

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 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
September 8, 1996 - - - White
Feast of the Nativity B.V.M.

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" MY PEACE I GIVE UNTO YOU" - - - - Are we about to enter war? Today, let us talk about peace - that kind of heavenly peace Christ wishes to bestow upon us. Christ is the Prince of Peace. He came to bring us peace - HIS PEACE! Of what happiness and contentment is man assured of if he would possess the Peace of Christ in his heart, and if he does not possess it, it can be only through his own fault. The riches of heaven are within the reach of every man. Our Holy Redeemer offered them generously to each and every one of us. Come and taste them! All may find rest with Christ for their restless, tortured souls.

At the moment of His Birth, Christ's message to this warring world was one of peace: "Peace on earth to men of good will." After His wondrous Resurrection, every time He appeared His first word was "Peace" His constant benediction was: "Go in Peace". He was the Prince of peace then, He is the Prince of Peace now. His mission is invariably a mission of peace.

And yet, man habitually fails to understand the Word of God. Yes, the Heart of Man longs for peace. He especially prays for peace in time of war. But he does not pray for the kind of peace Jesus Christ has in mind. The vast majority of men honestly desire peace, but there is no peace. Why is that? People talk perpetually of peace but they do not have it. Is it that they look for it in the wrong places? Can there be peace without God? Man seems to think so. Man seems to think that he has the power and the ability to dictate peace. How foolish of him! The works of man are quite manifest. They are: "immorality, uncleanness, licentiousness, idolatry, witchcrafts, enmities, contentions, jealousies, anger, quarrels, factions, parties, envies, murders, drunkenness, carousings and suchlike." If speeches and conferences, work-shops, books, magazines, TV, internet, and such like could establish peace in the world we should be enjoying to-day the most profound peace in human history. Man's answer to the problem seems to be GLOBALISM!: one government, one law, ONE RELIGION!! But the closer we get to this transnational association the farther away we get from peace. The more informed that man becomes with a nonnationalistic and nonsectarian world the more disturbed he becomes. The more that man comes to accept the new mentality that is being impressed upon his mind by his secular and RELIGIOUS leaders, the more discontented he becomes. All in the name of peace! But peace can flourish only on condition that each individual make his peace with God - the God of peace. War, which is the negation of peace, stems only from opposition to the Will of God. God harbours thoughts of peace and not of turmoil. God's plans for the human race are so effectively attuned to the needs of the individual and of the whole body that all can proceed harmoniously and in orderly fashion. But man's plan for peace is directly opposed to the plan of Almighty God, and the absence of peace is the result of man's opposition to God.

External revolutions are fomented by restlessness and disharmony within. Thus war is only an outward symptom of interior tumult. The will of man is in revolt with the Will of God; man refuses to serve God, and for that reason we are at war with each other.

ALL TRADITIONALIST PEOPLE NEED TO TAKE HEED. THEY NEED, ALSO, TO ASK WHY THEY ARE AT WAR WITH EACH OTHER - ALL THE TIME!!!

Even though man does not control the events of the world or of the church, he can certainly dominate the incidents of his own personal life. If man abides in God he abides in peace, no matter how much external trouble and strife encompasses him. Only when he is at variance with God is man at variance with himself!

1. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels especially remembering Al and Connie Sachs, and Kathryn Lineback. Continue to pray for Rama Coomaraswamy.
2. Confessions are heard before masses on Sunday. Do not take the Sacrament of Penance lightly.