

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 EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
St. James - the Apostle - - - Red
July 25, 1993

Weekly Bulldtin #283

Ideas about eternity, whether we arrive at them through ideas about space or in any other way, can give us little enough in the way of knowledge: the essence of eternity is bound to escape our finite minds. But at least they can provide us with ideas that can help us to live out the time that precedes eternity.

Everything on earth is in a state of delay. We are TRAVELING - - GOING- - MOVING - - ON THE PILGRIMAGE - - -. Everything is waiting for something. Inanimate creation no less than sensitive and rational creation is on its way to somewhere, to something. We human beings are forever becoming: not for an instant do we stop where we are. The universe is at the mercy of time.

But time is not a power of its own. Time is, like everything else, a creature of God. If created life depends so much upon time, we can remember that time hangs suspended in the eternity of God. Every instant of time depends upon the will of God. We cannot make time, but God can. We cannot kill time, but God can.

The point on which those who long too eagerly for death should meditate is this. That having made time and given it to man, God meant it to be used. Each must use his own slice of time until it is taken away from him. Perseverance is only the continued use of the gift of time. And perseverance, not death, is the crowning human virtue. Death is not a virtue at all; it is only a moment!

If life is service, and if the service of God is love, then love is waiting for the Beloved. There is no sanctity but the sanctity which is love, (love of God) and love should be able to take separation in its stride. But how bitter the pain of it is should make little different.

The longing to be transformed in God so that a divine life is lived instead of a natural one, so that everlasting security can take the place of uncertainty, so that love may be enjoyed without the shadow of possible sin, so that the soul may go on giving worship to God without ever again feeling the pull of fallen nature, so that the labor of life can be fled from - - - this is what the soul has to learn to endure, and endure, and endure, in patience and humility.

1. Next Sunday, August 1, 1993 is the first Sunday of August. 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, August 6, 1993 is the Feast of The Transfiguration of our Blessed Lord. It is also the First Friday of August. Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament begins in the Monastery at 12:00 M.
3. SPECIAL NOTE: Sunday, August 15, 1993 is the Feast of the Assumption of our Blessed Virgin Mother. This year the Feast Falls on Sunday, and therefore, the Mass obligations of both the Feast and Sunday can be met by attending only Sunday Mass.
4. LET US NOT FORGET TO PRAY MOST SPECIALLY FOR THE POOR AND SUFFERING PEOPLE WHO ARE VICTIMS OF THIS CALAMITOUS FLOOD. WHO IS TO SAY IT IS, AND WHO IS TO SAY THAT IT IS NOT COMING DIRECTLY FROM THE HAND OF GOD. ONE THING WE CAN SAY WITH CERTAINTY AND THAT IS THAT GOD IS SURELY DISPLEASED WITH THE WAY THINGS ARE GOING IN THE CITY OF MAN!!!!