

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 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
November 28, 1993 - - - Violet

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ADVENT

During the Season of Advent, our Lord knocks at the door of all men's hearts. He comes to ask them if they have room for Him, for He wishes to be born in their house. CHRIST NEVER INTRUDES! The house, indeed, is already His, for He is the one who built it and preserves it; yet He has taken note of it that HIS own have refused to let Him in. When you close the door of your heart to your brother, you slam the door in the face of Jesus Christ Himself - - NO MATTER WHAT CLASS OF PRETTY ARGUMENTS YOU MAY INVENT TO USE TO JUSTIFY YOUR ACTION. God, Who reads hearts - NOT ACTIONS - knows what is behind your action toward your brother!

HE SHALL BE PEACE

1. EARLY ANNOUNCEMENT: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1993, IS THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR MOST BLESSED MOTHER, AND IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. Those who CAN should make a sincere effort to attend Holy Mass on that day. Those who CANNOT attend Mass should make a sincere effort to spend at least ONE HOUR in solemn prayer and meditation and spiritual reading.
 MASS AT ST. FRANCIS CHAPEL: 6:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.
2. EARLY ANNOUNCEMENT: MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS DAY:
 12:00 A.M. - - Midnight Mass - St. Francis Chapel
 8:30 A.M. - - Mass at St. Pius Chapel Birmingham
 11:00 A.M. - - Mass at St. Francis Chapel in Cullman
3. Please Order 1994 Calendars now @4.00 per Calendar. Please contact
 Laurelyn Niebuhr in Birmingham
 Mrs. Paul Roy in Montgomery
 Father Leonard, O.S.B. in Cullman

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

4. Tuesday, November 30, 1993 is the Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle.
5. Friday, December 3, 1993 is the First Friday of December.
6. Saturday, December 4, 1993 is the First Saturday of December.
7. Sunday - Next Sunday - is the First Sunday of December. Therefore, 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.
8. Please Pray for all the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels, especially remembering our Brother, Al Sachs.

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 - WE shall have to DO SOMETHING - - THEY JUST DON'T HAPPEN. To sit back and wait saying that we need not fear: "God will provide us with what we need!" is no less than a sin of PRESUMPTION! - - WE MUST DO SOMETHING, AND WE MUST DO THE RIGHT THING - !F!I!R!S!T! - then, we might hope for the help of God! Have you done something lately that might be of help in the getting of good vocations??????? The need is urgent, and we must be about fostering vocations RIGHT NOW. Tomorro is much too late. Do not think only of your own personal and present needs. Do not think only of today. Give a thought to the need of your children TWENTY YEARS FROM NOW!

9. MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

SUNDAY: 6:00 A.M. For Prayer Promises and Benefactors
 9:30 A.M. For the People of the Chapels
 12:30 P.M. For the Poor Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY: Welfare Alfred and Cornelia Sachs - Wed. Anniv.
 TUESDAY: Special Intention
 WEDNESDAY: Special Intention
 THURSDAY: Special Intention
 FRIDAY: Dec. Minnie Veigl
 SATURDAY: Special Int. Paul Roy Family

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Mary's association with Jesus began at the very first moment of her own existence, for she was preserved from the stain of original sin, through the foreseen merits of her Son. Her sanctity, her merits, her life and her work, were completely dependent upon Christ. She is HIS PERFECT WORK. She is the only one human person who was entirely and ardently subject to the Will of God. She is the only one human person whose humility never failed for one instant to be perfect. She is the only one human person who never failed to love God with her whole heart and her whole soul, with her whole mind and with her whole strength. She is the only one human person who completely fulfilled God's plan on earth, and whose being and life perfectly corresponded to the idea that God wished to realize in her, so that she could truly say of herself to St. Bernadette: "I AM THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION!" For in her was God's conception realized — IMMACULATELY!! The angels themselves cannot adequately sing her praises. We can do no more than to say that in Mary, God the Father found a worthy daughter; in her, God the Son found a worthy mother; and in her, God the Holy Ghost found a worthy spouse.

ADVENT

ADVENT WREATH

*The wreath, a circle, expresses God's unending eternity.
Evergreen symbolizes God's unchangeableness and our immortality.
Four candles, one for each week of Advent, represent the many
hundreds of years during which mankind awaited the Redeemer.
Violet candles and ribbon remind us of longing expectation.
The rose candle symbolizes joy and hope in awaiting Jesus' birthday.*

Blessing

THE BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH
GIVEN FROM THE MONASTERY OF CHRIST THE KING
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
At the Wreath

- Priest: On that day beholding from afar I shall see the Power of God coming and covering the whole earth like a cloud. Go ye out to meet Him and say unto Him: Tell us if Thou art He Who is to reign over the people of Israel.
- People: On that day beholding from afar I shall see the Power of God coming and covering the whole earth like a cloud. Go ye out to meet Him and say unto Him: Tell us if Thou art He Who is to reign over the people of Israel.
- Priest: And you, all ye dwellers upon earth, sons of men, rich and poor.
- People: Go ye out to meet Him and say unto Him: Tell us if Thou art He Who is to reign over the people of Israel.
- Priest: Hear, O Thou shepherd of Israel: Thou who leadest Joseph like a sheep.
- People: Behold the Lord shall come and all His saints with Him: and there shall be a great light on that day.
- Priest: All ye who thirst come to the waters: seek ye the Lord while He may be found.
- People: The mountains and the hills shall sing praise before God, and all the trees of the forest shall clap their hands, because the Lord, the Ruler, will come into His eternal kingdom.
- Priest: The Lord will come and will not delay, and He will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will manifest Himself to all nations.
- People: Let us live justly and godly, looking for the blessed hope and coming of the Lord.
- Priest: Sound the trumpet in Sion, for the day of the Lord is near. Behold, He will come to save us. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- People: The Lord will come, go forth to meet Him, and say: Great is His dominion, and His kingdom shall have no end. He is God, the Mighty, the Ruler, the Prince of Peace. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- Priest: The people shall fear Thy Name, O Lord.
- People: And all the kings of the earth Thy glory.

LET US PRAY

As we thy servants, O Lord, ask Thee for thy blessing to descend upon this symbol of our hope and expectation, put forth Thy power, we beseech Thee, and come, that with Thee as our protector we may be rescued from the impending danger of our sins: and with Thee as our deliverer, may we obtain our salvation. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

People: Amen.

(PRIEST LIGHTS FIRST CANDLE - SPRINKLES WREATH AND PEOPLE WITH HOLY WATER)

2

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Priest: People of Sion, behold the Lord shall come to save the nations; and the Lord shall make the glory of His voice to be heard in the joy of your heart.

Priest: (V). Give ear, O Thou that rulest Israel.

People: (R). Thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep.

Priest: (V). Glory be to the Father, and the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

People: (R). As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end.

Priest: Amen.

LET US PRAY

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the ways of Thine only-begotten Son, that through His coming we may be worthy to serve Him with purified minds. Through Christ Our Lord.

People: Amen.

(PRIEST LIGHTS SECOND CANDLE)

3

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - - GAUDETE SUNDAY

Priest: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Let your modesty be known to all men; for the Lord is nigh. Be nothing solicitous; but in everything by prayer let your requests be made known to God.

Priest: (V). Thou, O Lord, that sittest upon the Cherubim, stir up thy might, and come.

People: (R). Give ear, O Thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep.

Priest: Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

People: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

Priest:

LET US PRAY

Grant us, we beseech Thee O Lord, that the coming solemnity of our redemption may both bring us help for our present life, and bestow on us the rewards of everlasting blessedness.

Through Christ Our Lord.

People: Amen.

(PRIEST LIGHTS THIRD - ROSE - CANDLE)

4

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Priest: Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the just; let the earth be opened and bud forth a Saviour.

Priest: (V). The heavens show forth the glory of God.

People: (R). And the firmament declares the work of His Hands.

Priest: (V). Come, O Lord, and do not delay.

People: (R). Forgive the sins of Thy people Israel.

Priest: (V). Lift up your gates, O ye princes; and be ye lifted up, O eternal gates, and the King of glory shall enter in.

People: (R). Who shall ascend into the mountain of the Lord, * or who shall stand in His holy place? * the innocent in hands, and the clean of heart.

Priest: (V). Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

People: (R). As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end.

Priest: Amen.

LET US PRAY

Bestir, O Lord, Thy might, we beseech Thee, and come; and with great power come to our aid, that, by the help of Thy grace, that which is hindered by our sins may be hastened by Thy merciful forgiveness. Through Christ Our Lord.

People: Amen.

(PRIEST LIGHTS FOURTH CANDLE)

GIVEN FROM THE MONASTERY OF CHRIST THE KING