

## TRADITIONAL CHAPELS IN ALABAMA

Our Lady of Lourdes  
Roman Catholic Chapel  
Montgomery, Alabama

St. Francis of Assisi  
Roman Catholic Chapel  
Cullman, Alabama

St. Pius V  
Roman Catholic Chapel  
Birmingham, Alabama

### SCHEDULE OF MASSES

10:30 A.M. - Rosary  
10:45 A.M. - Mass  
(ONLY on First Sunday  
of each month)

6:00 A.M. - Mass  
(EVERY SUNDAY)  
12:30 P.M. - Mass  
(EXCEPT on first  
Sunday of each month)

9:10 A.M. - Rosary  
9:30 A.M. - Mass  
(EXCEPT on first  
Sunday of each month)

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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GAUDETE SUNDAY

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The liturgy of the Catholic Church is the working out of the virtue of religion on the social level. Liturgy is the OFFICIAL PRAYER and WORSHIP that the Church offers to God. It ALWAYS centers around the Mass, the Divine Office and the Sacraments. All things being equal, praying and worshipping through the liturgy is much more efficacious than private prayer because Christ is present at every liturgical function. It may come as a shock to some to know there is no place in the traditional monastic daily schedule for the recitation of the Rosary in common. Certainly each monk should say the Holy Rosary privately each day. But the Rosary is an EXTRALiturgical devotion and as such it has no place in the official monastic routine.

Although our Lord said, "Where there are two or three gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of thsm," the liturgy is much more than simply getting together with three other people to recite some prayers; it takes its dignity and supreme efficacy from the fact that, as members of the Mystical Body of Christ, we should do our worshipping in conscious association with that Body and in union with its Head - Jesus Christ. (Con't Back of Page)

1. MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS DAY:\*\*\*\*\*
  - 12:00 A.M. Midnight Mass at St. Francis, Cullman  
Church opens at 11:30 P.M.
  - 9:00 A.M. Mass at St. Pius, Birmingham
  - 11:30 A.M. Mass at St. Francis, Cullman,
2. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of this week are EMBER DAYS, and days of Fast and Abstinence. Meat may be eaten but once - at the main meal of both Wednesday and Saturday.
3. Sunday, December 24th. is the Vigil of the Nativity, but its Fast and Abstinence observance are transferred to Saturday, the 23rd, which is already a day of strict observance since it is an Ember Day. No change.
4. Thursday is the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle.
5. Confessions are heard before Masses Each Sunday,  
No Confessions before Midnight Mass. All are encouraged to go to confessions at the morning masses on Sunday, December 24th.
6. Please pray for the Sick and Shut-Ins - especially at this time.
7. Everyone is reminded - once again - of the tremendous significance of the RELIGIOUS part of the Christmas Feast. The current turmoil in the Church which Jesus Christ found, demands our very best prayers and sacrifices. During these few remaining days, let us give our best to the desires of the HEART OF JESUS!
8. MASSES FOR THE WEEK:
  - SUNDAY: 6:00 A.M. For Prayer Promises and Benefactors  
9:30 A.M. For the People of the Chapels  
12:30 P.M. Dec. Mrs. J. Pearson
  - MONDAY: Dec. Alice Matilda Durkin
  - TUESDAY: For the People of the Chapels
  - WEDNESDAY: Dec. Frank & Wanda Wanta
  - THURSDAY: Dec. Andrew & Mary Zimbauer
  - FRIDAY: Dec. of Gomoke Family
  - SATURDAY: Dec. John & Grace Giardina - Wed. Anniv.