

# 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

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Mass of Sunday; Gl; Cr; Pref. Trinity; Comm. St Cajetan

## *Jesus, Mary, I Love You! Save Souls!*

*For those who want to believe, no argument is necessary.*

*For those who do not want to believe, no argument is possible.*

*(Part 2)*

Even with the burning fire of love in our hearts, it sometimes happens that we forget to express our love for God – for Jesus and Mary. It may even happen that our forgetfulness may last some days at a time. This is natural. We always forget things, and the distractions that surround us can be quite powerful. This must not be a source of discouragement for us. As soon as it comes back to our mind we simply take it up again with a good and sincere will. In time, the practice of our acts of love will become a habit and then we will repeat them over and over – silently.

There will be times when we will feel a warm devotion in this regard, and we may even have tears in our eyes as we make our acts of love for God. When this happens, let us not fail to thank Jesus and Mary for the spiritual consolations which are meant to encourage us to go ahead. We have to remember however, that we must love our Lord and His Blessed Mother with our will and that warm feelings and tears are not at all essential to our acts of love. On the contrary, the acts of love we make when our hearts are cold as ice and our minds as dry as the desert sands require a more generous effort of our will and therefore are much more meritorious in the sight of God. When our rebellious minds tell us that our prayer of love for God is quite silly and is the result of senseless fantasy, that is when our continuous prayer is most fruitful. If it is fantasy, which of course it is not, better such a fantasy than some of the fantasies many turn to and which they defend with vigor. Some of our fantasies are quite detrimental to the spiritual life and should be carefully avoided. (We are not speaking here of the fantasies and fairytales of childhood.)

An act of love of God is spiritual dynamite that with one stroke eliminates all barriers; it pierces Heaven and puts us immediately into intimate contact with the Heart of God. Our Blessed Lord values so much this direct, spontaneous way of loving Him, that He once told a pious soul: “For a single act of love I would create Paradise. For a single act of true love, I am ready to forgive and forget a whole life of sins and crimes, as I did in the case of the Good Thief who died by Me on the cross!” This is not fantasy talk! Such a statement cannot but fill the heart and mind with consolation, and its implication should be carefully cultivated, in opposition to popular presentations which keep the mind, especially of a child, filled with agitation. No good thought built around the love of God causes agitation of mind.

Saint John of the Cross had this to say: “The least act of pure love has more importance in the eyes of God and is more useful for the Church in general and for the soul in particular than all the other goods works put together.” We may add: this act of love must indeed be pure and it must be absolutely genuine. In perfect accordance with the words of Saint John, Blessed Peter Julian Eymard maintained that “one single act of love that remains hidden in the soul gives more glory to Jesus than all the apostolic works in the world.” Padre Pio adds: “One single act of love on the part of man, one single act of charity, is so great in God’s eyes that He could not repay it even with the immense gift of the entire Creation!” God has no alternative but to give Himself in exchange for the acts of love we offer Him.

We must at this point most surely come to understand that what is being recommended in this instruction is not the adoption of just another ejaculatory prayer, to be repeated over and over again with more or less attention, simply as a pious exclamation. Let us understand, rather, that the holy practice of dedicating ourselves to Jesus and Mary by acts of ACTUAL LOVE, are acts in which OUR WILLS AND HEARTS are focused directly toward Jesus and Mary with an intensely preferential affection and devotion.

The prayer and petition, “Jesus, Mary, I love you! Save Souls!” suggested here is intended only to be a help and it was proposed (as is piously believed by those who want to believe) by Our Lord Himself for that purpose. But, as everyone knows, an act of love can be made without using any words at all, in a flash, with an intimate surging of love in a heart burning with love for God and His Mother.

1. There will be **NO** Catechism class this morning.
2. Monday, August 15, 2005, is the wonderful Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven, and is a **Holyday of Obligation**. Masses in the Abbey Church will be at 6:00 AM, 8:00 AM, and 7:00 PM. **On the Feast of the Assumption, we will have Solemn Vespers with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 4:00 PM.**
3. **NB:** Henceforth on all Sundays – **EXCEPT THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH** – there will be Vespers and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Abbey Church. The NORMAL time for this ceremony will be at 5:00 PM each **Sunday** (except the first Sunday of the Month).
4. **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!**
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 Mrs. Chhun Han Li
TUESDAY:	Special intention Maria Gabor
WEDNESDAY:	For Maria Harney
THURSDAY:	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
FRIDAY:	Special intention Susan McGuire
SATURDAY:	Special intention James and Maria Brueggemann

### ***OF DIVINE JUSTICE AND MERCY***

The holy and truly beautiful Catholic Religion is not a set of rules! Unfortunately there are those to be found who give the impression that it is. Our Religion is not a composite of rules with Jesus Christ sitting on a throne of fire, a tyrant, bristling and every ready to hurl His justice upon anyone whose every infraction is quickly met with severe punishment and demerit. Our loving Father in Heaven does not have His angels perpetually spying on us, lurking in the dark shadows of everyone's life and constantly reporting to Him the slightest transgression of anyone. The Catholic Church is not a grouping of strong, self-righteous and uptight people driven by an unbending and grinding iron rule. The Catholic Church is made of a family of weak, sinful, contrite, honest, and loving souls seeking eternal salvation.

Jesus Christ is the God of Mercy – every ready to forgive the poor, weak, sinful soul which is full of sorrow and honesty and humility and contrition. The fire we here speak of is not of the throne full of Divine wrath and justice and punishment. The fire we here speak of is of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, which is always full of the Fire of His Divine Love and desire to save souls. Refer to the great parable of The Two Men Who Went Up To the Temple to Pray. The stiff-necked but always scrupulously and unfailingly correct (outwardly) Pharisee received justice and rejection. The poor, weak, humble, honest, and contrite Publican received love and mercy and forgiveness.

“Jesus, be not my judge but my salvation.  
Jesus, Mary I love you – I am sorry for my sins.”

### ***!! 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 AFTER 8:50 A.M.**