

**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
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**SCHEDULE OF MASSES**

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)
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**IN EPIPHANIA DOMINI**

If we wish to see God day after day, our Faith must be of a better quality than we ordinarily give proof of. Our constant prayer should be for an increase of Faith. If we wish to see God we must believe in God INCARNATE. To believe in God Incarnate it is not enough to believe that in a human "vesture" the Godhead is somehow "mixed" together with man. It must be to believe that this human vesture, IN ALL ITS PARTICULARS, belongs to and is the proper clothing of the Divine. It is to believe that if God the Son is to be discovered on earth by men, He is to be found clothed in all the elements of His Humanity and in all the circumstances of His Humanity, and in all the conditions of His Humanity. If, while visiting Bethlemen, we expect to see God, we shall be crushed with disappointment!! We have to come to believe that the life of Jesus Christ on earth amongst men is the Divine Way of Living on Earth. Our supreme effort must be to learn how to imitate Jesus Christ

THE VERY SPECIAL GRATITUDE AND PRAYERS OF THE ABBOT AND ALL THE MONKS AND NUNS OF CHRIST THE KING ABBEY AND ST. JOSEPH MONASTERY ARE EXTENDED TO ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE CHAPELS IN ALABAMA FOR THEIR MANY KINDNESSES AND EXPRESSIONS OF GENEROSITY BESTOWED ON THEM DURING THE CHRISTMAS TIME JUST PAST. SUCH KINDNESS TOWARD THE MONKS AND NUNS IS A GREAT SOURCE OF STRENGTH, ENCOURAGEMENT AND HOPE!!!

!!! GOD BLESS YOU EVERY ONE!!!

1. Epiphany Chalk will be distributed at all the Masses Next Sunday.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 1996 IS THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR, JESUS CHRIST. WHILE THE EPIPHANY IS NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION, IT REMAINS, NEVERTHELESS, ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT FEASTS OF THE YEAR. EVERYONE IS ENCOURAGED TO SPEND AT LEAST ONE HOUR IN PRAYER READING AND MEDITATION ON THAT WONDROUS DAY.

*Happy New Year*

2. TOMORROW is the FEAST OF THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, and is a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. Please, be not guided by the opinion to be heard elsewhere, that New Years Day is not a Holy day of Obligation - - IT IS.

Masses at St. Francis Chapel (Abbey Church)  
6:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M.

3. Matter of Historical Record:

Two very beautiful STAINED GLASS WINDOWS were donated and installed in the two Sanctuary Windows of the Abbey Church. They were installed THURSDAY DECEMBER 21, 1995

The Donors were:

AUGUSTINE CULP (New Orleans)

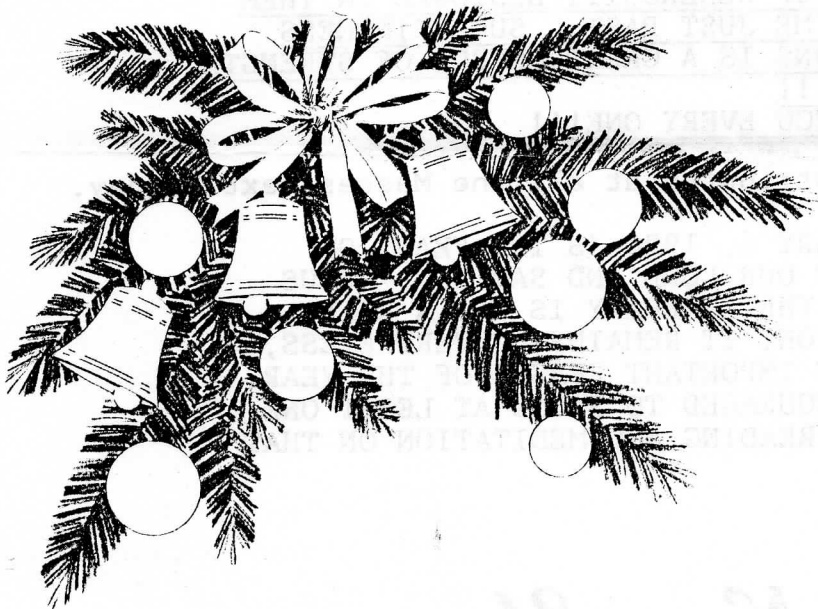
PATRICIA HAEFLING (Fort Wayne)

4. Next Sunday, January 7, 1996 is the First Sunday of January. Therefore there will be no Mass at St. Pius Chapel in Birmingham.

5. Masses for the Week: (Abbot Leonard's Schedule)

SUNDAY: For the People of the Chapels  
MONDAY: For the Poor Souls  
TUESDAY: For the George Niebuhr, Jr. Family  
WEDNESDAY: Special Int. Patricia Haefling  
THURSDAY: Dec. Florine Brisbois  
FRIDAY: Dec. Father Francis Fenton  
SATURDAY: Special Int. Paul Roy Family

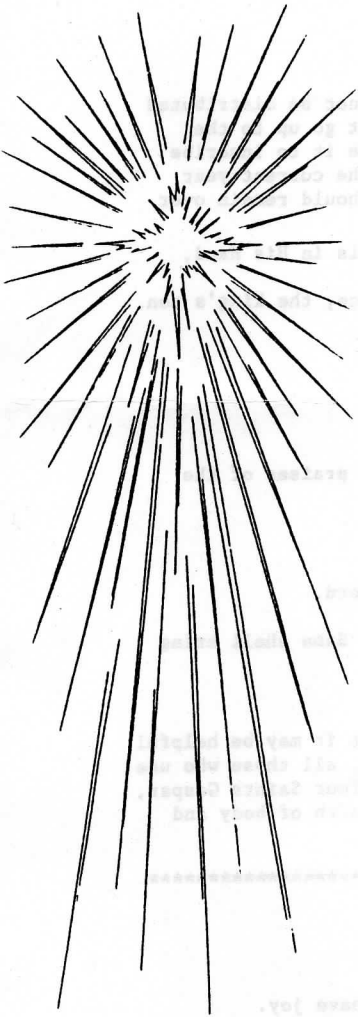
6. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Alfred Sachs, Kathryn Lineback, and Woody Flemming.



*After  
the magi had left,  
an angel of God  
appeared to Joseph  
in a dream  
and said,  
"Get up,  
take the child  
and his mother  
and go as fast  
as you can  
to Egypt."*

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# They Looked upon the Babe and saw God



With their oriental views, the Magi looked for an EPIPHANY of grandeur, and they were confronted with one of abject poverty! And yet they did not fail to recognize the Divine, nor were they baffled by the unexpected disguise, by His humility of circumstance, nor by the defiance of all earthly prejudices and standards of valuation. Their purity of heart, their sincerity of mind, their love of TRUTH and REALITY (NO MATTER HOW MUCH TRUTH AND REALITY MIGHT HAVE CONFLICTED WITH THEIR OWN PERSONAL VIEWS, CONCEPTS AND FEELINGS!) and finally their own GREAT HUMILITY was what made them receptive of the gift of the wonderful Faith given them by God.



*All nations shall serve him.*

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CEREMONY FOR THE BLESSING OF HOUSES AND ALL PLACES  
FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF JESUS CHRIST.

BLESSING OF CHALK:

(Instruction: Chalk is blessed on the Altar, before Holy Mass begins. It will not be distributed by the priest, but can only be obtained by a member of the Family who must go up to the Altar, after Mass, and taking it. The Father of the Family will later use it to inscribe the initials of the Three Wise Men: Gaspar, Melchior and Balthazar, and the current year over the main door (and any other doors) of the home. This inscription should remain over the doors throughout the year.)

PASTOR: - Opening Antiphon: Behold, the Lord the ruler is come; and the kingdom is in His Hand, and power, and dominion.  
O God, with your judgement endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son.  
Glory be to the Father. Behold, the Lord.

Antiphonal Prayer:

Y. All nations shall serve Him.

R. All nations shall serve Him.

Y. Nations shall walk by Your light, and kings by Your shining radiance.

R. All nations shall serve Him.

Y. All from Saba shall come, bringing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord.

R. All nations shall serve Him.

Y. Rise up in splendor, O Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord shines upon you.

R. All nations shall serve Him.

Y. We have seen His star in the East; and have come with gifts to worship the Lord.

R. All nations shall serve Him.

Y. The kings of Tharsis and the isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring tribute. All kings shall pay Him homage, all nations shall serve Him.

R. All nations shall serve Him.

PASTOR: - In Thy great mercy, have mercy on us, O God.

Let us pray: O Lord God, Bless + this chalk which You have created, that it may be helpful to mankind; and grant that through the invocation of Your most Holy Name, all those who use this chalk or with it write over the doors of their houses the names of Your Saints Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, may by their merits and intercession receive health of body and protection of soul.

We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ Your Son. AMEN.

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\* \* \* \* BLESSING OF THE HOME \* \* \* \*

(Conducted by the Father, or, in his absence, by the Mother).

Father: Peace to my house.

Family: And to all who live here.

Father: The father of the just will exult with glee; let your father and mother have joy.

Family: All nations shall serve Him.

Father: Happy they who dwell in Your House, O Lord! Continually they praise You.

Family: All nations shall serve Him.

Father: Blessed is the man who hears me and who watches daily at my gates and at the post of my doors.

Family: All nations shall serve Him.

Father: O Lord, hear my Prayer.

Family: And let my cry come unto You.

Father: Let us Pray:

Hear us, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Eternal God, and send Thy Holy Angel from Heaven to watch over, cherish, protect, be with, and defend all who live in my house.  
I call upon Your Saints, Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, to protect my Family and my home from every harm and danger, and I place their mark over my door to remain there as a constant reminder to us and to all who enter here that my house is truly a house of the Lord.

O God, make the door of my house wide enough to receive all who need human love and companionship; narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling-block to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back the temptor's power.

O God, make the door of my house the gateway to Thine Eternal Kingdom.

I ask these things in the Name of Jesus Christ Your Son.

Family: Amen.

(After the blessing, the Father inscribes on the main outside doors and any other doors in the house. Print with the blessed Chalk:

All nations shall serve him.