

**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)

QUINQUAGESIMA SUNDAY  
February 21, 1993 - - - Purple

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REMEMBER, MAN, THAT THOU ART DUST, AND UNTO DUST THOU SHALL RETURN

**A S H W E D N E S D A Y**

The ceremony of the BLESSING OF ASHES is a relic of the solemn ritual formerly performed by the bishop with public penitents. Whoever had committed a grave, public sin was bound to submit to public penance at the beginning of Lent. Such was the custom from the Fourth until the Tenth Century. This penance consisted primarily in exclusion from the Eucharistic Part of the Sacrifice of the Mass, but also included the practice of works of satisfaction, prayer, mortification, and fasting. The rite of EXCLUSION from Church functions began with penitents receiving the penitential garb (sack cloth) in solemn ritual and having their heads strewn with ashes; then the bishop accompanied them to the gate of the church. This "expulsion" was a moving ceremony and served as a stern warning to all the faithful. As centuries passed the church mitigated her penitential discipline; and various penances were assigned in secret. But since the Middle Ages the faithful at large have voluntarily dedicated themselves to the practice of penance by receiving the Blessed Ashes.

1. WEDNESDAY - - February 24, 1993 is ASHWEDNESDAY, AND IS A SOLEMN DAY OF FAST AND COMPLETE ABSTINENCE. Ash wednesday is not a holy day of obligation, but everyone is urged to attend Holy Mass on that Solemn Day - if at all possible.  
Mass on Ash Wednesday;-St. Francis Chapel  
7:00 A.M. Distribution of Ashes at Both Masses  
7:00 P.M.
2. STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND BENEDICTION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT - St. Francis Chapel - EVERY LENTEN FRIDAY AT 7:00 P.M.
3. The usual PACKETS OF BLESSED ASHES will be available to all at the masses on Ash Wednesday and the Sunday Following.
4. Thursday, February 25, 1993 is the Feast of St. Matthias - Apostle.
5. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels - ESPECIALLY REMEMBERING: Al Sachs, Forney Roy and Woody Fleming.
6. During the Holy Season of Lent we must make a true and honest effort to use the Sacrament of Penance in a most effective way. Without the proper and correct use of this Holy Sacrament, the salvation of our immortal souls will be placed in grave danger. BEWARE OF MECHANICAL CONFESSIONS.
7. 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:	Special Int. Agnes Meyerhofer
TUESDAY:	Dec. John Caffrey
WEDNESDAY:	Welfare Ed Niedzwieck
THURSDAY:	Dec. Julis Pearson
FRIDAY:	Dec. Byrdie Smith
SATURDAY:	Thksg. - St. Theresa - Mrs. Edge

LORD, GRANT US MONKS! LORD, GRANT US HOLY MONKS! LORD, GRANT US MANY HOLY MONKS!