

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 (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)
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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
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The human race was intended by God for a super-human destiny - - - a SUPERNATURAL ONE. Adam and Eve were raised to a Supernatural State by Grace, and were INTENDED TO TRANSMIT that state to their children, BUT BY THEIR SIN THEY LOST THAT GRACE, BOTH FOR THEMSELVES AND FOR THEIR CHILDREN: the whole human race accordingly fell to a merely human condition, surrounded with difficulties which would interfere with its reaching EVEN a merely human end, and it was absolutely powerless to achieve its super-human or SUPERNATURAL END. For example, men were intended to be the friends of God, sharing in His super-nature like sons. They LOST that share of His super-nature. The result can be illustrated by considering what would happen if some beloved friend or, worse still, some favorite child, were not merely to lose the use of his reason, but by losing his rational nature radically and completely, were to descend to the level of the brute animals. The result defies even our imagination!!! but we can realize that such a being would have no longer any hope of finding happiness as a friend of ours. Something like that happened when we fell from Grace. We mortals are in the position of the friend or child that has lost not merely the USE OF REASON, but THE VERY FACULTY ITSELF, and has become an animal. The comparison is to some extent inaccurate, and may even be odious, but this much may be said: rational man is NO MORE different from the brute beast, than is the supernatural different from the natural. A dog has a better chance of proving Euclid's fifth proposition, or of writing an opera or a symphony, than a man without Grace has of performing a supernatural act. THE SUPERNATURAL IS UTTERLY BEYOND THE POWERS OF MAN, and yet, for the Christian, his whole happiness depends upon his achieving a supernatural end.

1. THURSDAY, May 28, 1992 is the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord, and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass must be attended on that day under pain of mortal sin.

MASSES AT ST. FRANCIS CHAPEL - - - O N L Y - -
 7:00 A.M.

5:30 P.M.

2. Friday - after Ascension Thursday - is the day to begin the NOVENA IN HONOR OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.
3. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday - May 25, 26, 27, are ROGATION DAYS. The Litany of the Saints is said on these days. ROGATION means supplication. The object of these devotions is to turn away from us the scourges of divine justice and draw down God's blessings on the fruits of the earth. They are NOT days of fast and abstinence. NO obligation is involved.
4. During the wonderful days of this Easter Season pray for VOCATIONS TO THE HOLY PRIESTHOOD, AND FOR RELIGIOUS VOCATIONS TO THE MONASTERY OF CHRIST THE KING.
5. Confessions are heard before Masses on Sunday - - REMEMBER EASTER CONFESSION. The Easter Duty simply cannot be treated in an arbitrary way. IT IS A SERIOUS SIN IF YOU DO NOT ATTEND TO YOUR EASTER DUTY.
6. Please pray for all of the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels, especially remembering our Brother, Al Sachs.