

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 LENT
February 20, 1994 - - - Purple

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LENT

Lent means "Spring," a new birth, a fresh start. The path of the Christian on this earthly pilgrimage, this earthly journey over the very hot sands of the desert of our human nature, is either a steady incline or decline. Each time we start "up" represents a new beginning. While re-dedication is by no means confined to the six weeks of Lent, the Church wisely realizes that it is helpful to have a definite time, each year, to re-assess our allegiance to Christ. True, the leaves of Spring may last only until Fall, but each Spring they do blossom forth and each year the tree grows stronger and bigger. However, there is no magic by which Lent can do us good without effort on our part. The common sin of our time, often described by writers, is that we expect to get something done without any effort on our part. God expects more than just our prayer. We must add effort to prayer, then God gives us the Graces we need to succeed. The restraints which discipline and self-sacrifice place on us all are not pleasant and easy. Self-sacrifice requires serious and constant effort. The tendency to escape discipline, to do nothing which requires undue effort, or which is displeasing to us, is all too obviously a common reaction to modern life. Serious minded people can thank God that He has given us the spiritual season of Lent, and that the Church through the ages has maintained it to remind us that that there is no magic that will accomplish spiritual growth in our souls and characters, except discipline determination and self-sacrifice.

1. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of this week are Ember Days, and therefore, days of fast and abstinence.
2. Thursday, February 24, 1994 is the feast of St. Matthias, the Apostle.
3. STATIONS OF THE CROSS - EVERY LENTEN FRIDAY AT 7:00 P.M..
4. Packets of Blessed Ashes are available to all at all the Masses today. Please take as make of these packets and send them on to your loved ones and friends, and explain their use as sacramentals.
5. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels - especially rememberinf Al Sachs.
6. St. Pius Chapel - Distribution of Ashes after the 9:30 A.M. Mass.
7. Every traditional Latin Rite Roman Catholic Priest, Brother, Sister or Lay Person has the grave obligation of giving a good example to all those Catholics who have developed a complete disregard for the Principles of Fast and Abstinence.
8. 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: Dec. Fr. Fidelis Filipek

TUESDAY: Special Int. of the Donor

WEDNESDAY: Special Int. Judith Judge

THURSDAY: Dec. Gustaf Arvidson

FRIDAY: Welfare Cornelia Sachs - - B'Day.

SATURDAY: Dec. N icholas Smolih