

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)

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
July 11, 1993 - - - Green -- White
SOLEMNITY OF ST. BENEDICT

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OH THE INESTIMABLE GREATNESS AND DIGNITY OF FAITH. Faith is higher and more perfect than all knowledge that is accessible to us on earth. One single spark of faith exceeds all the knowledge that can come from volumes and volumes of books. The only really valuable mystical experience is a deepening and intensification of faith, and love by the gifts of the Holy Ghost - - an intensification that only simplifies our faith and makes it more clear by purifying it of every created image and species. So that the purest experience of all begins with the realization of how far faith transcends experience: - but faith must be accompanied by good works. All that can be thought of and desired as an experience, this side of the simplicity of faith, is worthless compared with faith. And the greater the experience seems to be the more worthless it is. Our only true greatness is in the humility of living faith and the simpler and purer our faith is, the closer it brings us to God, Who is infinitely great. That is why everyone who humbly himself shall be exalted and everyone who exalteth himself, in the appetite for great lights and extraordinary experiences and feelings and mystical consolations, shall be humbled. Because the richer such a one desires to be in these things the poorer he will be in the sight of God, in Whose eyes all greatness is as nothing.

THE SOLEMNITY OF ST. BENEDICT

The task of a priest (and of a monk) is to spiritualize the world. When the priest raises his consecrated hands (and the monk raises his voice in prayer) the grace of Christ's resurrection goes out from them to enlighten the souls of the elect and of them that sin in darkness and live in the shadow of death. Through the blessing of the priest (and the prayer of the monk) all creation is raised up and sanctified and dedicated to the glory of God! The priest prepares the coming of Christ by shedding upon the whole world the invisible light that enlightens every man that comes into the world. The monk prepares the heart of man by showing him that nothing is sweeter than the love one has for the beauty and holiness of God. Through the priest (and the monk), the glory of Christ seeps out into all of creation until all things are saturated in prayer.

1. Pray much for the continued success in the building of the Abbey Church. The success of this most important work depends in great measure to your love, fidelity and PRAYER. The Monks will not be able to complete this work without you.
2. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels, especially remembering our Brother Al Sachs.
3. Confessions are heard before Masses on Sunday. Do not omit the Sacrament of Penance.

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!