

**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 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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GAUDETE SUNDAY

December 12, 1993 - - - Rose - Violet

# ADVENT

During the season of Advent, our Lord knocks at the door of ALL men's hearts, at one time so forcibly that they must needs notice Him, and at another so softly that it requires attention to know that He is asking admission. The house, indeed, is His, for He built it and preserves it; yet He complains that His own refused to receive Him: at least the greater number of them. NOT ALL MEN HAVE RECEIVED CHRIST!!! He gave them power to be made the sons of God, born not of blood, nor of the flesh, but of God! But they have turned Him down and walked away. One wonders why????? - - - "But as many as received Him, He gave them power to be made the sons of God, born not of blood, nor of the flesh, but of God."

Make ready, then, to receive Him into your hearts and you will find in Him more beauty than you have hitherto perceived; He will bestow greater light and strength on you, His faithful ones, who hold Him within you as your only treasure, living in His life and shaping your thoughts and works on the model of His. You will feel the necessity of words to suit and express your love; such words as He delights to hear you speak to Him.

You, who have had Him within you without knowing Him, and have possessed Him without relishing the sweetness of His presence, open your hearts to welcome Him. Do it this time with more care and love. Each year He returns with an untiring tenderness. He has forgotten your past slights. He would that all things be new. Make room for the Divine Infant, for He desires to grow within your soul. The time of His coming is close at hand! Let your heart, then, be on the watch; and lest you should slumber when He arrives, watch and pray and sing praises to His Name.

The grand feast of His birth will be a day of mercy for the whole world, or at least, for all who will give Him admission into their hearts: these will rise to life again in Him, their past life will be destroyed, and where sin once abounded, there Grace will more abound.

1. C H R I S T M A S      D A Y      M A S S E S\*\*\*\*\*

12:00 A.M. - MIDNIGHT MASS - St. Francis Chapel  
Church opens at 11:30 P.M.  
Christmas Carols

8.30 A.M. - Mass at St. Pius Chapel - Birmingham  
11:00 A.M. - Mass at St. Francis Chapel - Cullman

2. MASS SCHEDULE FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY - - (ST. FRANCIS CHAPEL ONLY)

6:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. - - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

3. THE 1994 CALENDARS ARE NOW AVAILABLE - - - - -

4. Confessions are heard before Masses on Sunday - - NOT BEFORE MIDNIGHT MASS - - please.

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

!!!LORD, PROTECT US AS WE WORK TO PRESERVE YOUR KINGDOM ON EARTH!!!!