

## 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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 27, 2005 – Purple

Mass of Sunday; no Gl; Cr; Pref. Trinity

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# THE HOLY SEASON OF ADVENT

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

If God the Son is to be discovered on earth by men, he is to be found clothed in all the elements of His humanity and in all its circumstances and in all its conditions. The human vesture of the Second Person of the Most Blessed Trinity, in all its particulars, belongs to and is the apt clothing of the Divine, Triune God. Therefore, the life of Jesus Christ amongst men is the Divine way of living on earth; indeed, the life of Jesus Christ is the most appropriate – the way intended by the Father – for Man to live on earth.

## Prayer to the Holy Family of Nazareth

O most loving Jesus, Who by Thy surpassing virtues and the example of Thy home life in Nazareth, didst hallow the household in which Thou didst choose to live while on earth, mercifully look down on our family, whose members, humbly prostrate before Thee, implore Thy protection. Remember that we are Thine, and Thine we wish to be, bound and consecrated to Thee by a special devotion. In Thy loving mercy protect our family, deliver each of us from every harm and danger, help us persevere always in the imitation of Thy Holy Family, so that by serving Thee and loving Thee faithfully during this mortal life, our family may at length, all together, give Thee eternal praise in heaven.

O Mary, dearest Mother, we implore thy assistance, knowing that thy Divine Son will hearken to thy petitions.

And do thou, most glorious Saint Joseph, patriarch, loving father, provider, and protector, help us as we pray and work under thy powerful patronage, and place our petitions in the hands of Mary, that she may offer them to her Divine Christ Child.

Amen.

## ADVENT WREATH BLESSING

### First Sunday in Advent

Priest: On that day beholding from afar I shall see the Power of God coming and covering the whole earth like a cloud. Go ye out to meet Him and say unto Him: Tell us if Thou art He Who is to reign over the people of Israel.

People: On that day beholding from afar I shall see the Power of God coming and covering the whole earth like a cloud. Go ye out to meet Him and say unto Him: Tell us if Thou art He Who is to reign over the people of Israel.

Priest: And, all ye dwellers upon earth, sons of men, rich and poor.

People: Go ye out to meet Him and say unto Him: Tell us if Thou art He Who is to reign over the people of Israel.

Priest: Hear, O Thou Shepherd of Israel: Thou Who leadest Joseph like a sheep.

People: Behold the Lord shall come and all His saints with Him: and there shall be a great light on that day.

Priest: All ye who thirst come to the waters: seek ye the Lord while He may be found.

People: The mountains and the hills shall sing praise before God, and all the trees of the forest shall clap their hands, because the Lord, the Ruler, will come into His eternal kingdom.

Priest: The Lord will come and will not delay, and He will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will manifest Himself to all nations.

People: Let us live justly and godly, looking for the blessed hope and coming of the Lord.

Priest: Sound the trumpet in Sion, for the day of the Lord is near. Behold, He will come to save us. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: The Lord will come, go forth to meet Him, and say: Great is His dominion, and His kingdom shall have no end. He is God, the Mighty, the Ruler, the Prince of Peace. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Priest: The people shall fear Thy Name, O Lord.

People: And all the kings of the earth Thy glory.

Priest: LET US PRAY: As we Thy servants, O Lord, ask Thee for Thy blessing to descend upon this symbol of our hope and expectation, put forth Thy power, we beseech Thee, and come, that with Thee as our protector we may be rescued from the impending danger of our sins: and with Thee as our deliverer, may we obtain our salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. *Amen. (Priest lights first candle and sprinkles wreath and people with holy water)*

1. There will be Catechism class after the 10:00 AM Mass this morning.
2. There will be the usual 5:00 Sunday Vespers and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament this afternoon.
3. Wednesday, November 30, 2005, is the Feast of Saint Andrew the Apostle.
4. Thursday, December 1, 2005, is the first Thursday of December, with Holy Hour and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament from 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM and from 3:30 PM until 4:30 PM.
5. Friday, December 2, 2005, is the First Friday of December, with Masses in the Abbey Church at 6:00 AM and 8:00 AM, and all-day Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 10:00 AM until 6:00 PM.
6. Saturday, December 3, 2005, is the First Saturday of December, with Masses in the Abbey Church at 6:00 AM and 8:00 AM.
7. Next Sunday, December 4, 2005, is the first Sunday of December. Therefore there will be **NO** Mass at Saint Pius V Chapel in Birmingham next Sunday. ***Also, there will be NO Catechism class next Sunday.***
8. Next Thursday, December 8, 2005, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception **and is a Holyday of Obligation**, with Masses in the Abbey Church at 6:00 AM, 8:00 AM, and 7:00 PM.
9. The very beautiful 2006 Calendars are available at the usual price of \$6.00 each. At Christ the King Abbey in Cullman, see Father Francis, OSB. At Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel in Montgomery, see Mrs. Pam Olson. At Saint Pius V Chapel in Birmingham, see Mrs. Laurie Niebhur, OSB.
10. 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.
11. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)
  - SUNDAY: For the People of our Chapels
  - MONDAY: Special intention Lauren Lehmann
  - TUESDAY: For Mr. Plaisance
  - WEDNESDAY: Special intention John Ward
  - THURSDAY: For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
  - FRIDAY: For James and Maria Brueggemann
  - SATURDAY: Special intention Paul Roy Family

**N.B.:** At long last, after months of hard work, Christ the King Abbey, Cullman, Alabama, has its own official Website: [www.christthekingabbey.org](http://www.christthekingabbey.org) The purpose of this Website is to offer a more comprehensive presentation of our Abbey and the monastic way of life and spirituality. Spirituality is not just for monks and nuns, but for the lay person as well. Our Website includes: our history and purpose; the life of Saint Benedict; the Holy Rule divided into daily readings; monastic life and spirituality; vocation information; the *Speculum Benedictinum*; our Sunday Bulletins; and abundant photographs. Last but not least it has a special section devoted to our beloved Nuns of Saint Joseph's Monastery. **Be sure to visit us online after December 1, 2005.**