

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
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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)
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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - GAUDETE
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It is the Holy Ghost Who teaches saints the one magnificent truth that so many sincere thinking penitents have seemed to forget: that if we love God, it is because God has first loved us more, and that God has created us not so much to FEAR Him and honor Him and worship Him, AS TO LOVE HIM, since love is the perfection of all adoration and homage. God would rather have us love Him than merely fear Him, because fear keeps us far below Him, while love alone can make us His equal. Monks a past centuries never grew tired of insisting it over and over again: LOVE MAKES US EQUAL TO GOD. God wants us to love Him in order that we may be equal to Him and share His nature and all His infinite goodness and joy. God wants us to love Him beyond measure, because then He can give Himself to us beyond measure and our joy will than know no measure, but will go on expanding inexhaustibly forever as we lose ourselves more and more in the interminable substance of Him Who is love. We are perfectly ourselves ONLY when we have lost ourselves in the PURE LOVE OF GOD AND FOR HIS OWN SAKE!

1. MASS SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS: * * * * * PLEASE, PLEASE TAKE NOTE.
 12:00 A.M. Midnight Mass at St. Francis, Cullman.
 8:30 A.M. Mass at St. Pius, Birmingham.
 11:00 A.M. Mass at St. Francis, Cullman.
2. ALWAYS AND ALWAYS EVERYONE is reminded of the tremendous RELIGIOUS SIGNIFICANCE of the Christmas Feast. The current turmoil in the Church which was found by Jesus Christ, Himself, and the immorality of our day as well as the threat of war, etc. etc. etc. DEMAND our very best and serious prayers and sacrifices.
3. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of this week are EMBER DAYS and days of Fast and Abstinence. However, meat is allowed ONCE only on Wednesday and Saturday.

Ember Days are the days at the beginning of the seasons ordered by the church. There were arranged and prescribed for the entire Church by Pope Gregory VII for Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday after Dec. 13 (feast of St. Lucy); after Ash Wednesday; after Pentecost Sunday; and after September 14 (Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross).

4. The 1991 Calendars are now available.
5. Confessions are heard before Masses on Sunday.
6. Please pray for all the sick and shut-ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Al Sachs and Paul Roy (Montgomery).
7. There will be no confessions before Midnight Mass, except by special request.
8. Friday of this week is the Feast of St. Thomas the Apostle.

9. 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. Florine Brisbois
MONDAY:	Special Int. Cullen Kilgore
TUESDAY:	Special Int. Judith Judge
WEDNESDAY:	Special Int. Louise Borgmeier
THURSDAY:	Special Int. Mary Claire Moore
FRIDAY:	For the Poor Souls
SATURDAY:	Dec. Frank Kloewer

All honor praise and glory
to the LITTLE LAMB of Bethlehem,
Who is the ROOT OF DAVID,
the HEAD of the Church,
the MASTER AND CENTRAL FIGURE of history
the RULER over the kings of the earth,
the KING OF ALL KINGS and the
VICTOR over all evil powers, and
WHO has been shaping the destiny of this world
in His own Mysterious Manner
since
HIS SACRIFICIAL DEATH ON THE CROSS!!!