

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

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

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 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
January 29, 1995 - - - Green

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TRUE HOLINESS does not depend upon the extraordinary, but upon the observance of life's ordinary living. Holiness is an attitude of the mind and heart, and not a list of holy achievements. The common mistake is always to judge a man's action by its success or failure, by whether or not the man has carried out what he set himself to do. Success is taken to mean to be the result of God's pleasure, where failure is taken to be the result of God's displeasure. God goes deeper than this and judges by the motive, the fidelity with which the desire has been kept up, and the degree of the soul's dependence upon His grace.

When one reads the life of a saint one is probably MORE impressed by the mortifications, the fasts, the penances, the sacrifices, etc. than the MOTIVES behind the acts of penance; one is more impressed by the great performance of mortification than by the perseverance, or by the sensation caused than by the SUBMISSION given. If this is what one thinks, one has got it all wrong. The qualities to look out for in any saint's life are the not-very-obvious ones, or at any rate not-very-popular ones, such as the virtues of humility and charity and obedience. Exciting penances are fine (SO LONG AS GOD WANTS THEM) - - - BUT THEY ARE HARDLY EVER THE REASON WHY A PERSON BECOMES A SAINT! THEY ARE HARDLY EVER THE REASON WHY A PERSON HAS BECOME A SAINT!!!!

1. Sunday, February 5, 1995 is the First Sunday of February. Therefore, there will be no 9:30 A.M. Mass at St. Pius Chapel in Birmingham, and no 12:30 P.M. Mass in the Abbey Church (St. Francis Chapel) in Cullman.
2. Friday, February 3, 1995 is the First Friday of February, and Saturday February 4, is the First Saturday.
3. Thursday, February 2, 1995 is the Feast of the Purification of Our Blessed Lady - also known of as CANDLEMAS DAY. It marks the close of the Christmas Season. Candles are blessed on that day.
4. Early mention - - since February 5, 1995 is the First Sunday of February, and proper instruction cannot be given to all alike concerning:

SEPTUAGESIMA

SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY marks the beginning of the PENITENTIAL SEASON OF LENT, and is, therefore very important. The Festive Season of Christmas over, the white and the gold of the Christmas Season, quickly turn to the purple and violet of the Lenten Season.

There is only ONE road that leads to the Gate of Heaven, and that road is very stony and steep and full of rocks! These rocks are the rocks of penance, reparation, sacrifice, mortification, obedience, and such like. THERE IS NO OTHER WAY. Anyone who points to any path that is free of penitential difficulty, IS NOT OF GOD. Not only must we do penance for our own sins, but we are obligated to do penance for the sins of the entire world!!! A big order - INDEED - but no less DEMANDED by Almighty God, Himself!!! "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."