

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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
LAETARE SUNDAY

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People are discouraged from approaching penance because they see it from the wrong angle. They think at once of what THEY WILL HAVE TO DO IN THE WAY OF DISAGREEABLE HARDSHIP. If they thought of it as TURNING WHOLLY TO GOD, which is to see it from the right angle, they would be more ready to pursue its implications. They would in fact be spurred on to gather their whole selves together from the four corners of their particular little world and face about - - AWAY FROM SELF AND TOWARDS GOD!

The only kind of penitence which is worth anything is CONVERSION. Not only conversion FROM but conversion TO. The penitence which stops short at remorse is not a true conversion, not a COMPLETE turn. From remorse to be effective it must be supernatural; it must go on to TRUST. To turn our backs upon sin is one thing, and is a good start, but it will not help for long unless we turn our eyes towards Grace. Once the soul is truly contrite about sin, not merely CRUSHED BY THE GUILT OF IT, there is already a stretching out towards the love which casts out fear. There will still be the holy fear of offending God's love, but this is not at all the same as the fear which comes of guilt. Where one fear can be the sign of love, the other can be the sign of its absence. WHERE ONE LEADS TO HOPE, THE OTHER CAN LEAD TO DESPAIR.

1. Because of certain unsettled circumstances, it is impossible to publish times for Masses on Easter Sunday, and times for the Ceremonies of Holy Week. It is sincerely hoped that the Full Holy Week Ceremony can be observed this year. Hopefully the information can be published next week.
2. STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND BENEDICTION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT - St. Francis Chapel - Every Lenten Friday at 7:00 P.M.
3. Please pray for all the sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Alfred Sachs, and Paul Roy.
4. Confessions are heard before Masses on Sundays. Let no one overlook the serious obligation to go to Confession during THE EASTER TIME.
5. Tuesday, March 12, 1991 is the Feast of St. Gregory I (The Great) who is a most illustrious Saint of the Benedictine Order.
6. REMINDER - - please be mindful of the Lenten regulations regarding FAST and ABSTINENCE. Must be looked upon with the seriousness of obligation required of those who maintain that they have a true love for God in their hearts. This is a penance offered to God for the times each of us has offended His Love for us.

7. 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. Special Intention of the Donor
 - MONDAY: Thksg. of the Donor
 - TUESDAY: Dec. Bernard Kennedy
 - WEDNESDAY: Welfare Sister Mary Gerlach, R.S.M.
 - THURSDAY: Welfare David Moon
 - FRIDAY: Welfare Susan Moon
 - SATURDAY: Dec. Gloria Sudduth

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

MORE ABOUT SANCTITY:

It is quite often necessary to remind ourselves that the Faith which Sanctity asks for IS NOT AUTOMATIC. Faith is planted in our souls at Baptism but it has to be WORKED UPON by responding to Grace. The perfection of Faith is ASKED FOR; it is NOT mechanically extracted. NOTHING IS MECHANICAL ABOUT SANCTITY. It all has to be willed, DELIBERATELY undertaken and developed. The grace to be holy is there all right, but its development depends on how generously we respond to it - on how much we WANT TO RESPOND TO IT! In the whole business of Sanctity, the text which we need to keep most in mind is the one in which our Lord says that He is "THE WAY AND THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE." There is no other way, no other truth, no other life. It is not as though He merely POINTED out the way and then left us to stumble along it: HE IS THE WAY. If we live in Christ we have found the way. Nor does He merely POINT to some vague, distant, hidden truth, and then leave us to beat our backs trying to work it out: HE IS THE TRUTH. If we live in Christ we have found the truth and our true selves. Nor is the life which He offers some sort of supra-planetary - - outer space life: it is the life He lived on earth among men (A LIFE HE LIVED WITHOUT ANY DIVINE ASSISTANCE. IF HE HAD USED DIVINE ASSISTANCE HE WOULD HAVE BEEN CHEATING AND GUILTY OF LYING) and still lives among us. We are able to share it. He can become our very life. That is exactly what He is to the saints. What sanctity asks of us goes deep in, and we need great Faith and courage to respond. It is like going into deep woods in the darkness of the night. Very frightening. Sometimes the darkness is almost overwhelming - especially when all kinds of things claw at us in the darkness of the night. The saints have much to say about how dark it really is! But we must travel through the woods EVEN if the night is black dark, and we must not FALTER. We have to persevere if we are to get to the other side of the deep woods of our life. So, trusting in the help of God, we simply go on walking and walking, not really knowing where our next foot-step will take us. (Did not St. Joseph do just that in the darkness of his night?) We walk and we trust. Perseverance means being faithful - full of Faith. HE THAT PERSEVERES TO THE END, HE SHALL BE SANCTIFIED.