

**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.  
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 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
July 14, 1996 - - - Green

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St. Benedict conceived life as a journey to God, the last end of the rational creature. The monastic life was a special grace to chosen souls to whom God deigned to reveal with startling clearness the perils of the world and the priveleges of His chosen servants. But they were never to idle on the way. They must be up and doing; they must run while they have the light of life; they **MUST EVER BE SEEKING GOD**. When a man comes to his monastery to ask admittance into the community, he is to be severely tested to see whether he truly seeks God. That is the point: the novice must have that basic purpose. He does not come to the monastery for a quiet life, or because he is a disappointed man, or that he may practice his craft, or devote himself to study. He does not come even for the ordered liturgical life: for the pure joys of choir and of the cloister. HE COMES TO THE MONASTERY TO SEEK GOD - - NOTHING ELSE! That is the fundamental and essential purpose. Therefore, if the novice comes to the monastery to seek God and that is his fundamental and essential purpose, this must mean that the novice is on the threshold of contemplation, and as a consequence, everything and everybody that would in some way or other be a source of distraction to his contemplation must be kept at a reasonable and prudent distance. When Christ says: "Come follow me" He leads the young monk deep into the desert. The desert is a favorite spot of the Lord because the desert purifies and makes clean.

**THE RECEPTION**

OF

**NOVICES**

The life of a monk can be

summed up in one single

line

**"The world forgetting,**

**by the**

**world forgotten."**



By the Grace of God, Mr. Gregory Sick will be admitted to the Benedictine Abbey of Christ the King this morning. Please pray for Gregory. Pray that his vocation to the priesthood and to the monastic way of life be protected from the instability of today's lifestyle. Pray that every remnant of the world never hold any form of attraction to him. That he will always be strong enough to prefer no-one nor anything to the love of God. **GOD BLESS AND KEEP HIM!!**

*That in all things God may be glorified.*

(Benedictine Motto)