

**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)

9:10 A.M. - Rosary  
9:30 A.M. - Mass  
(EXCEPT on first  
Sunday of each month)

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
December 3, 1995 - - - Violet

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**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.**

The time of Advent is absolutely essential to our contemplation!

For nine months Christ grew in His Mother's body. By His own will His Mother - Mary - formed Him from herself, from the simplicity of her daily life.

She had nothing to give Him but herself.

He asked for nothing else.

She gave Him herself.

Working, eating, sleeping, she was forming His body from hers. His flesh and blood. From her humanity she gave Him His humanity.

Walking in the streets of Nazareth to do her shopping, to visit her friends, she set His feet on the path of Jerusalem.

Washing, weaving, kneading, sweeping, cooking, her hands prepared His hands for the nails.

Every beat of her heart gave Him His heart to love with, His heart to be broken by love.

All her experience of the world about her was gathered to Christ growing in her.

Looking upon the flowers, she gave Him human sight. Talking with her neighbors she gave Him a human voice. The voice we still hear in the silence of souls saying: "Consider the lilies of the field."

Sleeping in her still room she gave Him the sleep of the child in the cradle, the sleep of the young man rocked in the storm-tossed boat.

Breaking and eating the bread, drinking the wine of the country, she gave Him His flesh and blood; she prepared the Host for the Mass.

This time of Advent is absolutely essential to our contemplation too. If we have truly given our humanity to be changed into Christ, it is essential to us that we do not disturb this time of growth.

Behold the Lord cometh down with  
glory... to visit His people in peace  
and establish them in everlasting life.

