

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

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Mass of Sunday; Gl; Cr; Pref. Trinity

A FATHER'S BLESSING

All salvation comes to us from the Holy Cross. Throughout the ages, our Holy Catholic Religion has taught us to bless all things – even ourselves – with the Sign of the Cross. We have also been taught that the Sign of the Cross carries a marvelous efficacy with it. The beautiful custom – wherever it is practiced – of children obtaining their father's or their mother's blessing before going to bed should be sacredly preserved. We strongly advocate that wherever this custom is not practiced it should be introduced into the family circle. The father's blessing brings about a mysterious bond which keeps the children's hearts united with their parents in reverence and love. It is the father's privilege, indeed, it is his duty as the head of his family, to give his blessing, and families in which even the grown-up sons and daughters reverently ask for and receive the paternal blessing are surely safe under the protection of God and His holy Saints and Angels.

Therefore we recommend that the father of the family (or the mother, if the father is absent) should each night, at a specified hour, call together all the members of his family into the area of the Home Chapel and after a short night prayer place his blessing upon them all before they go to bed. We caution that no force of any sort whatsoever be put upon any member of the family to be present. This must be a totally free religious practice. Let only the force of good example do the work.

With a Crucifix in hand, and holding it over the members of his household, the father places the blessing of Christ on all present.

Fathers, do not be afraid or timid in this regard. In so doing not only does the blessing reach each member of your family, but blessing and grace comes to you in abundance and superabundance.

MAY THE BLESSING OF ALMIGHTY GOD,
FATHER, SON, ✠ AND HOLY GHOST,
DESCEND UPON YOU AND REMAIN WITH YOU FOREVER.
AMEN.



1. There **WILL** be Catechism class this morning.
2. **NB:** *We are having new metal roofs put on the Abbey buildings. **Please beware of possible falling objects and other obstacles and hazards and debris as you enter and leave the Abbey buildings and grounds. EVERYONE – ESPECIALLY CHILDREN – PLEASE KEEP AWAY FROM THE STACKS OF ROOFING METAL IN THE PARKING LOT, FOR THERE ARE SHARP EDGES AND CORNERS!***
3. Monday, July 25, 2005, is the Feast of Saint James the Apostle.
4. Tuesday, July 26, 2005, is the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Let us all, especially all parents, pray to these great Saints to watch over, guide, and protect our children!
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 Ellen Frances Herman
TUESDAY:	Special intention Father Eugene Berry
WEDNESDAY:	Welfare Bishop Robert McKenna, OP
THURSDAY:	Deceased Richard Ploeckelman
FRIDAY:	Special intention Gene Lukasik
SATURDAY:	Deceased Joan Goudreau

!! IMPORTANT NOTICE !!

ST. PIUS V CHAPEL — BIRMINGHAM

During the Month of August, 2005, we have been asked to vacate the Chapel
by 10:00 A.M. each Sunday.

Therefore, Mass will begin promptly at 9:00 A.M.

NO CONFESSIONS AETER 8:50 A.M.

*Let us note well that the power of our conversation with God
does not lie in the quality
of the spoken words of the prayer
that issues forth from our lips.*

*The strength of our prayer lies entirely in the quality of the
interior and peaceful dispositions which predominate
in our hearts, and the humble state of mind
that springs forth from the true and pure love in our hearts!*

*So much do we love —
so strong is our prayer!*

“Two men went up to the Temple to pray ...”