

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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Mass of Sunday; Gl; Cr; Pref. Trinity

“Therefore when you see the abomination of desolation, which was spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place – let him who reads understand ... Now from the fig tree learn this parable. When its branch is tender, and the leaves break forth, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see all these things, know that it is near, even at the door. Amen I say to you, this generation will not pass away till all these things have been accomplished. Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.”

~ KATRINA ~

The best made plans of mice and men,
no more than dry leaves before the autumn wind.

What is man that he should think to stand defiant before the Lord God?

Is not God the Maker of the wind and the sea and all things here – even man?

What is man that he should think to stand defiant before the Lord God –
which even the wind and the sea and all things here obey at His slightest command?

The rich, the poor, the strong, the weak, the great, the lowly,
are not they all alike,

when the mighty hand of God makes them beggars all – beggars of bread and water?

Man shakes with fear when legions great come marching down the boulevard
showing forth armor and strength, and power.

BUT

all – all of them, when before their God they march, no more are they than
regiments of mice, whose mighty squeaks

reach not the ears of Him Who turns His face and hears them not.

Our iniquities have cried out against us before the Lord God –
we see fulfilled the prophets’ warnings and see our earth with flood and ashes dying.
We look and see both good and bad, all seeking food and shelter, crying out for help.
Their cities gone, their homes afloat in angry waters, their loved-ones dead or missing,
and all in a moment done

as the brush of a single whisker washed away all with wind and sea and fire!
What’s left of man’s achievements here to see – all spawned of greed and hate?

Nothing!

In fear and rage, he looks about for help, but help is nowhere found!

Look not for help from him who has no help to give.

The good man prays, his thoughts are of his soul.

The evil man despairs, his thoughts on things before his eyes – crumbled.

The thought of God demands of man much more than man desires to give –

he looks away, he turns his face, he dares in all his thought,
to change the Thought Eternal!

Prayer, penance, reparation – all unknown to him!

The laws of God – idle fancy all.

Pleasure, license, love of self – the idols of man today.

The good life of the “new age” – the only thing of worth for modern man today.

With madness unbounded, he seeks to rule “his” world, bringing misery upon himself,

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yet he gives no less his worship to the golden god of his creation,
and claims the strength to change the plan of the One True God.
Foolish man, with soul at stake, why do you fail to learn?
You plan right quick to build again the empire which from you was taken by the God of all.
Look about, O Man: can you not see the work of an angry God?
Forever empty shall you be, doomed to hunger never ending!

But you, not of this world, O Man of God, be not afraid and let hope ever reign,
mighty in your heart and mind and soul.
For you have prayer. You have love. You have adoration. You have faith.
What more, after all, is there for you to have?
And quite unlike the eyes and ears of Everyman, your eyes and ears,
O Man of God, O Woman of God, O Child of God,
shall be attuned to the silence of the faraway mountains
upon which the armies of God and enemy one another confront
in a mysterious and deadly battle.
And when the Lord returns to look about and ask; "Where is faith?"
With joyful heart you will respond:
"Here am I, O Lord, my God!"

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1. There will be NO Catechism class this morning.
 2. Tomorrow, September 5, 2005, is Labor Day. May everyone have a very safe and sane holiday. Let us all pray to Saint Joseph the Worker, asking him for the graces necessary to follow in the footsteps of his Son.
 3. Thursday, September 8, 2005, is the wonderful Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is surely a most important feast, especially now that more oppression has entered into the lives of us all. Now has the time arrived for us to pray with greater fervor and trust, to prepare with wisdom and prudence, to prepare to accept with patience and common sense the curtailments that have begun to enter into our daily lives.
 4. **NO** Vespers and Benediction today.
 5. Let us offer up special prayers and sacrifices for all the millions of people suffering from the ravages of Hurricane Katrina, especially in Louisiana and Mississippi. These poor people are suffering unbelievable horrors and hardships, as well as the deprivation of even the bare necessities of life. Let us not say: "Well, God is punishing them because they deserve it!" NO! **WE** are suffering from the results of our own pride and stupidity, especially in throwing God out of our lives and insisting that mankind can take care of itself.
 6. We take the current chain of events to re-emphasize the importance of our Home Chapels. These little chapels will quickly become a strong and unbreakable link to our Most Holy Faith. We strongly advocate that these chapels be in regular use on a daily basis, and that each evening, the father of the family gather together his family at the chapel, say the Rosary (which should never be omitted) and regular prayers, and finally place his paternal blessing on his family. In the absence of the father, the mother assumes this responsibility. If we claim to be true and staunch keepers of the True Faith of the True Church of Jesus Christ, then we are obliged to take whatever steps are necessary to maintain that Faith within our own households. This is most urgent! These little chapels will show their utter importance at such times when attendance at regular Sunday Mass is impossible.
 7. 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.
 8. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)**
SUNDAY: For the People of our Chapels
MONDAY: Deceased Victor Tancreti
TUESDAY: Special intention Ralph Packard, Jr.
WEDNESDAY: Special intention Mrs. Marion Oldenburg
THURSDAY: For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
FRIDAY: Special intention Genevieve Godlewsky
SATURDAY: Special intention Sister Laurene, OP