

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

S C H E D U L E O F M A S S E S

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 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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FAITH is what sanctity first of all demands of us; HOPE is what it leads to; CHARITY is the foundation of sanctity! These are the Theological Virtues: Faith, Hope and Charity. If fidelity to these theological virtues makes up the duty of ALL who call themselves Christians, the PERFECTION of the theological virtues makes up the sanctity of those whom the Church calls saints. Holiness is not finding NEW virtues to practice which the ordinary Christian does not know about; it is going deeper into the OLD virtues which are the ORDINARY expression of Christianity. In the same way sanctity is not making more and more resolutions, collecting more and more pieties, inventing more and more means of denying yourself or mortifying yourself. IT IS RE-LIVING THE LIFE OF OUR LORD MORE AND MORE BY FAITH, HOPE AND CHARITY - - (re-living the life of our Lord EXACTLY as He lived it on this earth - at least up to the beginning of His public life at the age of 30). This simplifies the program a good deal, and if you think of holiness IN ANY OTHER WAY - particularly as multiplying holinesses - - you not only think of it wrong but you also add to the difficulties of arriving at it. St. Paul says that 'the just man lives by faith.' Now if this is true of the just man it is certainly true of the saint. Faith is precisely what the exceedingly just man lives by. In the light of faith, and ONLY in the light which faith brings, the saint sees the truth about mankind. He sees why God created human beings who He knew would let Him down. He sees how God's love for these weak human beings is in no way contradicted by His allowing them to suffer. He sees that there is a reason behind temptation and war and insecurity. He sees that there is a reason why God is permitting the savage confusion in His Holy Church. He sees the reason behind the constant controversy which exists among those people who have committed themselves to the preservation of Sacred Tradition, and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - - HE SEES THE REASON BEHIND ALL THE THINGS WHICH PEOPLE FIND SO HARD TO SQUARE WITH THEIR IDEA OF GOD!!!!

What God asks of His servants, what sanctity ABSOLUTELY demands, is that kind of faith which looks BEYOND the outward appearance for a reality and truth which a worldly view denies. REALITY - - TRUTH! The world, which is most of the time concerned with UNREALITY AND UNTRUTH, never stops trying to FORCE its ideas upon the believing soul. The believing soul has to put up a barrier of UNBREAKABLE faith or the UNREAL WILL LEAD OFF THE APPETITES, AND THE UNTRUE WILL LEAD OFF THE MIND. We have probably often felt this. We have noticed how things which we KNOW are not worth while - (and definitely untrue probably because the information was presented to us by people whose authenticity is far from established -) can take up all our interest, fill us with concern and absorb our whole desire. We have seen how things which we KNOW to be false can be counted as true. We have seen how both in the world and in the Church of Jesus Christ, when one has been nourished too long on falsehood it becomes difficult for him to know the meaning of truth. This is what usually happens to worldly and un-spiritual people. The unworldly and spiritual soul keeps his face firmly fixed towards God and sanctity, reality and truth, and he resorts very much to PRAYER leaving to man the things that are man's and to God the things that are God's!