

## 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 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST      Weekly Bulletin # 422  
September 29, 1996 - - - White  
Dedication of St. Michael the Archangel

In Mass - Gloria; Orations (1) Feast, (2) Sunday, (3) Against Storms;  
Creed; Preface Common; Last Gospel Sunday.

## SOLEMN VOWS

VENERABLE FRATER PAUL MAY, O.S.B.

WILL PRONOUNCE HIS PERPETUAL VOWS

OF STABILITY, OBEDIENCE AND

CONVERSION OF LIFE

OCTOBER 13, 1996

THE FACT REMAINS THAT THERE STILL ARE MEN TRULY CALLED AS ABRAHAM WAS TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES, FATHERS AND MOTHERS, BROTHERS AND SISTERS; TO DEPART FROM THE CITIES OF MEN, AND TO BECOME HENCEFORTH STRANGERS IN THEIR OWN HOMES AND IN THE WORLD - LIVING APART, CONSECRATED TO SILENT MEDITATION AND LITURGICAL PRAISE, TO POVERTY, TO MANUAL LABOR, SOLITUDE, SACRED STUDY AND O B E D I E N C E.

1. PLEASE TAKE SPECIAL NOTICE:

- (a) Next Sunday is the First Sunday of October. Therefore, there will be no 9:30 A.M. Mass at St. Pius Chapel in Birmingham.
- (b) Because of the Solemn Vows of Frater Paul, O.S.B., there will be no 9:30 A.M. Mass at St. Pius Chapel in Birmingham. Please notify anyone who needs to be notified.
- (c) The Mass for the Solemn Vows will be in the Abbey Church in Cullman at 10:00 A.M.

(The conclusion is: ~~NO MASS AT ST. PIUS CHAPEL IN BIRMINGHAM FOR TWO CONSECUTIVE SUNDAYS: OCTOBER 6 and 13~~)

2. Friday, October 4, 1996 is the First Friday of October  
Saturday, October 5, 1996 is the First Saturday of October. Masses in the Abbey Church, Cullman are at 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 A.M.

3. Important Feast Days this week:

St. Jerome - Monday October 30; Holy Guardian Angels -Wednesday October 2; St. Therese of the Child Jesus - Thursday October 3;  
St. Francis of Assisi - Friday October 4; St. Placidus and Companions - Saturday October 5.

- (a) The Feast of the Holy Guardian Angels is very important, even though it is no longer celebrated with solemnity in the new order of the church. Benedictine Monks and Nuns are placed in special protection of the Guardian Angels. It is a First Class Feast Day.
- (b) October 4, Feast of St. Francis of Assisi is the Feast Day of our Frater Francis. Please pray for him.

(c) October 3 Feast of St. Theresa is a First Class Feast Day for the Abbey Church of Christ the King. St. Theresa, along with St. Joseph, is the patronal Saint of the Abbey Church.

4. A L L S O U L S D A Y E N V E L O P E S are now available. Please return them before November 1, 1996. These envelopes will be placed next to the Tabernacle, and kept there until next year.
5. October is the MONTH OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY. Please make every attempt to say the Rosary every day in October.
6. Confessions are heard before masses on Sunday. Do not take the matter of the Sacrament of Penance lightly..
7. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Al Sachs and Kathryn Lineback.
8. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK:** (Abbot Leonard's Schedule only)
  - SUNDAY: For the People of the Chapels
  - MONDAY: Dec. Isaac Soileau - - Anniv.
  - TUESDAY: Welfare Woody Flemming
  - WEDNESDAY: Religious Communities of Christ the King  
Feast of Guardian Angels
  - THURSDAY: Welfare Michael Coady
  - FRIDAY: Dec. Countess Maria Sennyey
  - SATURDAY: Special Int. Paul Roy Family

## SOLEMN VOWS

*Happy are they who dwell in your house,  
forever singing your praise. Psalm 84:5*



THE END of the whole life of a monk is "TO SEEK GOD," and on the day of his profession, the monk promises to pursue with constancy and stability this high and great end. In order to attain it, the monks leave everything; they all make the sacrifices that are natural in the leaving; like St. Peter they can say to our Lord: "Behold we have left all things, and have followed Thee."

The motive power of these sacrifices and acts or renunciation is love. Love, it is, which draws the monk in the footsteps of Christ Jesus. In effect, the monk says: "Good Master, Thou callest me, and I am here: I believe that Thou art so great, so powerful, so good, that Thou wilt not confound me in any of my hopes and expectations. I believe that Thou wilt make me to find in Thee the fount of all beatitude and of all life!" This is, on the part of every monk, his act of faith in Jesus Christ. The monk leave all, completely persuaded that in Jesus Christ he will find all. Faith is already, of itself, the giving of the monk's whole being to the TRUTH Who is Jesus, the Incarnate Word. To the monk, monastic existence is only to be the extension to his entire life of an initial act of Faith and abandonment. And since the monk believes that the Abbot holds the place of Christ in the Monastery, he places his trust in the Abbot and obediently listens to the words of the Abbot as coming from Christ Himself. The Abbot, on his part believes that he, in fact, takes the place of Christ in the Monastery, but that he must pray constantly that in holding this place, his responsibility is truly awesome!! This act receives its official consecration in the offering that the monk makes of himself to God on the day of his religious profession. When his whole life is maintained in this spirit of holy abandonment whereby he is animated when he pronounces his Vows, the monks's life becomes true, genuine and extremely pleasing to God.