

## 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

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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

April 17, 2005 – White

Mass of Sunday; Gl; Cr; Pref. Easter

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### ***Where In The World Do We Find Salvation?***

*(Reprint from Palm Sunday Bulletin No. 875)*

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 traditionalist religious ceremonial and personal moral conduct.

Salvation is not in the letter of the law – especially in the various home-spun traditionalist opinions and private self-serving approvals or disapprovals 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 – traditionalist 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 Catechism class after the 10:00 AM Mass this morning.
2. Saturday, April 23, 2005, is the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Dedication of our Abbey Church.
3. **EARLY NOTICE:** On Sunday, May 8, 2005, Mother's 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. *However, there **WILL** be Mass at St. Pius V Chapel in Birmingham on Mother's Day.*
4. **EARLY NOTICE No. 2:** Sunday, May 29, 2005, is Corpus Christi Sunday (the Feast of Corpus Christi itself is the Thursday before: May 26, 2005), with the usual Corpus Christi Procession and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament after Mass at the Abbey Church. *Therefore there will be **NO** Mass at St. Pius V Chapel in Birmingham on that day (Sunday, May 29, 2005).*
5. 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.
6. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)
 

SUNDAY:	For the People of our Chapels
MONDAY:	Deceased Shirley Britton
TUESDAY:	Special intention Peter Schmitz-hille ( <i>Birthday</i> )
WEDNESDAY:	Deceased Edward Sautner
THURSDAY:	In honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary – in thanksgiving
FRIDAY:	Deceased of Patterson Family
SATURDAY:	Welfare of Christ the King Abbey ( <i>10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of dedication of Abbey Church</i> )

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### ***For The Preservation Of The Christian Order***

*It is a prodigious tragedy today that so many people of our world – especially our Christian Catholic world – no longer turn to God in a spirit of penance and prayer and self-abnegation. Many there are who like to talk about the Christian Order and the preservation of it, yet who refuse to motivate themselves into doing that which is most helpful in the preserving of it, namely, the reconstruction of self. In fact, the very thought of the reconstruction of self is altogether unintelligible to the mind of modern man. Penance and prayer and self-abnegation have become so overshadowed by the created demands of our modern materialistic and Godless society, that for most of mankind even the very idea of such a life has not only lost all significance but is looked upon with utter repugnance and disdain. The preservation of the Christian Order depends entirely on the reconstruction of self, and is the consequent result of the restoration of true Faith within the individual. The restoration of a strong Faith will bring about the reconstruction of our attitude toward the importance of a life of solid prayer and penance. It has been the weakening of our Faith that has caused many – even of good will – to stuff every thought of penance and prayer and self-abnegation into the catch-all basket of poorly kept annual Lenten resolutions.*