

## 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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SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY

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When we read the Lives of the Saints, we are very often impressed by that which is quite dramatic to be found in their lives. But this is not at all important in their lives. What is important in their lives is that what they did was done to Christ. In this that we see in them serves as a good symbol of the saint's - any saint's - approach to sanctity. Whatever is done in the way of charity to neighbors, whatever is endured in the way of mortification, whatever is taken in one's stride in the way of either work or pleasure is directed towards our Lord and united with His action while living here on earth. True holiness does not depend upon the extraordinary but upon the ordinary. It is an attitude of mind and not a list of holy achievements. Remember: we must be MEN OF PRAYER not PRAYERFUL MEN. When we read the life of a saint we are probably more impressed by the mortifications than the motives, by the performance than by the perseverance, by the sensation caused than by the submission given. If this is so, we have got it all WRONG. The qualities to look out for in a saint's life are the not-very-obvious ones, or at any rate not very popular ones, of humility and obedience and charity.

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1. Sunday, February 3, 1991 is the First Sunday of February. Therefore, there will be no 9:30 A.M. Mass at St. Pius Chapel, and no 12:30 P.M. Mass at St. Francis Chapel.
2. Sunday, February 3, 1991 is the Feast of St. Blaise. There will be the Blessing of Throats on that day, and the Sunday Following.
3. Saturday, February 2, is the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mother.
4. Friday, February 1 is First Friday. There will be Holy Hour at ST. Francis Chapel from 7:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.
5. Saturday, February 2, is the First Saturday of February.
6. PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL THE WAR DEAD, AND THAT THIS CONFLAGRATION WILL COME TO A SOON AND GOOD END.
7. Please pray for all the sick and Shur-ins of our Chapels, especially remembering: Al Sachs - St. Francis; Paul Roy - Our Lady of Lourdes.
8. CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD BEFORE ALL MASSES ON SUNDAY.
9. Many people today, in this age of Religious and Moral confusion, have stood up to "preach" and "teach". This adds to the confusion, because:  
"NO VALID INFORMATION CAN BE GAINED FROM  
 PEOPLE WHOSE AUTHENTICITY IS FAR FROM  
 ESTABLISHED!!!"

10. 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. For the Poor Souls
MONDAY:	Special Int. of the Donor
TUESDAY:	Dec. Frank Jancius
WEDNESDAY:	Dec. Ralph Blake
THURSDAY:	Dec. Thomas O'Shea
FRIDAY:	Dec. Joseph Jandresitz
SATURDAY:	Special Int. Paul Roy Family

ABOUT SANCTITY - - continued

Exciting penances are fine (so long as God wants them) but they are hardly ever the final sign that a person HAS IN SOME WAY BECOME A SAINT. Holiness as a state of mind is what we must be concerned about. Where the state of mind is right, everything else follows that is good; where the state of mind is wrong, nothing brings relief or does any good. The saints can take hardships and penance and the disappointments of failure in their stride because there is only one thing that matters to them: GOD'S WILL.

The really important part about the saints and sanctity is not a lot of fierce mortifications or a lot of wonderful visions. THE REALLY IMPORTANT PART IS GIVING ONESELF TO GOD - - surrendering and staying surrendered. Fierce penances are taken up by the saints to show God that soft living is not what they want. What they really want is a share in the sufferings of Christ. Also, they want to help the world by making up for the sins of man. Love and atonement are at the back of those fastings and scourgings. It is not that by fasting and scourging themselves the saints think they can crash their way to sanctity; it is rather that they feel uncomfortable trying to follow our Lord by any but the hard way.

When St. Catherine of Siena was offered by our Lord the choice between the crown of roses and the crown of thorns, she chose at once the crown of thorns. She would not have committed the least sin if she had chosen the roses - our Lord had said she could take whichever she liked - but she knew that the thorns brought her nearer to Christ. She did NOT say: 'ROSES ARE WORLDLY, AND I RENOUNCE THEM AS BAD AND A SINFUL INDULGENCE'. What she DID SAY was: 'ROSES ARE LOVELY, BUT I WOULD FEEL SILLY WEARING THEM WHEN MY LORD CHOSE THORNS.'

The good things of God's creation are put aside by the saints NOT because they are seen as evil, but because the ABSOLUTE GOODNESS OF GOD is wanted MORE! It is like the child putting aside a toy when the mother comes in after being away.

————— THE GREATER LOVE MAKES THE  
LOVE OF LESSER THINGS FADE —————  
AWAY!!!

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