

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 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
March 10, 1996 - - - Purple

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A false saint can give a good account of himself in the matter of austerity and great works of penance, but no false saint can keep up humility and charity fo long. A false saint can shed tears or remorse, but his tears merely betray an insincerity of intention, and simply fail to attract God's attention. Five minutes of true repentance can turn the saint - without the shedding of any tears - from a false saint into at least the beginnings of a true servant of God. An ex-false-saint, knowing all the pitfalls, is well placed in the pursuit of true perfection. With him, as with every neophyte, the condition of progress is surrender.

Neither perfection nor penance depend upon careful planning. Planning leads to regimentation, something we must avoid in our practices of devotion. Method and discipline will play a part; the danger is to think of them as the whole thing. Perfection and penance alike rely upon the grace of God as revealed from hour to hour, and if God wills different things at different times the soul must maintain itself in great flexibility. Instead of trying to harden itself into a regimentated course of action and devotion, the soul should try on the contrary to become more and more supple and responsive. The mind and the will should be trained to waiting upon the breath of the Holy Spirit - - - the Holy Spirit of God breathing where and when and how It will.

LENT

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. For the sake of the administration of the Sacrament of Penance in our chapels, the following schedule should be helpful to all. Abbot Leonard will continue to offer Mass in the Chapel of Our Lady of Lourdes in Montgomery on the First Sunday of each Month and will hear Confessions at that time. He will offer Mass in St. Pius V Chapel in Birmingham on the SECOND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH and will hear Confessions at that time. This schedule will remain in effect until further notice.
3. Beginning with the FIRST SATURDAY of May, 1996 there will be an 8:00 A.M. Mass in the Abbey Church for the convenience of those who wish to make the First Saturdays.
4. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Al Sachs, Woods Flemming, Ethyl Wallace and Mary Richie. Please pray for the infant Patrick Green (Montgomery) who is very sick.
5. As to the matter of the EASTER DUTY, this cannot be taken lightly, nor can anyone free himself from the obligation. It is clear that one is in a state of serious sin if one neglects to attend to the Sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist during the Easter Time. How can one classify himself a true member of the Catholic Church if such a one finds this least observance an unnecessary burdan?