

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 EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
July 17, 1994 - - - Green

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The temporal reward of sanctity is peace of heart and the interior joy of a good conscience. These are, as it were, the halos of happiness. This peace is unknown to sinners, to the vain, the proud and the deceitful. The man who departs from God wanders into a desert of want and sorrow, where he finds only the tyranny of passion, disillusion, error and the bitterness of regret, and the sting of losing out.

Have you ever thought of the strange phenomenon presented by society in our day? When as now were men ever so given to the enjoyments of this world? Were ever so many shrines set up and dedicated to pleasure and fun? And withal was life ever so wretched and unhappy? Why is this? The reason is not far to seek. It is because God is cast out from the feasts and the diversions of the worldly. It is because the amusements and recreations sought by the worldly are such as the virtuous must reprove and condemn. Pleasure has lost that gracious charm, that grateful aroma which gladdens the heart and sweetens life, and what is now called pleasure is but a vulgar gratification of the senses, a sensuality that corrupts the heart and defiles and degrades our being. Sinners indulge themselves after the manner of brute beasts and call it enjoyment. Of true enjoyment, the enjoyment of the innocent and pure of heart, they have no conception. The demon of unrest presides at all their feasts, excitement pervades the atmosphere and the end is drunkenness, weariness, lust and disgust.

But when our will is completely subjected and obedient to the will of God, we experience within us a sweet calm and serene peace which is the tranquillity of a well-ordered conscience. Hence the first-fruit of victory over the passions is a delightful peace which fills the soul and manifests itself exteriorly in a gracious manner and a cheerful behavior.

This holy joy does not consist, as the world fancies, in thoughtless silliness, or in grotesque buffoonery, or in immoderate laughter that dissipates the mind and hardens the heart. It is, on the contrary, a joy placid, quiet and pure, the witness of a good conscience, and it gives a delightful flavor to the business of life, a charm to its amenities and makes virtue lovable, attractive and desirable.

1. Please pray for all the sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels, especially remembering our Brother Al Sachs.
2. Father Leonard is most grateful to all in our Chapels for the very great goodnesses and kindnesses and gifts extended to him on the occasion of his blessing as Abbot.
3. MATTER OF RECORD: Reverend Father Leonard Giardina, O.S.B. was blessed as the First Abbot of the Monastery of Christ the King on Wednesday, July 13, 1994.
4. MATTER OF RECORD: The Monastery of Christ the King has officially begun work on the Foundation of a Traditional Catholic Convent. This Convent shall be dedicated to St. Joseph.

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