

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 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
February 25, 1996 - - - Purple

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O God, Who art moved by humiliation and appeased by penance, incline the ear of Thy goodness to our prayers, and when the heads of Thy servants are touched with the ashes which carry Thy blessing, graciously pour forth the grace of Thy blessing, that Thou mayest fill these good and holy people, Thy people, with the spirit of compunction and mayest effectually grant what they righteously ask, and ordain that what Thou grantest may remain forever established and unmoved. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

LENT

Since the time of St. Gregory the Great Ash Wednesday has inaugurated at Rome the forty holy days of Lent, and was called "in capite jejunii". The canonical penance imposed on public penitents began on this day. In the rite of the blessing of the ashes, a last trace remains of the ceremony of the imposition of canonical penance on public penitents. Towards the Eleventh Century the disciplinary rule of public penance being done away with, instead of the penitents of former days, the Pope, the clergy, and the Roman people took part indiscriminately in this function, and began to walk barefoot, with ashes sprinkled on their heads, to the Basilica of St. Sabina.

The "Collecta" or assembly of the people (the word Collect in the Mass comes from this) met at the church of St. Anastasia, where the ashes were imposed on the heads of the clergy and people. They then proceeded up the Aventine Hill to the little church named in Honor of St. Sabina where Mass of the day was celebrated.

The Basilica of St. Sabina was selected as the place to offer the official Mass for Ash Wednesday: The Stational Church.



1. During Lent, Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, every Friday evening at 7:00 P.M. in the Abbey Church.
2. The usual PACKETS OF BLESSED ASHED are available to all, at all the Masses today. Help yourselves to the packets.
3. Next Sunday, March 3, 1996, is the First Sunday of March. Therefore, there will be no 9:30 A.M. Mass at St. Pius Chapel in Birmingham.
4. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of this week are Ember Days, and are days Fast and Abstinence and special prayer. Meat may be eaten once on Wednesday and Saturday but only at the main meal of the day.
5. Monday, February 26, 1996 is the Feast of St. Matthias the Apostle.