

**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
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**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 ( <u>ONLY</u> on First Sunday of each month)	6:00 A.M. - Mass (EVERY SUNDAY) 12:30 P.M. - Mass ( <u>EXCEPT</u> on first Sunday of each month)	9:10 A.M. - Rosary 9:30 A.M. - Mass ( <u>EXCEPT</u> on first Sunday of each month)
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THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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EXTRA: Sixth Sunday after Epiphany  
Additional Mass #4 (Maryknoll Missal)  
Supp. Mass #1 (Father Lasance Missal)  
November 14, 1993 - - - Green

# ADVENT

This year, November 28th. is THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: The Christmas Season begins with a period of PREPARATION - SPIRITUAL PREPARATION - called ADVENT, a word that means coming - - the coming of the PROMISED REDEEMER. This first part of the NEW Liturgical Year emphasizes Advent (Coming) because it is especially devoted to a study of those centuries during which God was preparing the world for the coming of His Son. Advent always begins on the Sunday nearest the Feast of the Apostle St. Andrew, which occurs on November 30 - it so happens that this is four weeks (or so) before Christmas Day. Besides reminding us of Christ's first coming at Bethlehem, it prepares us for His coming by Grace at Christmas and His final coming at the end of the world. The spirit of Advent is one of preparation to be sure, but preparation of a nature that is PENITENTIAL expectation and joy. In her liturgy the Church keeps repeating: HE IS COMING! The Saviour is coming to us! - for Advent represents those dark centuries following the Fall of Man, when the human race waited lingeringly for the Great Deliverer. A penitential spirit is preached by the Prophet Isaiah and St. John the Baptist. The spirit is manifested by the use of vestments of violet color - symbolic of penance and contrition.

1. Confessions are heard before Masses on Sunday. No one can excuse himself or herself from the need (and obligation) of going to confession.
2. Please pray for all the sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels, especially remembering our Brother- Al Sachs.
3. Do not forget the Poor Souls in Purgatory - - something special should be given to the Poor Souls - EACH DAY.
4. During the Holy Season of Advent - please pray that the Good God will favor us all with good and holy and sincere vocations to the holy priesthood, and to our Monastery of Christ the King. If we truly want vocations we shall have to pray to get them - THEY JUST DON'T HAPPEN! What have you given to God lately in petition for vocations????????????????? The need is urgent, and we must be about fostering vocations RIGHT NOW! Tomorrow is much too late. Do not think only of your own personal and present needs being satisfactorily fulfilled at this moment! Give a thought to the need of your children and your children's children!!!!

Behold the Lord cometh down with  
glory... to visit His people in peace  
and establish them in everlasting life.

5. MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

SUNDAY: 6:00 A.M. For Prayer Promises and Benefactors  
9:30 A.M. Dec Paul Ploeckelman  
12:30 P.M. For the People of the Chapels

MONDAY: Dec. Julius Boike  
Tuesday: Dec. Robert Allen Young  
WEDNESDAY: Welfare Glentz Family  
THURSDAY: Dec. Jim Beckman  
FRIDAY: Dec. John Heinz  
SATURDAY: Dec. Anton Renaur

ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE:

*“And we ourselves experience this, that when we enter ornate and clean Basilicas, adorned with crosses, sacred images, altars, and burning lamps, we most easily conceive devotion. But, on the other hand, when we enter the temples of the heretics, where there is nothing except a chair for preaching and a wooden table for making a meal, we feel ourselves to be entering a profane hall and not the house of God.”*

*Octava Controversia Generalis. Liber II.*

*Controversia Quinta. Caput XXXI.*

SUGGESTED ADVENT READINGS

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT:

Monday     Isaiah:     Chap. 2 (1-5)  
Tuesday    Isaiah:     Chap. 11(1-10)  
Wednesday  Sophonias:  Chap. 3 (14-20)  
Thursday   Isaiah:     Chap. 61(1-11)  
Friday     Isaiah:     Chap. 7 (10-14)  
Saturday   Isaiah:     Chap. 35(1-10)

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT:

Monday     Isaiah:     Chap. 64(1-11)  
Tuesday    Jeremiah:  Chap. 3 (14-16)  
Wednesday  St. Paul to the Philippians  
                                  Chap. 4 (4-9)  
Thursday   Baruch:     Chap. 5 (1-9)  
Friday     Isaiah:     Chap. 40(1-12)  
Saturday   Isaiah:     Chap. 52(7-10)

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT:

Monday     Isaiah:     Chap. 62(11-12)  
Tuesday    Micah:      Chap. 5 (1-4)  
Wednesday  Isaiah:     Chap. 66(5-16)  
Thursday   St. Luke     Chap. 1 (26-38)  
Friday     St. Luke     Chap. 1 (39-45)  
Saturday   St. Luke     Chap. 1 (46-56)

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT:

Monday     St. Luke     Chap. 1 (57-66)  
Tuesday    St. Luke     Chap. 3 (1-6)  
Wednesday  St. Paul to Romans  
                                  Chap. 1 (1-6)  
Thursday   St. Luke     Chap. 1 (67-80)  
Friday\*\*\*\*CHRISTMAS EVE\*\*\*\*\*  
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                                  St. Matt.    Chap. 1 (18-25)  
Saturday\*\*CHRISTMAS DAY\*\*\*\*\*



St. Luke     Chap. 2 (1-14)

AFTER THE READING SCHEDULED TO BE READ ON CHRISTMAS EVE, THE FOLLOWING CEREMONY TAKES PLACE - - TO BE LED BY THE FATHER OF THE FAMILY OR THE MOTHER.

"In the forty-second year of the empire of Octavian Augustus, in the Sixth Age of the World while all the earth was at peace, JESUS CHRIST, Eternal God, and Son of the Eternal Father, willed to consecrate the World by His gracious coming; having been conceived of the Holy Ghost, and the nine months since His conception having now passed (ALL KNEEL), He was born as Man of the Virgin Mary at Bethlehem of Juda:-  
(READ VERY SOLEMNLY THE FOLLOWING:

THE BIRTHDAY ACCORDING TO THE FLESH  
OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST!

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After this has been completed, the Father of the Family blesses the Christmas Tree - all full of beautiful decorations and things:

He says:

"Let us Pray:

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who by dying on the Tree of the Cross didst overcome the death of sin caused by our first parents' eating of the forbidden tree of paradise, bless this our Christmas Tree, so that in its use we can obtain even more of the Graces of Thy Holy Nativity. Keep Thy holy peace and joy in our home and be with us forever. Amen.

The Next day (Christmas Day), after all have given glory to God and to His Son, Jesus Christ, by attending the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - wherever possible--all should gather around the Christmas Tree once again, and all should open the various gifts brought there by none other than SANTA CLAUS.

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