



Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel  
 Montgomery, Alabama  
 10:45 AM  
 First Sunday of each  
 month only

## Christ the King Abbey

(Traditional Benedictines)  
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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



St Pius V Chapel  
 Birmingham, Alabama  
 9:30 AM  
 Second, Fourth, and Fifth  
 Sundays of each month only.

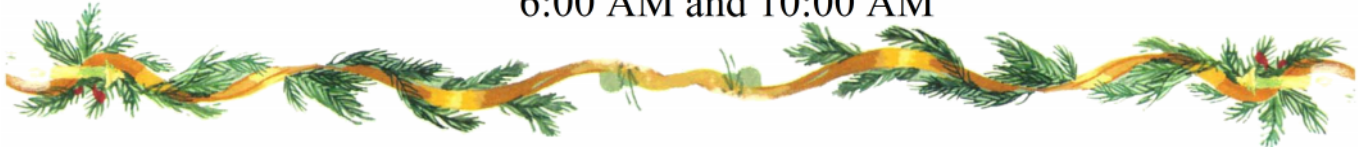
St. Stephen Proto-Martyr  
 December 26, 2010 – Red  
 Mass of St. Stephen Gl Cr comm. Nativity  
 Preface Nativity

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# Happy New Year



The Circumcision of Our Lord  
 Saturday January 1, 2011 Holy day of obligation  
 Masses in Abbey Church Only  
 6:00 AM and 10:00 AM



*GOD'S eternal design of sending His own Son into the world to redeem the human race, broken and bruised by sin, and of restoring to it the children's inheritance and heavenly beatitude is the masterpiece of His wisdom and love.*

*The views of God are not our views; all His thoughts are higher than ours as the heavens are higher than the earth. But it is especially in the work of the Incarnation and Redemption that the sublimity and greatness of the divine ways shine forth. This work is so high, so closely united to the very life of the Most Holy Trinity, that it remained throughout long ages hidden in the depths of the divine secrets; The Incarnate Word brings about this marvel: men have seen God Himself abiding in the midst of them.*

*What joy indeed, to see God manifesting Himself to us, not in the dazzling splendour of His omnipotence, nor in the unspeakable glory of His sovereignty, but under the veil of humble, poor, weak humanity, which we can see and touch!*





“Let us go over to Bethlehem, and let us see this word that is come to pass which he Lord hath showed to us.”

“And they came with haste; and they found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in the manger. And all that heard wondered, and at those things that were told them, by the shepherds.”

Why were these men called before all others to worship the new-born Child! Because they were simple and docile, and patient under the many hardships of their rough lives. And because the Holy Child would teach us from the first this important lesson — that poverty is not a thing to be despised or to be ashamed of. It is a very painful thing, because it puts out of our reach the comforts, conveniences and amusements which make life pleasant. We care far too much for these things. An apple was too great a temptation for Adam and Eve, and nice things in the shape of food, dress, scents, bodily enjoyment of every kind, are often and often too much for us, their children. Not that pleasant things always lead us into sin. But a life of ease and self-indulgence, in which such things abound, is always a dangerous life, because the body never says: “It is enough.” It is always ready to indulge itself at the expense of the soul, and to get what it wants it will not atop at sin. We have to distrust it and to be on the watch always. This is why the poor are safer by far than the rich if only they bear their privations patiently.



1. There will be NO Catechism class until further notice.
2. Monday December 27, is the Feast of St. John the Apostle.
3. Tuesday December 28, is the Feast of the Holy Innocents.
4. Wednesday December 29, 2010 is the Feast of St. Thomas a Becket, Bishop Martyr.
5. Saturday January 1, 2011 is a Holy Day of Obligation; Masses on that day are 6:00 AM and 10:00 AM only.
6. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-ins of our Chapels. Pray for all people who are in need. Please pray for Abbot Leonard, O.S.B., Alfred Krebsbach and Frank Nash.
7. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Sunday Mass schedule)

SUNDAY:	For all the Faithful people of our Chapels
MONDAY:	Special Int. Patricia Jones
TUESDAY:	For Joe and John Dumbacher
WEDNESDAY:	Dec. Tom Bolles
THURSDAY:	For Rob Calderon
FRIDAY:	Dec. Roy Seibel
SATURDAY:	Welfare monks, nuns and oblates



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*A Thought To Remember ...*

The dearer one is to God,  
The more one suffers in this world.