

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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 Mass of Sunday; Gl.; Orations (1) Sun; (2) Saints; (3) For Church;
 (4) Against Storms Cr.; Preface Trinity.

As we speak of penance, we must also speak of joy. When we speak of joy in religion we do not speak of the spontaneous uprush of delight at the appearance of something wonderful in our lives. The joy we speak of here is the joy which our Lord tells us we must cultivate when we do penance, which we may even have to assume in order to hide our feelings of melancholy. We must show washed and shining faces when we fast, indicating to the world that penance is not such a terrible burden as it is made out to be and that if only people went in for it more they would find they need lose nothing of their happiness.

Penance does not have to be advertised as a universal healer. But it does have to be preached. Preaching penance by word of mouth is not everybody's call, but preaching it by the good humor which is known to accompany it may well be the call of many more than in fact respond to the summons of penance. Looked at from the opposite angle, nothing could be more putting-off to those who are setting out on the way of the spirit than to note the sour and sullen aspect of those who have presumably been practising prayer and penance for years. May God deliver us from SAD SAINTS. In today's traditionalist church, unfortunately, we find a goodly number of people who demonstrate the kind of sadness we here speak against. There is a hardness in the eyes of too many of our traditionalist people. This is not appropriate for one who is a chosen one of God. In the Traditional Church of yesteryear, the more people practiced penance, the greater seemed to be the joy and peace reflected in their eyes!!!

"Offer to God," the Cure of Ars used to say to the sisters who worked for him "only what you can offer gladly." This injunction admits of more than one interpretation, but a meaning which cannot be denied to the words is that the penances which are beyond a JOYOUS rendering had better not be attempted at all. If my generosity is not equal to showing gladness in sacrifice, even if the gladness is forced, my generosity is not of the kind that can profitably offer voluntary penance. Better in such a case that I acknowledge the fact, make an act of humility, and look about for expressions of service and love which are within my more limited range.

F E A S T D A Y O F C H R I S T T H E K I N G

1. Next Sunday, the Last Sunday of October, is the Solemn Celebration of the Feast of Christ the King. Need it be said, that the most special prayers of every interested person, be said in honor of Jesus Christ, the King. The City of God is very much disheveled, and the matter of the Kingship of Christ is a matter of total indifference to most of the people who inhabit the City. Even those who live in the highest citadels of the City seem to have lost all interest in the Person of of the King. For those of us who continue to worship the King, our prayer should always be:

"FOR THOU ALONE ART HOLY!!!"

2. Thursday, October 24, 1996 is the Feast of The Archangel Raphael.
 3. DO NOT FORGET: NEXT SUNDAY - DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS - TURN CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR.