

## 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
<b>S C H E D U L E     O F     M A S S E S</b>		
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 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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The Last Sunday after Pentecost  
 November 24, 1991 - - - Green

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, and we are reminded of the situation which will prevail at the end of time. Personal holiness of life should be each one's main concern. If there be holiness in us, we need not dread the end time. Only those without holiness fear those days. For one to be of proper preparation and disposition, one must have clearly in mind that God WANTS him to be holy, and that one does not listen to such objections about not wanting to be holier than anyone else. We must look to OURSELVES when it comes to the very delicate matter of personal holiness. How other people respond to the CALL TO HOLINESS is SIMPLY NOT OUR BUSINESS. We must look after OUR OWN ANSWER to the CALL to holiness and not make guesses as to what others are doing about theirs. DO NOT WAIT TO RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE. We have heard how St. Augustine prayed, 'Lord, make me holy - but not just yet'; St. Augustine was taking a great risk. You can go on saying 'not yet' for so long that you forget what it was that you prayed for. In the same way you can go on saying, 'I can't bring myself to take it on,' for so long that you come in the end to believe it - - and then, of course, you cease to feel the urge to take it on. So it has to be NOW, and it has to be BY GOD'S GRACE I CAN DO ALL THINGS IN HIM WHO STRENGTHENS ME!!!

1. This year, December 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of our Blessed Mother falls on Sunday. Some calendars indicate that the Feast is transferred to the next day. This is not necessarily correct according to the standard rules of the Traditions of the church. In our Monastery and in our chapels, we shall observe the Feast on the Day itself (Dec. 8 - Sunday) Attend mass according to the usual Sunday Schedule.
2. Sunday, December 1 is the First Sunday of the Holy Season of ADVENT. The Advent readings for each day are to be found on the back side of this page. The Blessing for the Advent Wreath is attached to this page. Everyone is urged to observe the Ceremony of the Advent Wreath.
3. Next Sunday, December 1, 1991 is the First Sunday of December. There will be no 9:30 A.M. Mass At St. Pius Chapel in Birmingham, and no 12:30 P.M. Mass at St. Francis Chapel in Cullman.
4. Friday, December 6, 1991 is the First Friday of December. Holy Hour 7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. in the Monastery.
5. Saturday, December 7, 1991 is the First Saturday of December.
6. A SPECIAL REQUEST; There is a young Man in the Phillipine Islands, who has left his Franciscan Monastery after seven years of monastic life. He left because of the persecution he was receiving for working in behalf of the Tridentine Mass. He has learned about the Monastery of Christ the King, and has asked for admission. However, being poor, he needs the funds for travel (\$1,300.00). The Monastery cannot afford such an expense. Therefore, if anyone feels inclined to foster the vocation of this man, please help him in raising funds sufficient for travel.
7. Saturday, November 30, 1991 is the Feast of St. Andrew, the Apostle.
8. Tuesday, December 3, 1991 is the Feast of St. Francis Xavier.
9. Friday, December 6, 1991 is the Feast of St. Nicholas.

10. Please pray for the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Al Sachs. Gertrude Veigl is convalescing nicely, after a short period of concern. Please pray for her.
11. Please order 1992 Calendars now @ \$4.00 per Calendar. Contact:  
 Laurelyn Niebuhr in Birmingham  
 Mrs. Paul Roy in Montgomery  
 Father Leonard in Cullman.
12. The Christmas Time Mailing is about to take place. Please pray for the success of it, so that we can begin to build our Monastic Church.
13. 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 Int. Steve Nemeth  
 MONDAY: For the Louis Glentz Family  
 TUESDAY: Dec. Bernard Boylan  
 WEDNESDAY: Dec. Vera MacAllister  
 THURSDAY: Special Int. Dennis Kallin  
 FRIDAY: Special Int. of the Donor  
 SATURDAY: Special Int. Dominic Marchetti

## ADVENT

This year - December First - is THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: The Christmas Season begins with a period of PREPARATION - SPIRITUAL PREPARATION - called ADVENT, a word that means coming - - the coming of the promised Redeemer. This first part of the NEW LITURGICAL YEAR emphasizes Advent (coming) because it is especially devoted to a study of those centuries during which God was preparing the world for the coming of His Son. Advent always begins on the Sunday nearest the Feast of the Apostle St. Andrew, which occurs on November 30 - it so happens that this is four weeks (or so) before Christmas Day. Besides reminding us of Christ's first coming at Bethlehem, it prepares us for His Coming by Grace at Christmas and His final coming at the end of the world. The spirit of Advent is one of preparation to be sure, but preparation of a nature that is PENITENTIAL expectation and joy. In her liturgy the Church keeps repeating: HE IS COMING! The Saviour is coming to us! for Advent represents those dark centuries following the Fall of Man, when the human race waited longingly for the Great Deliverer. A penitential spirit is preached by the Prophet Isias and St. John the Baptist. The spirit is manifested by the use of vestments of violet in color - symbolic of penance and contrition.

### ADVENT SCRIPTURE READINGS:

#### FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT:

Monday	Isaiah: Chap. 2 (1-5)
Tuesday	Isaiah: Chap. 11 (1-10)
Wednesday	Zephaniah: Chap. 3 (14-20)
Thursday	Isaiah: Chap. 61 (1-11)
Friday	Isaiah: Chap. 7 (10-14)
Saturday	Isaiah: Chap. 35 (1-10)

#### THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Monday	Isaiah: Chap. 62 (11-12)
Tuesday	Micah: Chap. 5 (1-4)
Wednesday	St. Luke Chap. 1 (26-38)
Thursday	St. Luke Chap. 1 (39-45)
Friday	St. Luke Chap. 1 (46-56)
Saturday	St. Luke Chap. 1 (57-66)

#### SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Monday	Isaiah: Chap. 64 (1-11)
Tuesday	Jeremiah: Chap. 3 (14-16)
Wednesday	St. Paul to the Philippians Chap. 4 (4-9)
Thursday	Baruch: Chap. 5 (1-9)
Friday	Isaiah: Chap. 40 (1-12)
Saturday	Isaiah: Chap. 52 (7-10)

#### FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

Sunday	St. Luke Chap. 3 (1-6)
Monday	St. Paul to the Romans Chap. 1 (1-6)
Tuesday	CHRISTMAS EVE St. Matthew Chap. 1 (18-21)
Wednesday	CHRISTMAS DAY St. Luke Chap. 2 (1-14)

# ADVENT WREATH

*The wreath, a circle, expresses God's unending eternity.  
Evergreen symbolizes God's unchangeableness and our immortality.  
Four candles, one for each week of Advent, represent the many  
hundreds of years during which mankind awaited the Redeemer.  
Violet candles and ribbon remind us of longing expectation.  
The rose candle symbolizes joy and hope in awaiting Jesus' birthday.*

## Blessing

THE BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH  
GIVEN FROM THE MONASTERY OF CHRIST THE KING

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

At the Wreath

Priest: On that day beholding from afar I shall see the Power of God coming and covering the whole earth like a cloud. Go ye out to meet Him and say unto Him: Tell us if Thou art He Who is to reign over the people of Israel.

People: On that day beholding from afar I shall see the Power of God coming and covering the whole earth like a cloud. Go ye out to meet Him and say unto Him: Tell us if Thou art He Who is to reign over the people of Israel.

Priest: And you, all ye dwellers upon earth, sons of men, rich and poor.

People: Go ye out to meet Him and say unto Him: Tell us if Thou art He Who is to reign over the people of Israel.

Priest: Hear, O Thou shepherd of Israel: Thou who leadest Joseph like a sheep.

People: Behold the Lord shall come and all His saints with Him: and there shall be a great light on that day.

Priest: All ye who thirst come to the waters: seek ye the Lord while He may be found.

People: The mountains and the hills shall sing praise before God, and all the trees of the forest shall clap their hands, because the Lord, the Ruler, will come into His eternal kingdom.

Priest: The Lord will come and will not delay, and He will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will manifest Himself to all nations.

People: Let us live justly and godly, looking for the blessed hope and coming of the Lord.

Priest: Sound the trumpet in Sion, for the day of the Lord is near. Behold, He will come to save us. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: The Lord will come, go forth to meet Him, and say: Great is His dominion, and His kingdom shall have no end. He is God, the Mighty, the Ruler, the Prince of Peace. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Priest: The people shall fear Thy Name, O Lord.

People: And all the kings of the earth Thy glory.

LET US PRAY

As we thy servants, O Lord, ask Thee for thy blessing to descend upon this symbol of our hope and expectation, put forth Thy power, we beseech Thee, and come, that with Thee as our protector we may be rescued from the impending danger of our sins: and with Thee as our deliverer, may we obtain our salvation. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

People: Amen.

(PRIEST LIGHTS FIRST CANDLE - SPRINKLES WREATH AND PEOPLE WITH HOLY WATER)

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Priest: People of Sion, behold the Lord shall come to save the nations; and the Lord shall make the glory of His voice to be heard in the joy of your heart.

Priest: (V). Give ear, O Thou that rulest Israel.

People: (R). Thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep.

Priest: (V). Glory be to the Father, and the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

People: (R). As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end.  
Amen.

Priest: LET US PRAY

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the ways of Thine only-begotten Son, that through His coming we may be worthy to serve Him with purified minds.  
Through Christ Our Lord.

People: Amen. (PRIEST LIGHTS SECOND CANDLE)

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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - - GAUDETE SUNDAY

Priest: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Let your modesty be known to all men; for the Lord is nigh. Be nothing solicitous; but in everything by prayer let your requests be made known to God.

Priest: (V). Thou, O Lord, that sittest upon the Cherubim, stir up thy might, and come.

People: (R). Give ear, O Thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep.

Priest: Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

People: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

Priest: LET US PRAY

Grant us, we beseech Thee O Lord, that the coming solemnity of our redemption may both bring us help for our present life, and bestow on us the rewards of everlasting blessedness.

Through Christ Our Lord.

People: Amen. (PRIEST LIGHTS THIRD - ROSE - CANDLE)

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Priest: Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the just; let the earth be opened and bud forth a Saviour.

Priest: (V). The heavens show forth the glory of God.

People: (R). And the firmament declares the work of His Hands.

Priest: (V). Come, O Lord, and do not delay.

People: (R). Forgive the sins of Thy people Israel.

Priest: (V). Lift up your gates, O ye princes; and be ye lifted up, O eternal gates, and the King of glory shall enter in.

People: (R). Who shall ascend into the mountain of the Lord, \* or who shall stand in His holy place? \* the innocent in hands, and the clean of heart.

Priest: (V). Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

People: (R). As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end.  
Amen.

Priest: LET US PRAY

Bestir, O Lord, Thy might, we beseech Thee, and come; and with great power come to our aid, that, by the help of Thy grace, that which is hindered by our sins may be hastened by Thy merciful forgiveness. Through Christ Our Lord.

People: Amen.

(PRIEST LIGHTS FOURTH CANDLE)

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