

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 AFTER PENTECOST
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You want independence? You want to be master and maker? You want power and you want to be great? You are right. It is your destiny. But who is he who is powerful: the man who can evict a thousand villagers from their homes or throw a million soldiers into the field and destroy a nation, or who by his edict have countless little children of God aborted? - - or the man who can make a single human being give him his whole heart? Be the first if you will: you will intoxicate yourself, no doubt, with your greatness and forget or never notice that it is not you at all that wields the power. Posterity will not fail to notice; and, indeed, before you are dead they will be analyzing you as a specimen in some hospital ward, but they will be explaining the gods - - the lustreless sub-human gods whose lackey you were. You will have seen yourself as the master of millions, the lord of all who surround you, but they will know you as a man who never even had the sense or the courage to master his own unconscious urges. You will have thought yourself lord of the world - they will know you as an outcast, unable to win a glance from a single heart, unable to find a single friend unless, perhaps, it were a dog - - and even the dog would, no doubt, have learned only to fawn. The master of the world, what is his independence?

Now let us look at the saint for a moment. It is the saints who are independent. The saints have mastered themselves and are whole; they do what they like and no man can stop them, for they laugh at terror and torture, having nothing to lose. It is the saints who have power: they need not rely on bribery or blackmail or bayonets, for their power is really theirs, WITHIN THEM, and it is simply by being themselves that they sway the world. When the lions lick the feet of Paulinus in the Roman arena, when Laurence makes fun of himself on the gridiron, when thousands flock to the confessional of the illiterate Cure of Ars, when millions love and honor Bernadette because she was humble, when people lose their hearts to the saints not for what they do BUT FOR WHAT THEY ARE, because in themselves they are real, in themselves they are lovely - - THAT IS POWER!! Real power is like real happiness; you find it when you have stopped looking for it because you have found something even more important to do. That is why real power is never spoiled but goes on growing through the ages; whereas in far less than a lifetime the power of some tinpot Caesar is like to decay!

Real power is for the one who loves. That is why it is idle to hope for or work for a NEW WORLD ORDER, a league or union of nations, unless we are ready or at least trying to be ready to kiss the leper - - NOT THE PRIEST OR THE LEVITE BUT ONLY THE SAMARITAN CAN REBUILD THE CHURCH - - OR THE WORLD!!!

1. Next Sunday is July 4, 1993 and the first Sunday of July. Therefore there will be no 9:30 A.M. Mass in Birmingham, and no 12:30 P.M. Mass in Cullman.
2. Tuesday, June 29, is the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul.
3. Thursday, July 2, 1993 is the Feast of the Most Precious Blood.
4. Confessions are heard before Masses on Sunday. Do not omit the Sacrament of Penance.

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