

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 LENT - - LAETARE
March 21, 1993 - - - Purple - ROSE
FEAST OF OUR MOST HOLY FATHER BENEDICT

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The desire to love God, the desire for perfect union with God means nothing at all and is without any value or merit whatever in the sight of God UNLESS it is inspired and guided by grace and in conformity with God's will. Someone will say: "All desires for union with God are inspired by grace." That is not true. The devils desire to possess God. There is a natural desire for union (contemplation) which may never get to be explicit in most men, but such a desire does exist. But all this is without merit or value. Our desire for God MUST COME FROM GOD AND BE GUIDED BY HIS WILL before it means anything in the supernatural order. And so it is NOT SUFFICIENT to rush into church with a desire for union (contemplation), or to do a lot of good works, or to say many, many prayers, or perform great acts of virtue or mortification with a desire for sanctity. In all the aspects of life the SUPREME good which includes everything else is GOD'S WILL. Without the desire of fulfilling the will of God, all contemplation, or union, or virtue and prayer are nothing. The FIRST movement in all prayer, together with faith in His presence, ought to be the DESIRE to know His will and to abandon oneself entirely to all His dispositions and intentions for us. Without that, the desire of contemplation or union will only lead us to beat our heads against a stone wall.

1. Next Sunday is the FIRST SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR BLESSED LORD - or Passion Sunday. The Statues will all be covered in purple. This is significant of sorrow, of "hiding", and demonstrates the general atmosphere of this awful moment.

2. EASTER INFORMATION:

PALM SUNDAY: - - April 4, 1993 (First Sunday)

 THERE WILL BE NO MASS AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES Chapel
 IN MONTGOMERY ON THAT DAY. SUNDAY MASS AND ALL CEREMONIES
 WILL TAKE PLACE ONLY AT ST. FRANCIS CHAPEL, CULLMAN

 PALM SUNDAY MASS - - 10:00 A.M.

EASTER SUNDAY: - - April 11, 1993

 (1) St. Francis, Cullman, - - 9:00 A.M. (NO 6:00 A.M. MASS)

 (2) St. Pius, Birmingham, - - 12:00 M.

 (3) Our Lady of Lourdes, Montgomery - - 3:00 P.M.

3. SPECIAL NOTE FOR PALM SUNDAY: DAY LIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF APRIL - - SET CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR.

4. STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND BENEDICTION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT - ST. FRANCIS CHAPEL - - EVERY LENTEN FRIDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

5. During the Holy Season of Lent we must make a TRUE AND HONEST EFFORT to use the Sacrament of Penance in the most effective way. Without the proper and correct use of this Holy Sacrament, the salvation of one's immortal soul is forced into grave danger. BEWARE OF MECHANICAL CONFES-
SIONS.

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