

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)

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Penitents whose ideas about penance are disordered and whose training in penance has lacked experience and obedience usually labor to exceed the proper limits of penance. Lacking the discipline of prayer, and the light which flows from prayer, they will override considerations of charity; they will selfishly ignore the duties of their state in life; they will contradict sound spiritual direction; and treat the matter of their own good health recklessly. Put simply - - they lack common sense! With clenched teeth they work out their penitential observance with muscle strong severity. In the end they will be humiliated to find that they did not have the needed strength to continue their abnormal behavior. Then they become embittered, and might even turn away completely from a mortified way of life. They can sometimes be found to ridicule those who show some measure of success in their penitential activity! God rewards only His own work, and where a work has been undertaken without reference to Him, except for His Name, there is failure. Through their clenched teeth these false penitents often give good reasons for their excessive acts of asceticism, but if they are not ordered in their penance, they will neither wash away their sins nor will they convert souls to penance. Certainly they will not greatly help themselves to advance in the love of God. And - it will all be no more than an exercise in futility!

Without order in their penance - - the order reflecting the inward order of humility and charity - - the saints would never have attracted sinners to repentance. The saints have been able to call sinners because the saints have always be able to reflect the order of Christ in their souls. It is precisely that the saints have reflected the order of Christ - - not of each other - - that the reflection was attractive to sinners. United with Him interiorly, they have revealed His discipline; they have preached His law and His order; they bore in themselves the marks of His suffering. The saints have been able to draw Christ crucified to sinners because they show in their lives Christ crucified.

1. Venerable Frater Paul May, O.S.B. Monk of Christ the King Abbey will pronounce his Solemn Perpetual (Life & Final) Vows as a Monk on SUNDAY, October 13, 1996. Frater Paul's is a serious decision, and one that must be backed up by the prayers of all who believe that the way of life that he is choosing is a true and valid way of life. Therefore, the prayers of all are requested.

I M P O R T A N T A N N O U N C E M E N T:
Because of the Ceremony of Vows for Frater Paul, there will be no 9:30 A.M. Mass at St. Pius V Chapel in Birmingham on October 13, 1996
AS ALWAYS, THE MASS AT ST. FRANCIS CHAPEL (ABBAY CHURCH)
WILL BE AT THE USUAL TIME OF 10:00 A.M.

2. Confessions are heard before masses on Sunday. Do not take the matter of the Sacrament of Penance lightly.