

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

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)

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 20, 1992 - - - Violet

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The Jews knew where the Messiah should be born. They were able, without hesitation and without doubt, to inform strangers and pagans of the place of His birth. "There came wise men from the East to Jerusalem, saying, Where is He that is born King of the Jews? And they said, in Bethlehem of Juda. For so it is written by the prophet: And thou Bethlehem, the land of Juda, are not the least among the princes of Juda, for out of thee shall come forth the ruler that shall rule my people Israel." The priests and the scribes answered correctly, but all the evidence goes to show that they did not themselves discover the Messiah, whose whereabouts they disclosed to the Magi with such certainty and aptitude. The Three Kings were pagans and strangers, yet they had vision. The people of God - the scribes and the priests and the "good" people of the within places, were totally blind to it all! It was because the latter good people of God had created out of imaginations heated by racial prejudice, national pride, and radical religious posture, the glorious pageantry in which the promised Redeemer was to make His dazzling advent. THEY had arranged the circumstances of His appearance, and when He did not come in the form their imagination had woven for Him they GAZED ON HIS FACE, AND THEY DID NOT SEE HIM! Not so the Wise Men. They took God on His own terms. He chose a certain mode for His manifestation, and they acknowledged Him as God EVEN in the lowliness of the guise in which He appeared. THEY LOOKED ON A BABE AND THEY SAW GOD!!! Their faith was superb.

1. The above statement could be taken as a warning to us in these our days.

2. MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS DAY:

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
11:00 A.M. - - - - Mass at St. Francis Chapel

3. LET YOUR PRAYER BE THAT CHRISTMAS MASSES OF 1993 WILL BE CELEBRATED IN OUR NEW ABBEY CHURCH - IN A VERY FITTING AND PROPER WAY TO THE GREATER HONOR AND GLORY OF GOD AND THE INFANT SAVIOUR.

4. The Schedule of MASSES for New Year's Day - - - St. Francis Chapel Only:
6:30 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. - A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

5. EARLY NOTICE: Ven. Frater Michael Sautner, O.S.B. will make his SOLEMN PROFESSION OF VOEW, Sunday, January 24, 1993. Mass on that day will be at 10:00 A.M. and only at St. Francis Chapel. The 6:00 A.M. Mass at St. Francis will be as always.

6. 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. For the Poor Souls

MONDAY: Dec. John Murphy

TUESDAY: Welfare Graham Zaffaroni

WEDNESDAY: Dec. Ardis Hogan

THURSDAY: Special Int. Isaac & Ella Souleau

FRIDAY: 12:00 A.M. For the Monastery of Christ the King

CHRISTMAS 8:30 A.M. For the People of the Chapels

11:00 A.M. For Prayer Promises and Benefactors

SATURDAY: Welfare Sister Mary Ambrosine