TRADITIONAL CHAPELS IN ALABAMA

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

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT GAUDETE SUNDAY - - - ROSE/VIOLET December 13, 1992

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It is little to say of the INCARNATION that it is the greatest historical event that has ever been or that ever will be; that it dwarfs into utter insignificance everything contained in human records. It is to belittle it to allow it to enter into comparison with ANYTHING that has ever affected human destinies, for it transcends comparison. Men may know this theoretically, but they fail to realize it practically. They simply fail to COMPREHEND what it is that they are talking about. Neither can men explain the question of this VIRGIN BIRTH scientifically, or else they would not assign importance to other historical happenings, except in proportion to their relation to this pivotal fact in human destinies. The event of the Divine Birth began when the Angel of the Lord came as an Ambassador of God to a young girl named Mary. This is the most dramatic scene of all time!!! The Annunciation of Mary by the Angel Gabriel has to be the most central thing that has ever happened. All previous generations looked forward to it, just as all subsequent generations have looked back to it. The result of this conference between Heaven and Earth had Angels "holding their breaths" as they awaited the answer of a teen-age girl - - whose answer would decide the fate of us all - whoever we are, wherever we are, and when ever we came

1. MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS DAY:

to be!

12:00 A.M. - - - Midnight Mass - St. Francis Chapel Church opens 11:15 P.M.

Carols begin 11:30 P.M. 8:30 A.M. - - - Mass at St. Pius Chapel

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(Let your prayer be that Christmas Masses of 1993 will be celebrated in our new Church - to the greater honor and

2. ALWAYS AND ALWAYS - EVERYONE IS REMINDED OF THE TREMENDOUS RELIGIOUS
SIGNIFICANCE OF THE CHRISTMAS FEAST. The current turmoil in the Church
(the questions regarding the Mass, the Most Holy Eucharist, the Sacraments, Faith and Morals, etc.) which was found by Jesus Christ, HIMSELF
(alone) is the direct result of the attack (within the church itself)
on the DIVINITY OF CHRIST. An attack on the doctrine of ORIGINAL SIN
results eventually on the UNIMPORTANCE of a Redeemer! Witness, how in
some churches, the "IMPORTANT" personage of the Christmas feast is Santa
Claus, to the detriment of the person of Jesus Christ in His Nativity.
Consider the "brain damage" that this is causing to the priceless little
children who must experience this in their churches. Consider, too,
that these same priceless little children will be teaching their little
children, when it eventually comes time for them to teach!

3. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of this week or the Winter Ember Days, and

- are days of Fast and partial abstinance (except Friday).
 4. MASS SCHEDULE FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY - (ST. FRANCIS CHAPEL ONLY)
 - 6:30 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. (A Holy Day of Obligation)
- 5. The Calendars for 1993 are now available.