

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

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

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)

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER  
May 9, 1993 - - - White

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H A P P Y M O T H E R ' S D A Y ! ! !

PLEASE, GOD, GRANT TO MOTHERS  
A FULL COMPREHENSION OF THEIR  
MOTHERHOOD!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION - - IN ANSWER TO CONTRARY INFORMATION:

Concerning the question of the altar facing the people:

What has been described as a "desirable" change has now become common practice. And many are under the impression that this change simply represents the revival of an early Christian practice. But we can show with certainty that there has never been, neither in the Eastern nor the Western Church, a celebration FACING THE PEOPLE; rather, the direction of prayer has always been towards the East, FACING THE LORD!

The idea that the priest is to face the people during Mass has its origins with Martin Luther, in his little book, "The German Mass and Order of Worship" (1526). At the beginning of the chapter entitled, "For the Lay People on Sundays," Luther writes:

" - - For the real Mass among true Christians, the altar should not remain in its current form and the priest should always face the people - as we can undoubtedly assume, Christ did during the Last Supper. Well, all this will come to pass in time."

That time has now, indeed, come to pass. Luther's undoubted assumption remains only an assumption, and in his assumption he fails to focus on the contradiction that such an assumption presents to the table etiquette observed in antiquity. Luther's argument is invalid.

1. Distribution of the PALM CROSSES will take place on this Sunday. The Crosses were blessed Three times: (1) Palm Sunday; (2) April 29, the Feast of St. Peter the Martyr; (3) May 3, the Feast of the Finding of the Holy Cross.
2. Please Pray for all the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels, especially remembering our Brother, Al Sachs.

"MOTHER, SHE OPENETH HER MOUTH WITH WISDOM, AND ON HER TONGUE  
IS THE LAW OF KINDNESS. HER CHILDREN ARISE UP AND CALL HER  
BLESSED: HER HUSBAND ALSO AND HE PRAISETH HER." (Proverbs)

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

LORD, PLEASE PERMIT US TO COMPLETE OUR ABBEY CHURCH IN 1993