

Christ the King Abbey

(Traditional Benedictines)

(St Francis of Assisi Chapel)

Cullman, Alabama

Every Sunday

6:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M.

6:00 A.M. Daily

Holy Days:

6:00 A.M.; 8:00 A.M.; 7:00 P.M.

Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel

Montgomery, Alabama

10:45 A.M.

Only on first Sunday

of each month

St Pius V Chapel

Birmingham, Alabama

9:30 A.M.

Every Sunday except

first Sunday of each month

QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY

February 6, 2005 – Purple

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

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QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY

ASH WEDNESDAY

Remember man that thou art dust, and unto dust thou shalt return

LENT

A time when
serious people, with serious intention give serious offering and worship
to a serious God!

The offering has to be of value ~ real value,

NOT

our usual abstinences which are of little worth and consequence.

The offering must be of self.

The offering must be the sacrificing of self and all of our
countless self-serving devices.

In so doing,

we do not offer that which we are not;
we do not offer that which we have not!

Made with solid commitment,

our offering, made in the honesty and purity and secrecy of our
hearts and minds and souls,

must be of our **nothingness** ~

of our total, complete, abject, and real nothingness!

Such is the only offering that a serious person with serious intention
can give to a serious God.

Nothing else will do!

If we nourish any hope of ever achieving serenity of heart,
peace of mind, and sanctity of soul,

there is no other way!





**FEAST OF
SAINT SCHOLASTICA**

Thursday, February 10, 2005

O illustrious and blessed St. Scholastica, our glorious Patroness, we, thy devoted children, prostrate ourselves before thee and salute thee as our beloved Mother and the faithful guardian and advocate of our Order. Surely you know what we and our efforts are about, and you know the extent of our commitment to the preservation of our holy and venerable Benedictine Order. Help us, dear St. Scholastica, and protect us as we struggle to remain faithful to our Order and to our Holy Catholic Religion.

We return thee thanks for the many favors and blessings we have received through thy intercession, and for thy continual care and protection of our Community; and with all the fervor of our hearts we testify our love and gratitude toward thee.

***Most Holy Father Benedict,
pray for us.***

***Most Holy Mother Scholastica,
pray for us.***

1. There will be NO Catechism class this morning.
2. The Saint Blaise Blessing of Throats will take place after each Mass today.
3. Tuesday, February 8, 2005, is **MARDI GRAS** – “Fat Tuesday.” Let us recognize the correct religious and meaningful purpose of this day. Mardi Gras has its roots in good Catholic tradition, and it is a day of good and proper celebration and prudent feasting. It is also the day that marks the beginning of the Holy Season of Lent. Let us not hesitate to enjoy Mardi Gras with a lovely family party, and let us make amends for all the brutality that brutalist people have brought into Mardi Gras. Let us pray for all those who place dedicated emphasis on such brutality.
4. Wednesday, February 9, 2005, is **ASH WEDNESDAY**. It is NOT A Holyday of Obligation, but it is a day of solemn fast and abstinence, which must be observed by all who are obliged to observe the fast and abstinence regulations. ASH WEDNESDAY IS A NO-NONSENSE DAY. With Mardi Gras now over, it is time to reflect and to do penance.
5. **MASSES IN THE ABBEY CHURCH ON ASH WEDNESDAY WILL BE AT 6:00 AM, 8:00 AM, AND 7:00 PM, WITH DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES AFTER EACH MASS.**
6. *Ashes will be distributed at all Masses next Sunday (February 13, 2005). The usual little packets of Blessed Ashes will be available at all the above Masses, and are to be taken home and used as sacramentals.*
7. Thursday, February 10, 2005, is the Feast of St. Scholastica. On that day please pray for the special welfare of St. Joseph’s Monastery and our beloved Sisters.
8. On Friday, February 11, 2005, the usual Friday evening Stations of the Cross during Lent begins, starting each Friday evening at 7:00 PM, followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.
9. This Friday is also the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes (Roman Calendar).
10. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels. **LET US ALSO PRAY FOR EVERYONE.**
11. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot Leonard’s schedule only)**

SUNDAY: For the People of our Chapels
MONDAY: Deceased Lois Nichols
TUESDAY: For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
WEDNESDAY: Welfare of our Monks and Nuns (Ash Wednesday)
THURSDAY: Deceased Chancy Hang
FRIDAY: Deceased Ralph Pawinski
SATURDAY: Intention Marguerite McGill