

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)

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
August 11, 1991 - - - Green

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H O L Y D A Y

M A R Y ' S A S S U M P T I O N, body and soul, into heaven is truly a remarkable event, and a most beautiful one. Christian tradition relates that she died in Jerusalem, whence she had returned after several years at the home of Saint John in Ephesus. At the moment of her death all the apostles except Saint Thomas (as usual) were miraculously transported to her bedside, where they wept sorrowfully because she was to leave them. According to tradition, her Assumption was made known to them when Thomas arrived after her burial and wished to see her. When the tomb was opened it was found to be empty of its dear and precious treasure but filled with beautiful lilies. Whatever the correctness of the tradition - there is no serious reason to doubt it, besides, the Church has spoken on it. The Assumption of the Blessed Mother, body and soul, into heaven is a very fitting belief. It is fitting to believe that God, Who preserved Mary from the first moment of her existence from the stain of sin, should have spared her body the penalty of corruption, which is part of the debt of sin. From the GRADUAL of the Mass for the Feast of the Assumption we read: "Mary has been taken up into heaven; therefore do the angels in their choirs rejoice!"

1. Thursday, August 15, 1991 is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and is a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION, which means that mass must be attended under pain of mortal sin. However, if mass cannot be attended due to the problems of our day, the person is excused from the mass obligation. Any one who simply not attend mass on that day, is hardly excused from the duty to spend some time (probably 30-40 minutes) in solemn prayer and meditation and rosary.

The Masses on Thursday - - AT ST. FRANCIS CHAPEL IN CULLMAN are:
7:00 A.M.

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2. Early Notice: for Sunday, September 8, 1991 - Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mother: Venerable Brother Sebastian Glentz, O.S.B. will Make his First Vows (THANK GOD AND PRAISED BE GOD). The Mass, at St. Francis Chapel will be at the usual hour of 12:30 P.M.

3. EARLY NOTICE: For Sunday, September 15, 1991 the Feast of the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mother: Investiture of the New Novices (THANK GOD AND PRAISED BE GOD). The Mass, at St. Francis Chapel will be at 10:00 A.M. On that day there will be no Mass at St. Pius Chapel in Birmingham.

4. Saturday, September 21, 1991 is the Feast of St. Matthew the Apostle.

5. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels. Especially remembering Al Sachs - - St. Francis.

6. Confessions are heard before all Masses on Sunday. Do not let the CARELESS ATTITUDE THAT PRESENT DAY CATHOLICS HAVE TOWARD THIS ALL IMPORTANT SACRAMENT influence the minds of the Catholics who understand and comprehend its importance and value.