

Christ the King Abbey

(Traditional Benedictines)

(St Francis of Assisi Chapel)

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Cullman, Alabama

Every Sunday: 6:00 AM and 10:00 AM

Daily: 6:00 AM

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

CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD

January 1, 2006 – White / Gold

Mass of Circumcision; Gl; Cr; Pref. Nativity

A most blessed, holy, and safe A.D. 2006.

*May the peace of the New Born Child
be with you throughout the year.*

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Happy New Year

† A.D. 2006 †

Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Friday, January 6, 2006

This is a Feast of the utmost importance ~ the day when Our Savior manifested Himself to the world.

Let us all pray that His Presence will not be wasted in today's world.

1. There will be NO Catechism class this morning.
2. There will be NO 5:00 PM Vespers or Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament this afternoon.
3. Tomorrow, January 2, 2006, is the Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus.
4. Thursday, January 5, 2006, is the first Thursday of December, with the usual Holy Hours and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Abbey Church from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM and from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM.
5. Friday, January 6, 2006, is the Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord, with the blessing of the Epiphany Chalk after the 6:00 AM Mass. Blessed Chalk will be available at all Masses next Sunday (January 8, 2006).
6. This Friday is also the First Friday of January, with Masses in the Abbey Church at 6:00 AM and 8:00 AM, and all-day Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament from 10:00 AM until 6:00 PM.
7. Saturday, January 7, 2006, is the First Saturday of January, with Masses in the Abbey Church at 6:00 AM and 8:00 AM.
8. 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.
9. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard's schedule only)

SUNDAY:	Welfare of our Religious Communities
MONDAY:	For the People of our Chapels
TUESDAY:	For the Michael Winland Family
WEDNESDAY:	Special intention Mary Riccardi
THURSDAY:	For Patricia Di Maggio
FRIDAY:	Welfare of our Religious Communities
SATURDAY:	Special intention Paul Roy Family

EARLY NOTICE

By the Grace of God
 Sister Mary Bernadette, OSB
 will make her Simple Triennial Vows
 as a Nun of Saint Joseph's Monastery
 during the 10:00 AM Mass on
 Sunday, January 29, 2006

Please keep Sister Bernadette in your special prayers

"UPHOLD ME, O LORD, ACCORDING TO THY WORD ..."





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(20 + Gaspar + Melchior + Balthazar + 06)



✠ ✠ ✠ THE BLESSING OF EPIPHANY CHALK ✠ ✠ ✠

(Epiphany Chalk is used to write the inscription over all the doors of one's house. Soft classroom chalk of any color is best for writing on varnished or painted surfaces. A priest should bless the chalk on Epiphany Day, before the celebration of the main Mass of the day, using the following Blessing, which is taken from the Roman Ritual.)

- ✠. Behold, the Lord, the ruler is come; and the kingdom is in His hand, and power, and dominion.
O God, with Your judgment endow the king, and with Your justice, the king's son.
- ✠. Glory be to the Father ... *R.* *As it was in the beginning ...* (Repeat the above: Behold, the Lord ...)
- ✠. All nations shall serve Him. *R.* *All nations shall serve Him.*
- ✠. Nations shall walk by Your light, and kings by Your shining radiance. *R.* *All nations shall serve Him.*
- ✠. All from Saba shall come, bringing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord. *R.* *All nations...*
- ✠. Rise up in splendor, O Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord shines upon you. *R.* *All nations shall serve Him.*
- ✠. We have seen His star in the East, and have come with gifts to worship the Lord. *R.* *All nations shall serve Him.*
- ✠. The kings of Tharsis and the Isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring tribute.
All kings shall pay Him homage; all nations shall serve Him. *R.* *All nations shall serve Him.*



Priest: LET US PRAY:

O Lord God, bless ✠ this chalk which Thou hast created, that it may be helpful to mankind; and grant that through the invocation of Thy most holy Name all those who use this chalk or with it write over the doors of their houses the names of Thy Saints, Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, may by their merits and intercession receive health of body and protection of soul. Through Christ Our Lord. *Amen.* (Priest now sprinkles chalk with Holy Water.)

(Later that day - or any day within the Octave of the Feast of the Epiphany - at home, the ceremony is completed by a priest or the father or senior member of the family. The following prayer is said once and at the main entrance of the house. All the family members should be present, and should accompany the priest or the head of the family as he or she goes from door to door - everyone keeping a respectful silence, or better yet, reciting the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary.)

✠ ✠ ✠ THE CEREMONY FOR THE EPIPHANY BLESSING OF THE HOME ✠ ✠ ✠

- ✠. *Peace to my house.* *R.* *And to all who live here.*
- ✠. *The father of the just will exult with glee; let your father and mother have joy.* *R.* *All nations shall serve Him.*
- ✠. *Happy they who dwell in Your House, O Lord! Continually they praise You.* *R.* *All nations shall serve Him.*
- ✠. *Blessed is the man who hears me and who watches daily at my gates and at the post of my doors.* *R.* *All nations...*
- ✠. *O Lord, hear my prayer.* *R.* *And let my cry come unto You.*



Father: LET US PRAY:

Hear us, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Eternal God, and send Thy Holy Angel from Heaven to watch over, cherish, protect, be with, and defend all who live in my house. I call upon Your Saints, Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, to protect my family and my home from every harm and danger, and I place the marks of their holy names over the doors of my home to remain there as a constant reminder to us and to all who enter here that my house is truly a house of the Lord.

O God, make the door of my house wide enough to receive all who need human love and companionship; narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride, and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back the tempter's power. O God, make the door of my house the gateway to Thy eternal Kingdom.

I ask these things in the Name of Jesus Christ Thy Son. *Amen.*

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