

# Christ the King Abbey

(Traditional Benedictines)

(St Francis of Assisi Chapel)

Cullman, Alabama

Every Sunday:

6:00 AM and 10:00 AM

6:00 AM Daily

Holy Days of Obligation:

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

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Mass of Sunday; Gl; Cr; Pref. Trinity; Comm. Ss. Basilides, Cyrinus, Nabor, and Nazarius

## “EVERYMAN”

“Everyman”, hearken what I say:  
Go to “Priesthood”, I you advise,  
And receive of him in any wise  
The holy sacrament and ointment together ...  
There is no emperor, king, duke, nor baron,  
That of God hath commission  
As hath the least priest in the world being;  
For of the blessed sacraments pure and benign  
He beareth the keys, and thereof hath the cure  
For man’s redemption — it is ever sure —  
Which God for our soul’s medicine  
Gave us our of His Heart with great pain,  
Here in this transitory life, for thee and me.  
The blessed sacraments seven there be:  
Baptism, confirmation, with priesthood good,  
And the sacrament of God’s precious flesh and blood,  
Marriage, the holy extreme unction, and penance.  
These seven be good to have in remembrance,  
Gracious sacraments of high divinity.  
“Everyman”, meekly to your ghostly father go.  
God will you to salvation bring.

For the priesthood exceedeth all other thing;  
To us Holy Scripture they do teach,  
And converteth man from sin, heaven to reach;  
God hath to them more power given,  
Than to any angel that is in heaven.  
With five words he may consecrate  
God’s body in flesh and blood to make,  
And handleth his Maker between his hands.  
The priest bindeth and unbindeth all bands,  
Both in earth and in heaven;  
He ministers all the sacraments seven ...  
And he the surgeon that cureth sin deadly:  
No remedy we find under God  
But all only “priesthood”.  
“Everyman”, God gave priests that dignity,  
And setteth them in His stead among us to be;  
Thus be they above angels, in degree ...  
Therefore let us priesthood honor,  
And follow their doctrine for our souls, succor.  
We be their sheep, and they shepherds be  
By whom we all be kept in surety.

The above excerpt is taken from an ancient Medieval Morality Play. The play is entitled *EVERYMAN*. “Everyman”, one of the characters in the play, characterizes any man or woman or child — anybody of anytime or anyplace. “Everyman” has been approached by “Death” and fear overcomes him, for he is not ready. He looks for help and seeks somebody who can be of help to him and afford him with some support and security in dealing with the warnings of “Death”. He was warned that he had to make a reckoning

“Before the Redeemer of all thing.”

He then, therefore, turns to “Friendship”. “Friendship” answers:

“An yet if thou wilt eat, and drink and make good cheer,  
I would not forsake you while the day is clear” ...

“If ‘Death’ be the messenger ...

I will not a foot with thee go! Farewell.”

Next, “Everyman” turned to “Kindred”. “Kindred” said:

“In wealth and woe we will with you hold.”

“Everyman” said:

“I was commanded by a messenger  
That is a high king’s chief officer;  
He bade me go a pilgrimage, to my pain,  
And I know well I shall never come again;  
Also I must give a reckoning straight,  
For I have a great enemy that hath me in wait,  
Which intendeth me for to hinder.”

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The answer came:

“‘Everyman’, farewell now.”

Again “Everyman” turned to “Goods”, ending with the words:

“For it is said ever among,  
That money maketh all right that is wrong.” ...  
“And all my life-days I loved thee goods and treasure.”

And “Goods” answered the plight of “Everyman” with:

“Nay, ‘Everyman’, I say no;  
As for a while I was lent thee,  
A season thou hast had me in prosperity.  
My condition is man’s soul to kill;  
If I save one, a thousand I do spill;  
Wishest thou that I will follow thee  
From this world? Nay, verily ...  
Therefore to thy soul “Goods’ is a thief;  
And when thou art dead, this is my guise –  
Another to deceive in the same wise  
As I have done thee, and all to his soul’s reprieve ...  
Marry! thou brought thyself in care,  
Whereof I am right glad.  
I must needs laugh, I cannot be sad ...  
Therefore farewell, and have good day.”

Poor “Everyman” then appealed to “Good Deeds” who said:

“‘Everyman’, I have understanding  
that ye be summoned account to make ...  
And you do by me, that journey with you will I take ...  
I would full fain, but I cannot stand, verily ...  
Look, the books of your works and deeds eke;  
Ah, see how they lie under the feet,  
To your soul’s heaviness ...  
‘Everyman’, I am sorry of your fall,  
And fain would I help you, and I were able.”

“Knowledge” then enters in and introduces “Everyman” to “Confession”. Says “Knowledge”:

“In the house of salvation  
We shall find Him in that place,  
That shall us comfort, by God’s grace,  
Lo, this is ‘Confession’. Kneel down and ask mercy,  
For he is in good conceit with God Almighty.

“Everyman”, kneeling says:

“O glorious fountain, that all uncleanness doth clarify,  
Was from me the spots of vice unclean,  
That on me no sin may be seen.”

“Knowledge”, “Confession”, and “Good Wits” introduce “Everyman” to “Priesthood”.

As we conclude this presentation, we draw attention to the above wonderful description of “Priesthood”. Various other characters enter in, but the most important is “Angel” who concludes the play with the following words:

“Now the soul is taken the body from,  
Thy reckoning is crystal clear.  
Now shalt thou into the heavenly sphere,  
Unto the which all ye shall come

**That liveth well before the day of doom.”** *(The End.)*

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1. There **WILL** be Catechism class after the 10:00 Mass this morning.
  2. Monday, June 13, 2005, is the Feast of St. Anthony of Padua. Let us pray to this well known Saint of lost things, asking him to help our beloved lost ones find their way back to the Truth.
  3. 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.
  4. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard’s schedule only)

SUNDAY:	For the People of our Chapels	THURSDAY:	Deceased Orlando Sison
MONDAY:	Deceased Pat Bernt	FRIDAY:	Deceased Agnus Hust
TUESDAY:	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory	SATURDAY:	Special intention John Ward
WEDNESDAY:	Special intention Gail Gergel		