

**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
<b>SCHEDULE OF MASSES</b>		
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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 First Sunday of the Sacred Passion  
 March 20, 1994 - - - Purple  
 March 21, 1994 - - Feast of St. Benedict

## PASSIONTIDE

The danger amongst TRADITIONALIST people who are not truly religious is to fasten on a belief - - (SOMETHING they read someplace; or SOMETHING that someone said) - - then they WRENCH it from its intended context; they ADD to it, and then they apply it as if it were a poultice. Such - - - PRIESTS AND PEOPLE ALIKE - - - very often look at the EXTERNALS OF THE TRADITIONAL OBSERVANCE OF OUR CATHOLIC RELIGION TO THE DETRIMENT OF DEEP SINCERE SPIRITUALITY. Errors of this kind can be caused by a wrong understanding of the FUNCTION of symbolism: the emblem can come to mean MORE than the truth which it represents. In truth, external symbolism is very important, but it is not meant to take the place of the mystery it represents. Is it any wonder that often one can fail to grow spiritually while employing ALL the good and proper external representations of the spiritual.

And so it can be with the Sacred Passion of our Blessed Lord. If the Passion fails to produce among Christians the sanctity which might be expected, it is not the fault of the Sacred Passion. It is the fault of the Christian who gets NO FURTHER THAN THE INSTRUMENTS OF THE PASSION, who sees only the SCENES of the Passion, who sees only the Nails and the Crown of Thorns, or even sees only the Cross. Such a one gives NOTHING in return to the Passion save a SUPERFICIAL DEVOTION to its SYMBOLS. The Passion is a grace to the soul, and if the soul is to benefit at all, there MUST BE A RESPONSE AT THE SAME LEVEL: IT MEANS GIVING!!!

CHRIST IS THE CENTRAL FIGURE OF THE SACRED PASSION - not the nails and etc. - Christ giving out and drawing in. The Passion is not Christ's sacrifice only, IT IS OURS AS WELL.

THERE CAN BE NO CRUCIFIXION WITHOUT BLOOD - - OUR BLOOD!!!

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1. PALM SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE - - - NOTE VERY WELL:::::::::::

NO MASS at St. Pius V Chapel in Birmingham  
 6:00 A.M. Mass St. Francis Chapel - as usual.  
 10:00 A.M. MASS OF PALM SUNDAY - - St. Francis Chapel.  
 NO 12:30 P.M. Mass at St. Francis Chapel

2. EASTER SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE - - - NOTE VERY WELL:::::::::::

9:00 A.M. Mass - St. Francis Chapel  
 9:00 A.M. Mass - St. Pius V Chapel  
 11:30 A.M. Mass - Our Lady of Lourdes  
 (THERE WILL BE NO 6:00 A.M. Mass at St. Francis Chapel)