

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)

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

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St. Mark, Evangelist - - - Red
Greater Litany (Monday at Monastery)
April 25, 1993

POSSESSIONS WILL ALWAYS REMAIN POSSESSIONS! Anything that one possesses can be taken away from him. But what ONE IS abides in him and nobody can take that away from him. People become quite miserable and go into deep depression when they suffer the loss of friends or of things such as money or property. Heartbreak is sometimes the result of such losses. How, then should one act in time of loss? What must one try to do at such a time? Poverty of Spirit might be the answer. The problem is that most people are selfish, and grab hold to people and things and make them personal property, not so much from love as to satisfy a craving to own. They fail to comprehend that having or not having cannot alter one's inmost being, and thus failing, they fall into despair when a loss takes place. They fail to comprehend that even in having nothing, one can possess all things. There is no limit to the extent to which the detached of spirit can be enlarged: for seeing God in all things, one can find all things lovely - even in distress - and can become one with them, and will be able to contemplate instead of grabbing. It is difficult for people to understand that the man who grabs and clings shall come to a most distressed state of mind, for the more such a man comes to have the less is he established in truth, and his possessions enslave and diminish him: enslave because he cannot move unless his whole ponderous array of possessions goes with him, diminish because he is thus not his own master, for he becomes dependent on the very things he has tried to make his own creatures. Things that are possessed without detachment of spirit tend to drain life more and more out of the possessor, but to the one with things held in poverty of spirit enlarges his own existence, because he adds the life of the things he has to his own life.

1. NOTE WELL: Next Sunday is the First Sunday of May. (May 2, 1993) There will be no 9:30 A.M. Mass at St. Pius Chapel in Birmingham, and no 12:30 P.M. Mass at St. Francis Chapel in Cullman.
2. Friday, May 7, 1993 is the First Friday of May. There will be the usual Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the Monastery, however, it is a difficulty because of the conditions brought about by the construction of the Abbey Church.
3. Friday, April 29, 1993 is the Feast of St. Peter the Maytyr. Therefore, Blessing #2 will be placed upon the Palm Crosses.
4. Monday, May 3, 1993 is the Feast of the Finding of the Holy Cross. Therefore, Blessing #3 will be placed upon the Palm Crosses. These little Crosses will be distributed shortly thereafter.
5. Saturday, May 1, 1993 is the FEAST OF THE SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH - - ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER. This is a truly important Feast, and should be honor by all in a very special way. St. Joseph is the Patronal Saint of our Abbey Church. St. Therese of Lisieux is also the Patronal Saint of our Abbey Church. We are greatly indebted to these most wonderful and great saints, and we should all express our gratitude to them by giving them honor.
6. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels - especially remembering: Al Sachs. Remember, also the grandmother of our Frater Wolfgang, O.S.B. who died recently. Remember, also, the uncle of our Brother Sebastian, O.S.B. who died recently.