

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.
10:00 A.M.
Every Sunday
6:00 A.M.
7:00 P.M.
Holy Days

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

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
April 21, 1996 - - - White

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Penance that is preached in the name of reform, in the name of austerity, in the name of past traditional standards or of future progress--
---- Penance that is preached in any other name but CHRIST'S - - is not penance at all - but propaganda. Indeed, a sadness that Penance is preached in such a manner in most of our traditionalist pulpits. Reason: because it is easier. True Spirituality is seldom treated in traditionalist pulpits. Very often Spirituality is presented as the explanation of legalisms. That which must be discussed in pulpits has to be that which will allow the faithful into Life. The faithful have to be instructed in the ways that will make them conformable to the image of the Son of God. Only on condition that we are "made conformable to the image of His Son" will the Father receive us into life. This means participating in the Passion: this means submitting ourselves voluntarily to the discipline of suffering. But in these days the descendants of Adam have forgotten the elements of discipline and since they have come to believe that suffering is a curse, they run from even the slightest suffering. Suffering is a blessing, but it must be viewed in the proper prospective. If the followers of Christ seek to crucify themselves without Christ they are wasting their sufferings. Suffering may not be wasted: it should be gathered up and offered in union with the sufferings of Christ. Few things are so uselessly squandered as the riches of pain. Leaving the Passion out of account, suffering is not a good but an evil; taking the Passion as the foundation and principle of Christian penance, suffering is of infinite worth.

1. EARLY ANNOUNCEMENT: Mother's Day is May 12, 1996 - the Secone Sunday of May. There will be no 9:30 A.M. Mass at St. Pius V Chapel in Birmingham on that day. Because of the May Crowning, the Masses will be in Cullman only. As always, the Masses in Cullman are at 6:00 and 10:00 A.M.
2. TUESDAY - APRIL 23, 1996 IS THE FIRST ANNIVERSAY OF THE DEDICATION OF THE ABBEY CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING IN CULLMAN. Henceforth this day will be a great feast day fot the Abbey of Christ the King. It is a First Class Feast day. Your extraordinary prayers are asked for on this great day. Please pray for the success of the efforts that are daily made by our Monks. The Faith of these young men is truly an edification. Pray that such Faith will never be tarnished; pray that these men will always be pillars of strength for all those who come to them for help. It is no small thing today for one to give up the pleasures and allurements of a fun loving world for the elements of mortification that are usually found in a well regulated Traditional Benedictine Monastery. How many such places are to be found in today's world?? Benedictine power is tremendous power, but it has to be genuine and "throughbred". It was the power of the Benedictines that removed barbarism from Western Europe; it was the effort of the Benedictines that preserved the Book of Sacred Scripture for us to have and to use; it was the work of the Benedictines that preserved and fostered art and music and culture in the mad-mad-mad world of earlied times. It is being said that the power of the Benedictines will be called upon once again to save the mad-mad-mad world of the present time. But what tools will the