

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)

SUNDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS
FEAST OF ST. STEPHEN - - - RED
December 26, 1993

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**THEY LOOKED
UPON
THE BABE -
AND
SAW GOD -**



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IN EPIPHANIA DOMINI

With their oriental views, the Magi looked for an EPIPHANY of grandeur, and they were confronted with one of abject poverty! And yet they did not fail to recognize the Divine, nor were they baffled by the unexpected disguise, by His humility of circumstance, nor by the defiance of all earthly prejudices and standards of valuation. Their purity of heart, their sincerity of mind, their love of TRUTH and REALITY - (NO MATTER HOW MUCH TRUTH AND REALITY MIGHT HAVE CONFLICTED WITH THEIR OWN PERSONAL VIEWS, CONCEPTS AND FEELINGS!) and finally their own GREAT HUMILITY was what made them receptive of the gift of the wonderful Faith given them by God.

1. MASS SCHEDULE FOR NEW YEARS' DAY: - - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
FEAST OF THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
SAINT FRANCIS CHAPEL - - ONLY - -6:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.
2. THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 1994, IS THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD.
NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION, BUT A TRULY IMPORTANT AND LARGE FEAST.
MASS IN THE MONASTERY - - - 6:00 A.M.
3. Blessing of the EPIPHANY CHALK will take place at Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel, Sunday, January 2, 1994. It shall be distributed to the other Chapels at the Masses of the Following Sunday.
4. Sunday, January 2, 1994 is the First Sunday of January. 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.
5. Friday, January 7, 1994 is the First Friday of January, and Saturday, January 8, 1994 is the First Saturday of January.

All nations shall serve him.

6. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels, especially remembering our Brother Al Sachs.
7. 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. In Honor of the Infant of Prague
- MONDAY: Special Int. Beinecke Family
- TUESDAY: Dec. Joseph Field
- WEDNESDAY: Special Int. Elsie Wineman
- THURSDAY: Dec. Erskine Rice
- FRIDAY: Special Int. D'Amico Family
- SATURDAY: Special Int. Paul Family

All honor praise and glory
to the LITTLE LAMB of Bethlehem
Who is the ROOT OF DAVID,
the HEAD OF THE CHURCH,
The MASTER AND CENTRAL FIGURE of history,
the RULER over all the kings of the earth,
the KING OF KINGS and the
VICTOR over all evil powers, and
WHO has been shaping the destiny of this
world in HIS own mysterious manner
since
HIS SACRIFICIAL DEATH ON THE CROSS!!!



We will ask the Infant Jesus to fill your heart with His love. May His Holy Mother Mary obtain for you an abundance of blessings throughout the New Year.

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CEREMONY FOR THE BLESSING OF HOUSES AND ALL PLACES
FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF JESUS CHRIST.

BLESSING OF CHALK:

(Instruction: Chalk is blessed on the Altar, before Holy Mass begins. It will not be distributed by the priest, but can only be obtained by a member of the Family who must go up to the Altar, after Mass, and taking it. The Father of the Family will later use it to inscribe the initials of the Three Wise Men: Gaspar, Melchior and Balthazar, and the current year over the main door (and any other doors) of the home. This inscription should remain over the doors throughout the year.)

PASTOR: - Opening Antiphon: Behold, the Lord the ruler is come; and the kingdom is in His Hand, and power, and dominion.
O God, with your judgement endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son.
Glory be to the Father. Behold, the Lord.

Antiphonal Prayer:

V. All nations shall serve Him.
R. All nations shall serve Him.
V. Nations shall walk by Your light, and kings by Your shining radiance.
R. All nations shall serve Him.
V. All from Saba shall come, bringing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord.
R. All nations shall serve Him.
V. Rise up in splendor, O Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord shines upon you.
R. All nations shall serve Him.
V. We have seen His star in the East; and have come with gifts to worship the Lord.
R. All nations shall serve Him.
V. The kings of Tharsis and the isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring tribute. All kings shall pay Him homage, all nations shall serve Him.
R. All nations shall serve Him.

PASTOR: - In Thy great mercy, have mercy on us, O God.
Let us pray: O Lord God, Bless + this chalk which You have created, that it may be helpful to mankind; and grant that through the invocation of Your most Holy Name, all those who use this chalk or with it write over the doors of their houses the names of Your Saints Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, may by their merits and intercession receive health of body and protection of soul.

We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ Your Son. AMEN.

*** BLESSING OF THE HOME ***

(Conducted by the Father, or, in his absence, by the Mother).

Father: Peace to my house.

Family: And to all who live here.

Father: The father of the just will exult with glee; let your father and mother have joy.

Family: All nations shall serve Him.

Father: Happy they who dwell in Your House, O Lord! Continually they praise You.

Family: All nations shall serve Him.

Father: Blessed is the man who hears me and who watches daily at my gates and at the post of my doors.

Family: All nations shall serve Him.

Father: O Lord, hear my Prayer.

Family: And let my cry come unto You.

Father: Let us Pray:

Hear us, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Eternal God, and send Thy Holy Angel from Heaven to watch over, cherish, protect, be with, and defend all who live in my house.

I call upon Your Saints, Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, to protect my Family and my home from every harm and danger, and I place their mark over my door to remain there as a constant reminder to us and to all who enter here that my house is truly a house of the Lord.

O God, make the door of my house wide enough to receive all who need human love and companionship; narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling-block to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back the temptor's power.

O God, make the door of my house the gateway to Thine Eternal Kingdom.

I ask these things in the Name of Jesus Christ Your Son.

Family: Amen.

(After the blessing, the Father inscribes on the main outside doors and any other doors in the house. Print with the blessed Chalk:

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All nations shall serve him.