

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 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 9, 1990 - - - Purple

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DECEMBER 8, 1990 - - - THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER

RECEPTION OF NOVICES INTO THE MONASTIC COMMUNITY

A Monk is a man who labors because he is poor and is poor because he loves God. He lives apart from the world and all of the world's arrangements in order to give praise to his God. His greatest desire is to contemplate Him and through his constant prayer he comes to taste the inexpressible joys of God's love in silence, anonymity, humility and peace. For the Monk all things must be productive of peace, silence and solitude. Therefore, in a Monastery all things must add up to one thing: PEACE, SILENCE AND SOLITUDE. The world and its noise are kept out of sight and far away. Forest and field, sun, wind and sky, earth and water, all speak the same silent language, reminding the Monk that he is in the Monastery to develop like the things that grow all around him: he is planted in the garden of the Lord, and his existence has one meaning only: TO REACH OUT FOR THE LIGHT OF TRUTH AND THE WATERS OF GRACE, to sink his roots into God's good air and breathe heaven and absorb its wonderful rays. THE ALONENESS OF THE MONK WITH HIS GOD IS GRAND BEYOND ALL TELLING!!!

1. The following young men have asked to be received into the Community of the Monastery of Christ the King in Cullman, Alabama. They are officially received on this the Eighth Day of December, in the year 1990.
 1. Mr. Manuel Luis Garza, III of El Paso, Texas, who shall henceforth be called Frater Joseph, O.S.B. (Frater, because he has asked to study for the holy priesthood)
 2. Mr. Raymond Benjamins of Simi Valley, California, who shall henceforth be called Frater Raphael, O.S.B. (Frater, because he has asked to study for the holy priesthood).

PLEASE PRAY MOST SPECIALLY FOR THESE YOUNG MEN, THAT ALMIGHTY GOD WILL BLESS THEM WITH EVERY GOOD GRACE. MAY THEY HAVE LENGTH OF HOLY DAYS IN OUR MONASTIC FAMILY, AND MAY THEIR WORK, TOGETHER WITH THE OTHER MONKS, BE A HELP TO GOD AND HIS CHURCH. MAY THEY BE OTHER CHRISTS IN THIS OUR WORLD, AND MAY THEY, BY THEIR EXAMPLE, PREACH THE ONE SERMON LEFT FOR US TO PREACH!!!! GOD BLESS OUR MONKS - THEIR WORK IS DIFFICULT, INDEED!!

2. Please pray for all the sick and shut-ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Al Sachs, and Paul Roy (Montgomery).
3. Confessions are heard before masses on Sunday.
4. MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS: * * * * * PLEASE TAKE NOTE
 - 12:00 A.M. Midnight Mass at St. Francis, Cullman
Church opens at 11:30 P.M.
 - 8:30 A.M. Mass at St. Pius, Birmingham
 - 11:00 A.M. Mass at St. Francis, Cullman
4. EVERYONE is reminded - once again - of the tremendous RELIGIOUS SIGNIFICANCE of the Christmas Feast. The current turmoil in the Church which Jesus Christ found, and the threat of war DEMAND our very best and serious prayers and sacrifices.

LORD, GRANT US MONKS! LORD, GRANT US HOLY MONKS! LORD, GRANT US MANY HOLY MONKS!