

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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Mass of Sunday; Gl; Cr; Pref. Trinity; Comm. Ss. Protus and Hyacinth

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 5)

“Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with thy whole heart and with thy whole soul and with thy whole mind.”

For anything that concerns our conduct – for good or for evil – to have any substance, it must be stable. It must have structure. Our concern, of course, centers itself around that which is good, that which is from God. Therefore, the structure of our conduct must be securely moored to a life of prayer, but a life of prayer built upon the solid foundation of our faith. Our prayer life and our faith should determine our conduct and way of living. In no way does this imply that our lives have to be regimented around a constant activity of prayer – of never ending recitation of prayers – which leaves us unable to conduct the normal demands of everyday living and our work obligations. We must not leave out necessary work – wherever – in order to take time out for prayers. Charity demands that we fulfill our obligations to others. What is here implied is that life, for it to be lived as intended by our Creator, must be motivated by a prayerful state of mind, and this state of mind must be motivated by love. The state of mind in prayer must be that all is ultimately determined according to the will of God. Such a state of mind in no way prevents us from working and of providing the necessities of a wholesome and comfortable life for ourselves and those who depend upon us. Properly regulated concerns about the necessities of life should in no way interfere with our spiritual needs – the spiritual health of our souls. Properly regulated concern about the necessities of life should in no way interfere with the love that is asked of us by our Blessed Lord. It is improperly regulated concerns that militate against our love for God. The life of a good Catholic, and all the affairs which concern him, must never be allowed to interfere with a life of continual love. It is the desire of continual love that must regulate our conduct throughout the day.

Of course, it is to be expected that the devil will pull out of his large bag of tricks everything he has to prevent us from living our life dominated by the love of God. It is certain that acts of continuous love for God go quite contrary to the workings of the devil. He knows that there is not a more profitable practice and no stronger a weapon in our possession against his temptations and maneuvers than the act of continuous love. His hostile interference is one of the heaviest crosses we have to bear during our lifetime. However, there is no alternative left us but to fight against his sabotaging tactics if we wish to love God with all our hearts and souls. Above all, we must confide in God and trust in Him completely, while we go about resolutely doing that which glorifies God and is most profitable to our souls – our expressions of love. However, as stated above, whatever we set out to do must have about it the qualities of decision, determination, commitment, and a solid desire to carry out to its conclusion what we have decided.

Therefore we here present some specifics:

- ❖ It ill behooves us to have great devotion during the moment of prayer, if the rest of the day is not in harmony with that devotion.
- ❖ It ill behooves us to pray with a spirit of humility and with a contrite heart, if the rest of the day is cloaked with a scornful demeanor and our reactions are underscored with pride and self-defense.
- ❖ It ill behooves us to grant forgiveness to others at the moment of prayer, if the rest of the day is spent in remembering.
- ❖ It ill behooves us to seek the heights of contemplation during prayer, if during the rest of the day we plunge headlong into voluntary distractions.
- ❖ It ill behooves us to express a desire to live a mortified life at the moment of prayer, if the rest of the day is given to self-indulgence and self-gratification. *(continued on back)*

- ❖ It ill behooves us to think upon the necessity of temperance in food, drink, and pleasure during the moment of prayer, if the rest of the day is spent in preparing delicate morsels, mixing fancy drinks, buying expensive designer clothing, continually gadding about, and generally giving in to our pleasure addictions.
- ❖ It ill behooves us to feel the warmth of meekness of heart at the moment of prayer, if the rest of the day is spent slamming doors in the face of anyone who opposes us.
- ❖ It ill behooves us to meditate on the errors of speaking ill of others at the moment of prayer, if we spend hours without end gossiping on the telephone and computer throughout the rest of the day.
- ❖ It ill behooves us to seek after holiness of life during the moment of prayer, if we then spend great portions of the day in front of the television or on the internet.
- ❖ It ill behooves us to show desire for the virtue of humility at the moment of prayer, if the rest of the day is tortured with hurt feelings, resentments, mental agony, self-pity, and vainglorious thoughts.
- ❖ It ill behooves us to pray for a virtuous life at the moment of prayer, if the rest of the day we live the life of a worldlying who has no notion of virtue.
- ❖ It ill behooves us to desire to become saints at the moment of prayer, if we fail to practice self-denial the rest of the day.

The above list could go on and on, as so many of us are guilty of lukewarmness. It seems that we keep going through life pretending but never becoming – “almost but not quite!”

If we do not seriously intend to live up to our desire of living the spiritual life and allowing *CONVERSIO* to operate within us, ***it would be better for us not to have made any pledge at all.***

1. There will be Catechism class after the 10:00 AM Mass this morning.
2. Monday, September 12, 2005, is the ever beautiful Feast of the Holy Name of Mary. The more we call on that most holy Name, the more likely will the most holy Name of Jesus become imprinted on our hearts.
3. Wednesday, September 14, 2005, is the Feast of the Exaltation (Finding) of the Holy Cross. The Holy Cross is a most priceless Gem, yet how many there are who place no value upon it. Unbelievers look upon it as a worthless piece of wood with no authentic claim as the true Cross of Our Lord.
4. Thursday, September 15, 2005, is the Feast of the Commemoration of the Seven Sorrows of our Blessed Lady: our Sorrowful Mother! How great indeed is the sorrow of our beloved Mother as she looks about and sees the hateful disregard that is daily directed toward her Divine Son – and toward herself, as well. It is nearly an obligation on the part of everyone of us to do something to alleviate her pain and sorrow, especially on the days when her sorrow is brought to our attention.
5. Vespers and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:00 PM today.
6. *Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel in Montgomery*: Sunday, October 2, 2005, the first Sunday of October, Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel will have its annual fall potluck picnic after Mass in Montgomery. For more information please contact Mrs. Pam Olson: (334) 361-7030.
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. **MASSSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard’s schedule only)**
 - SUNDAY: For the People of our Chapels
 - MONDAY: For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
 - TUESDAY: For the victims – living and dead – of Hurricane Katrina
 - WEDNESDAY: Deceased Ofelia Bernardo
 - THURSDAY: For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
 - FRIDAY: Welfare Thomas de Vore Family
 - SATURDAY: Special intention Peggy Rosenberg

