferred – traditional religious devotions and prayers! Salvation is not in the superficial and capricious observance of outward acts of virtue! Salvation is not in repetitious argument and debate (which signify NOTHING)! Salvation is not in the countless un-Catholic and improperly “authenticated” presentations of “Catholic” orthodoxy!

Salvation comes through faith in Christ and through the INTERIOR CHANGE that faith in Christ Crucified brings about in the soul of man! Salvation comes from and is to be found in one’s genuinely sincere love for God – the God of Love – and the living virtue generated by that love!

If we fail to reach a clear and unquestionable understanding of this difference, then all that took place on the hillside of Calvary (and continues to take place on a few scattered altars still remaining throughout the world), as far as we are concerned, will all have been for naught!



1. There will be NO Catechism class this morning. There will be NO Catechism class until the Second Sunday after Easter (April 10, 2005).
2. Weather permitting, we will have the Blessing of the Palms on the porch of the Monastery this morning before the 10:00 AM Mass, followed with the usual Procession into the Abbey Church.
3. Once again, since our monastic community remains too small to carry out the magnificent ceremonies of Holy Week with the dignity and perfection they deserve, the usual Holy Week Ceremonies will be omitted. This is a real sacrifice, and we offer it to God as a solemn prayer for vocations. Nevertheless, everyone is urged to spend these most holy days as prayerfully as possible, using their home chapels according to their intended purpose.
4. **N.B.: BECAUSE THERE WILL BE NO SOLEMN CEREMONIES IN THE ABBEY CHURCH DURING HOLY WEEK, MASSES ARE NOT PERMITTED ON HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY, OR HOLY SATURDAY. THEREFORE THERE WILL BE NO MASSES ON THOSE DAYS.**
5. • **HOLY THURSDAY (March 24, 2005):** There will be all night Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Abbey Church beginning at 8:00 PM on Holy Thursday and ending at 8:00 AM on Good Friday.
6. • **GOOD FRIDAY (March 25, 2005):** The usual Good Friday services in the Abbey Church will begin at 12:00 Noon and end with the Stations of the Cross at 3:00 PM. **There will be NO Stations of the Cross in the evening on Good Friday.**
7. • **EASTER SUNDAY (March 27, 2005) MASS SCHEDULE:**
 - ABBEY CHURCH, CULLMAN: **6:00** AM and **10:00** AM.
 - ST. PIUS V CHAPEL, BIRMINGHAM: **9:00** AM. (*Please note time carefully.*)
 - OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHAPEL, MONTGOMERY: **10:45** AM. (*Please note time carefully.*)
8. **N.B.:** Because the Feast of the Annunciation (March 25) falls on Good Friday this year, it has been transferred to Monday, April 4 (the Monday after Low Sunday).
9. **N.B.:** Because the Feast of Saint Benedict (March 21) falls on Monday of Holy Week this year, it has been transferred to Tuesday, April 5.
10. **N.B.:** The Sunday after Easter, Low Sunday, April 3, 2004, Daylight Savings Times begins. **Remember to set your clocks FORWARD one hour.**
11. **Important note for Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel in Montgomery:** In order to add more solemnity to the first Sunday in May at Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel in Montgomery (on which day we honor Our Lady with a simple crowning of her statue after Mass), the annual Montgomery spring picnic will be moved from the first Sunday in May to the first Sunday in June. **Therefore, from henceforth, the annual spring picnic at Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel in Montgomery will be held after Mass on the first Sunday in June.**
12. **EARLY NOTICE:** Sunday, May 8, 2005, is Mother's Day. On that day we will have our usual Ceremony of the Crowning of Our Lady's statue in the Abbey Church before the 10:00 AM Mass. Miss Sarah Renee Smith will crown Our Lady this year. **THERE WILL BE NO MASS AT ST. PIUS V CHAPEL IN BIRMINGHAM ON MOTHER'S DAY (MAY 8, 2005).**
13. 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.
14. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

SUNDAY:	For the People of our Chapels
MONDAY:	Deceased Manny Gomez (<i>Anniversary</i>)
TUESDAY:	Deceased Joan Goudreau
WEDNESDAY:	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
THURSDAY:	HOLY THURSDAY — NO MASS
FRIDAY:	GOOD FRIDAY — NO MASS
SATURDAY:	HOLY SATURDAY — NO MASS

SANCTITY AND HOLINESS OF LIFE MUST BE OUR DESTINATION

**"A sure way not to reach a destination
is to pretend you have already arrived."**