TRADITIONAL CHAPELS IN ALABAMA

St. Francis of Assisi St. Pius V Our Lady of Lourdes Roman Catholic Chapel Roman Catholic Chapel Roman Catholic Chapel Birmingham, Alabama Cullman, Alabama Montgomery, Alabama MASSES OF SCHEDULE 6:00 A.M. - Mass 9:10 A.M. - Rosary (EVERY SUNDAY) 10:30 A.M. - Rosary 9:30 A.M. - Mass 10:45 A.M. - Mass 12:30 P.M. - Mass (EXCEPT on first (ONLY on First Sunday (EXCEPT on first Sunday of each month) Sunday of each month)

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST July 12, 1992 - - - Green

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An active Faith is NECESSARY to see God's Hand in all things - - but the 'just man liveth by faith'. And it may be admitted, that there are times when one's Faith may have to be exercised by a vigorous and deliberate effort. malice of men is so obvious in what befalls us; the course of events is so opposed to what we were quite certain were God's designs for us; the pain and the sorrow inflicted upon us or upon those we love by special trials are so keen; the almost total devastation of our hopes and plans seems to surround us; the disruption of our family life; THE HORRIBLE CONDITION FOUND IN THE HOLY CHURCH THAT WE WERE TAUGHT COULD NEVER BE WRONG- - - when we view all of this, we find it quite difficult to convince ourselves that God "knows what He is doing". That is just the point. God DOES know what He is doing, and knows it full well. His plan is perfectly designed to accomplish His purpose. But His purpose is unknown to us. Our Lord Himself warned us: "I am the vine, you are the branches . I am the true vine: and my Father is the husbandman. Every branch in Me, that beareth not fruit, He will take away; and everyone that beareth fruit, He will purge it, that it may bring forth much fruit." This purging or pruining action of the Father is what disconcerts us. We see an orchard in FULL BLOOM, and what has a more delicate charm? And yet those flowers must disappear if the branches are to bring forth fruit. There are many flowers in our life that seem of great balue to us! In God's sight they ARE ONLY FLOWERS, and in His mercy He removes them that we may yield Him fruit. He alone knows the deep desires of our hearts and HE ALONE can satisfy them. We must trust Him ABSOLUTELY if we wish to achieve our heart's desire. We are so special to God. Are we not His Children? Are we not members of the Mystical Body of His well beloved Son in Whom He is will pleased? But we have a serious problem, and the problem is, literally, that we do not know what is good for us; and what makes the problem still worse is that we think that WE DO KNOW WHAT IS BEST FOR US! We have our own plans for our happiness and too often we merely regard God as somebody that we can call upon to help us accomplish our plans. THE TRUE STATE OF AFFAIRS IS JUST THE OPPOSITE. God has HIS PLANS for us and our happiness, and He is waiting for us to HELP HIM to accomplish them. And let us be quite clear about it: WE CANNOT IMPROVE ON GOD'S PLANS!!!

VERY EARLY NOTICE: - - - OCTOBER 4, 1992 - First Sunday of October:

Time of Mass: 10:00 A.M. VOWS AT THE MONASTERY: NO MASS AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHAPEL.

OCTOBER 11, 1992 - Second Sunday of October

NO MASS AT St. Pius V Chapel in Birmingham MASS AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHAPEL, MONTGOMERY.

2. Please Pray for all the Sick and Shut-Ins of Our Chapels, especially remembering our Brother Al Sachs.

Confessions are heard before Masses on Sunday.