

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 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Wkklly Bulletin # 377
THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
November 26, 1995 - - - Green

BEGINNING: *First Sunday of Advent*

December 3, 1995

Saint Francis Chapel
(Abbey Church)

12:30 P.M. Sunday Mass DISCONTINUED

NEW MASS SCHEDULE: *Saint Francis Chapel*

EVERY SUNDAY of the Year

6:00 A.M.

10:00 A.M.

**NEXT
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- FRIDAY - December 8, 1995 - - - IS THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF OUR MOST BLESSED VIRGIN MOTHER, MARY, and is a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. Those who CAN should make an honest effort to attend Mass on that day. Those who CANNOT should feel the obligation to make a real and honest effort to spend at least ONE HOUR in solemn prayer and holy reading on that great and holy day. This should be done in reverence and silence in the household. NO TV OR RADIO.

Masses St. Francis Chapel

Abbey Church: 6:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.

- Christmas Day Celebration Mass Schedule:
12:00 A.M. - Midnight Mass - St. Francis Chapel
Church opens at 11:30 P.M.
9:00 A.M. St. Pius Chapel - Birmingham
10:00 A.M. St. Francis Chapel



DURING THE HOLY SEASON OF ADVENT - please pray that the Good God will favor us with holy, sincere and determined vocations to the Holy Priesthood and Brotherhood of the Monastery of Christ the King and to the Sisterhood of Saint Joseph's Monastery. If any of us truly want vocations we shall have to pray fervently to get them - WE SHALL HAVE TO DO SOMETHING - THEY JUST DON'T HAPPEN!!! To sit back and wait saying that we need have no fear: "God will eventually provide us with priests and brothers and sisters," is a sin of PRESUMPTION!!! We must put forth the effort, we must perform the action of prayer, we must do the RIGHT THING, - - FIIIRISIT! - - THEN, and only then, might we hope to get help from God!! Before God acts, he must come to know the strength and the honesty of our desire. Have you done something of late that might be of help in the getting of vocations? How much effort have you put in your prayers and good works for the sake of vocations? The need is urgent, and we must be about working for vocations - RIGHT NOW! Tomorrow is much too late. Do not think only of your present needs or your own personal needs. Do not think only for the needs of today! Give a thought to the need of your children TWENTY YEARS FROM NOW!!!!!!



3. MASS SCHEDULE FOR NEW YEARS'DAY - - Holy Day Of Obligation
FEAST OF THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
ST. FRANCIS CHAPEL (ONLY) 6:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M.
4. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Alfred Sachs, Kathryn Lineback, Woody Flemming and Susan Frost.
5. Next Sunday is the First Sunday of December, therefore there will be no 9:30 A.M. Mass at St. Pius V Chapel in Birmingham.

THERE WILL BE 10:00 A.M. MASS AT
NOTE WELL -- ST. FRANCIS CHAPEL.

6. Friday, December 1, 1995 is the First Friday of Dceember.
7. For the present, at least, the custom of NO Bulletin on the First Sunday of the month will be continued.
8. Friday, November 30, 1995 is the FEast of St. Andrew.
9. ORDER your 1996 CALENDARS NOW @ \$4.50 per calendar. Contact:
Laurelyn Niebuhr in Birmingham; Mrs. Paul Roy in Montgomery
Abbot Leonard in Cullman.
10. Confessions will be heard at Our Lady of Lourdes in Montgomery,
there will be no confessions heard at St. Francis Chapel next
Sunday.
11. MASSES FOR THE WEEK:
(Abbot Leonard's Mass Schedule)
SUNDAY: For the People of the Chapels
MONDAY: Special Int. Peter O'Neil
TUESDAY: For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
WEDNESDAY: Dec. Brother Joseph Natale, O.S.B. II
THURSDAY: Dec. Isaac Soileau
FRIDAY: Special Int. Manuel Graza III
SATURDAY: Special Int. Paul Roy Family

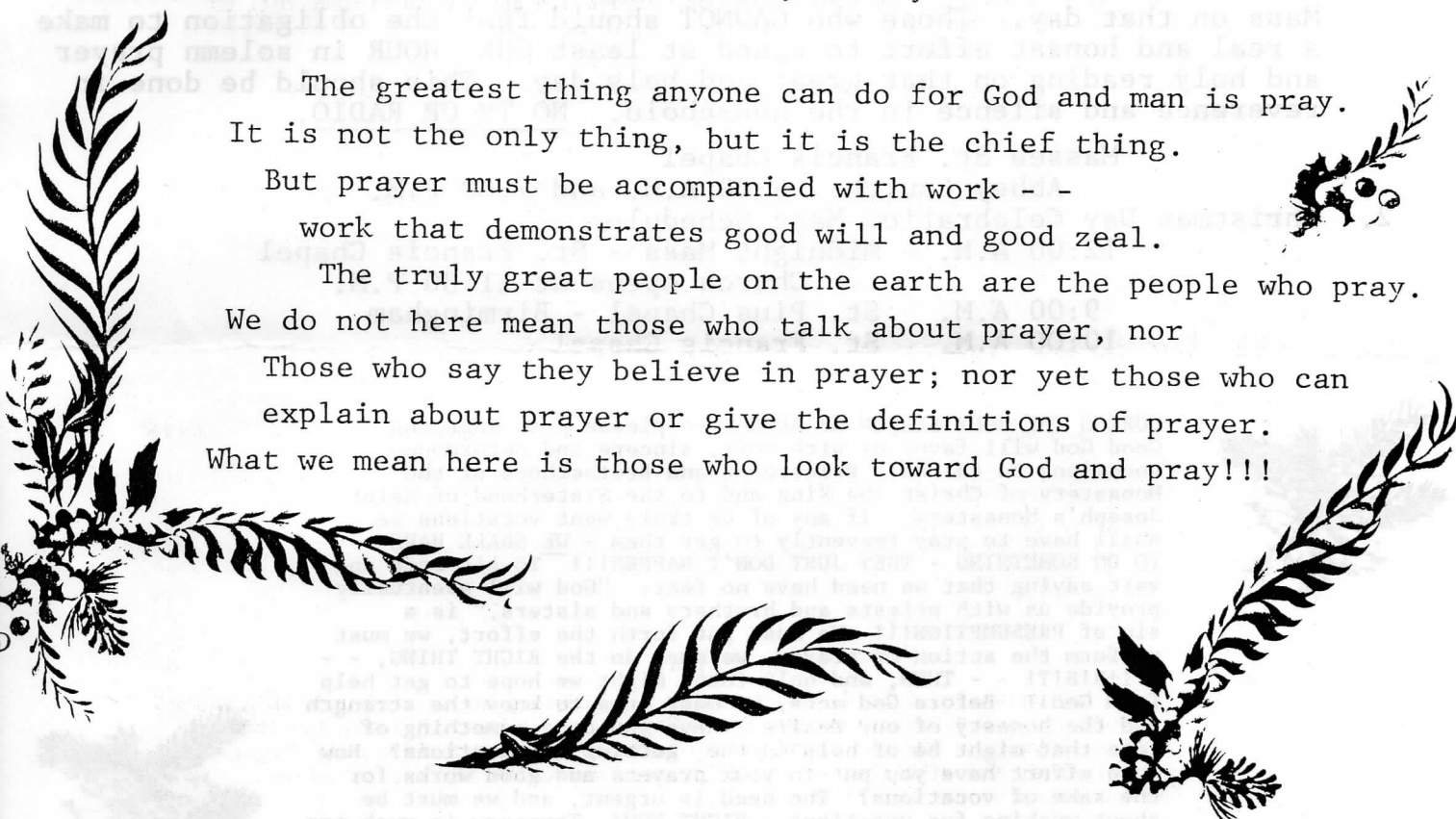
The greatest thing anyone can do for God and man is pray.
It is not the only thing, but it is the chief thing.

But prayer must be accompanied with work - -
work that demonstrates good will and good zeal.

The truly great people on the earth are the people who pray.
We do not here mean those who talk about prayer, nor

Those who say they believe in prayer; nor yet those who can
explain about prayer or give the definitions of prayer.

What we mean here is those who look toward God and pray!!!



FAMILY ADVENT CUSTOMS

ADVENT

ADVENT WREATH

*The wreath, a circle, expresses God's unending eternity.
Evergreen symbolizes God's unchangeableness and our immortality.
Four candles, one for each week of Advent, represent the many
hundreds of years during which mankind awaited the Redeemer.
Violet candles and ribbon remind us of longing expectation.
The rose candle symbolizes joy and hope in awaiting Jesus' birthday.*

Blessing

THE BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

GIVEN FROM THE MONASTERY OF CHRIST THE KING

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

At the Wreath

- Priest: On that day beholding from afar I shall see the Power of God coming and covering the whole earth like a cloud. Go ye out to meet Him and say unto Him: Tell us if Thou art He Who is to reign over the people of Israel.
- People: On that day beholding from afar I shall see the Power of God coming and covering the whole earth like a cloud. Go ye out to meet Him and say unto Him: Tell us if Thou art He Who is to reign over the people of Israel.
- Priest: And you, all ye dwellers upon earth, sons of men, rich and poor.
- People: Go ye out to meet Him and say unto Him: Tell us if Thou art He Who is to reign over the people of Israel.
- Priest: Hear, O Thou shepherd of Israel: Thou who leadest Joseph like a sheep.
- People: Behold the Lord shall come and all His saints with Him: and there shall be a great light on that day.
- Priest: All ye who thirst come to the waters: seek ye the Lord while He may be found.
- People: The mountains and the hills shall sing praise before God, and all the trees of the forest shall clap their hands, because the Lord, the Ruler, will come into His eternal kingdom.
- Priest: The Lord will come and will not delay, and He will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will manifest Himself to all nations.
- People: Let us live justly and godly, looking for the blessed hope and coming of the Lord.
- Priest: Sound the trumpet in Sion, for the day of the Lord is near. Behold, He will come to save us. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- People: The Lord will come, go forth to meet Him, and say: Great is His dominion, and His kingdom shall have no end. He is God, the Mighty, the Ruler, the Prince of Peace. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- Priest: The people shall fear Thy Name, O Lord.
- People: And all the kings of the earth Thy glory.

LET US PRAY

As we thy servants, O Lord, ask Thee for thy blessing to descend upon this symbol of our hope and expectation, put forth Thy power, we beseech Thee, and come, that with Thee as our protector we may be rescued from the impending danger of our sins: and with Thee as our deliverer, may we obtain our salvation. We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

People: Amen.

(PRIEST LIGHTS FIRST CANDLE - SPRINKLES WREATH AND PEOPLE WITH HOLY WATER)

2

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Priest: People of Sion, behold the Lord shall come to save the nations; and the Lord shall make the glory of His voice to be heard in the joy of your heart.

Priest: (V). Give ear, O Thou that rulest Israel.

People: (R). Thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep.

Priest: (V). Glory be to the Father, and the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

People: (R). As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

Priest: LET US PRAY

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the ways of Thine only-begotten Son, that through His coming we may be worthy to serve Him with purified minds. Through Christ Our Lord.

People: Amen.

(PRIEST LIGHTS SECOND CANDLE)

3

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - - GAUDETE SUNDAY

Priest: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Let your modesty be known to all men; for the Lord is nigh. Be nothing solicitous; but in everything by prayer let your requests be made known to God.

Priest: (V). Thou, O Lord, that sittest upon the Cherubim, stir up thy might, and come.

People: (R). Give ear, O Thou that leadest Joseph like a sheep.

Priest: Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

People: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

Priest: LET US PRAY

Grant us, we beseech Thee O Lord, that the coming solemnity of our redemption may both bring us help for our present life, and bestow on us the rewards of everlasting blessedness.

Through Christ Our Lord.

People: Amen. (PRIEST LIGHTS THIRD - ROSE - CANDLE)

4

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Priest: Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the just; let the earth be opened and bud forth a Saviour.

Priest: (V). The heavens show forth the glory of God.

People: (R). And the firmament declares the work of His Hands.

Priest: (V). Come, O Lord, and do not delay.

People: (R). Forgive the sins of Thy people Israel.

Priest: (V). Lift up your gates, O ye princes; and be ye lifted up, O eternal gates, and the King of glory shall enter in.

People: (R). Who shall ascend into the mountain of the Lord, * or who shall stand in His holy place? * the innocent in hands, and the clean of heart.

Priest: (V). Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

People: (R). As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

Priest: LET US PRAY

Bestir, O Lord, Thy might, we beseech Thee, and come; and with great power come to our aid, that, by the help of Thy grace, that which is hindered by our sins may be hastened by Thy merciful forgiveness. Through Christ Our Lord.

People: Amen.

(PRIEST LIGHTS FOURTH CANDLE)

GIVEN FROM THE MONASTERY OF CHRIST THE KING