

**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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**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 ( <u>ONLY</u> on First Sunday of each month)	6:00 A.M. - Mass (EVERY SUNDAY) 12:30 P.M. - Mass ( <u>EXCEPT</u> on first Sunday of each month)	9:10 A.M. - Rosary 9:30 A.M. - Mass ( <u>EXCEPT</u> on first Sunday of each month)
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SUNDAY WITHIN OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS  
December 29, 1991 - - - White

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With their oriental views, the Magi looked for an Epiphany of grandeur, and they were confronted with one of abject poverty! Any yet they did not fail to recognize the Divine, nor were they baffled by the unexpected disguise, by His Humility of circumstance, nor by the defiance of all earthly prejudices and standards of valuation. Their purity of heart, their sincerity of mind, their love of truth and reality (NO MATTER HOW MUCH TRUTH MIGHT CONFLICT WITH THEIR OWN PERSONAL VIEWS AND FEELINGS) AND finally their great humility were what made them receptive of the gift of the wonderful faith given them by God!!!

1. MASS SCHEDULE FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY - - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION  
FEAST OF THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST  
SAINT FRANCIS CHAPEL - - ONLY - - 6:30 A.M. and 9:30 A.M.
2. Monday, January 6, 1992 is the Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord  
Not a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass, as usual is offered in the  
Monastery at 6:00 A.M.
3. Blessing of the EPIPHANY CHALK will take place at Our Lady of Lourdes  
Chapel, Sunday, January 5, 1992. Distributed to other Chapels at the  
Masses of the Following Sunday.
4. Next Sunday, January 5, 1992 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.
5. Saturday, January 4, 1992 is the First Saturday of January
6. Friday, January 3, 1992 is the FIRST FRIDAY OF JANUARY. Holy Hour  
7:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. in the Monastery.
7. Please remember to pray for all the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels.

THE MONKS OF THE MONASTERY OF CHRIST THE KING  
WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS THEIR  
PROFOUND GRATITUDE TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU  
OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHAPEL, ST. PIUS V CHAPEL,  
AND ST. FRANCIS CHAPEL WHO HAVE SO KINDLY AND  
GENEROUSLY EXPRESSED YOUR LOVE IN WORDS AND  
WONDERFUL GIFTS. YOU GAVE TO US OF WHAT YOU HAVE.  
WE GIVE TO YOU OF WHAT WE HAVE - - - OUR PRAYER,  
AND GIVE TO YOU WITH ALL OUR HEARTS!!!

**All nations shall serve him.**

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD!!!

JANUARY 6, 1992

As the MAGI hastened on their way, they must have been filled with high expectancy. Their imaginations must have formed glowing pictures of the wonders that awaited them at the end of their long and difficult journey. Any event heralded in such a striking manner as the brilliance of a star in the heavens, must surely be attended by circumstances of magnificence such as the world of their day had never yet seen. As they drew near to Jerusalem, their souls must have been raised to the highest degree of bright expectancy. To find the people of the Holy City utterly ignorant of the great event must have been a rude shock to them and must have had a chilling effect on the warmth of their imaginations. It did not, however, cause their faith to waver. As soon as they had learned what they needed to know, they moved on immediately. When their long quest had come to an end, were they disappointed with the unexpected manner of its termination??? As they saw the humble roof under which the Child was, and as they perceived the lowly simple condition of His parents, were they taken aback??? Were they harassed by any doubts??? Was it merely a poverty-stricken helpless infant, who attracted no attention or public notice, and was surrounded by no pomp or circumstance, that they had come so far to see and to worship??? It was the supreme test to which they were put, and their magnificent faith triumphed over all appearances. Their hearts responded loyally to the touch of grace, and they did not presume to quarrel with God's choice of things, and they therefore, "falling down, they adored Him".


THEY LOOKED UPON THE BABE - - - - -  
AND SAW GOD!!!

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. Dec. Florine Brisbois  
MONDAY: Special Int. Judith Judge  
TUESDAY: Dec. Joseph Manguno  
Jan. 1 WEDNESDAY: 6:30 A.M. Monastery of Christ the King in Thanksgiving.  
9:30 A.M. Special Int. Maryanne Glentz  
THURSDAY: Welfare James Jordan  
FRIDAY: Dec. Margaret McDonald  
SATURDAY: Special Int. Paul Roy Family

LORD, GRANT US MONKS! LORD, GRANT US HOLY MONKS! LORD, GRANT US MANY HOLY MONKS!  
!!!!LORD, PLEASE ALLOW US TO BUILD OUR ABBEY CHURCH IN 1992!!!!

*We will ask the Infant Jesus to  
fill your heart with His love. May  
His Holy Mother Mary obtain for  
you an abundance of blessings  
throughout the New Year.*

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CEREMONY FOR THE BLESSING OF HOUSES AND ALL PLACES  
FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF JESUS CHRIST.

BLESSING OF CHALK:

(Instruction: Chalk is blessed on the Altar, before Holy Mass begins. It will not be distributed by the priest, but can only be obtained by a member of the Family who must go up to the Altar, after Mass, and taking it. The Father of the Family will later use it to inscribe the initials of the Three Wise Men: Gaspar, Melchior and Balthazar, and the current year over the main door (and any other doors) of the home. This inscription should remain over the doors throughout the year.)

PASTOR: - Opening Antiphon: Behold, the Lord the ruler is come; and the kingdom is in His Hand, and power, and dominion.  
O God, with your judgement endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son.  
Glory be to the Father. Behold, the Lord.

Antiphonal Prayer:

V. All nations shall serve Him.

R. All nations shall serve Him.

V. Nations shall walk by Your light, and kings by Your shining radiance.

R. All nations shall serve Him.

V. All from Saba shall come, bringing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord.

R. All nations shall serve Him.

V. Rise up in splendor, O Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord shines upon you.

R. All nations shall serve Him.

V. We have seen His star in the East; and have come with gifts to worship the Lord.

R. All nations shall serve Him.

V. The kings of Tharsis and the isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring tribute. All kings shall pay Him homage, all nations shall serve Him.

R. All nations shall serve Him.

PASTOR: - In Thy great mercy, have mercy on us, O God.

Let us pray: O Lord God, Bless + this chalk which You have created, that it may be helpful to mankind; and grant that through the invocation of Your most Holy Name, all those who use this chalk or with it write over the doors of their houses the names of Your Saints Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, may by their merits and intercession receive health of body and protection of soul.

We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ Your Son. AMEN.

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\*\*\* BLESSING OF THE HOME \*\*\*

(Conducted by the Father, or, in his absence, by the Mother).

Father: Peace to my house.

Family: And to all who live here.

Father: The father of the just will exult with glee; let your father and mother have joy.

Family: All nations shall serve Him.

Father: Happy they who dwell in Your House, O Lord! Continually they praise You.

Family: All nations shall serve Him.

Father: Blessed is the man who hears me and who watches daily at my gates and at the post of my doors.

Family: All nations shall serve Him.

Father: O Lord, hear my Prayer.

Family: And let my cry come unto You.

Father: Let us Pray:

Hear us, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Eternal God, and send Thy Holy Angel from Heaven to watch over, cherish, protect, be with, and defend all who live in my house.

I call upon Your Saints, Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, to protect my Family and my home from every harm and danger, and I place their mark over my door to remain there as a constant reminder to us and to all who enter here that my house is truly a house of the Lord.

O God, make the door of my house wide enough to receive all who need human love and companionship; narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling-block to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back the temptor's power.

O God, make the door of my house the gateway to Thine Eternal Kingdom.

I ask these things in the Name of Jesus Christ Your Son.

Family: Amen.

(After the blessing, the Father inscribes on the main outside doors and any other doors in the house. Print with the blessed Chalk:

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