

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 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Weekly Bulletin # 430
THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 24, 1996 - - - Green

Mass of Sunday: G1; Ora. (1) 26th Sun. (2) St. John of Cross (3) Against Storms; Cr; Pref Trin.

THE ADVENT WREATH

Advent is a very special time of the year. Even though penitential in character, it nevertheless is usually filled with all kinds of wonderful Christmas excitement. Advent is, also, the beginning of the new liturgical year. It is a season of spiritual preparation, marked by an eager longing for the coming of the long-expected Savior through grace at Christmas, and for His second and final coming. It is an ideal time to establish in our homes good customs (liturgical and otherwise) which will restore our children to the Christ Child. Advent is a time to restore a proper sense of beauty, of holiness and serenity. It is a time to re-establish in our children the nature of reverence-reverence for all the things that pertain to God. Advent is a time to teach our children the correct way of interpreting and understanding the real values which the spirit of this part of the year should present to them. Parents should explain the true matter of Christmas to their children, and they should demonstrate to them how all the things of Christmas ought to be kept in their proper order of importance - even Santa Claus. Santa is not sinful, as some seem to think. Santa is helping prepare things for the Birthday of the King - the Baby Jesus.

Children like the beauty and simplicity of family religious practices and therefore make traditions easy to establish. The little Christmas traditions, which are the lasting part of Christmas, recall to the older members of the family the long forgotten practices of their own childhood. Long after the toys and other Christmas things have gone into the land of forgetfulness, the simple family customs of this most lovely time of the year will remain in the awareness of all concerned for years yet to come.

Most popular of the Advent customs handed down to us is the Advent wreath. Beautifully decorated with evergreens, and nuts, fruits and berries, and containing four candles - three purple and one rose colored, the wreath should hold a central place in the home.

1. Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent.
2. Next Sunday is the First Sunday of December. Therefore, therefore there will be no 9:30 A.M. Mass at St. Pius V Chapel in Birmingham.
3. EUNICE FLEMING, the mother of our Woody Fleming, died peacefully in the Lord on Tuesday, November 19, 1996. In Charity, let us all remember the Soul of this good lady, as well as for the consolation of Woody.
4. THURSDAY OF THIS WEEK IS THANKSGIVING DAY. In spite of the way this day has been dressed to be, let us EVERYONE remember to Give Thanks to God in good and typical Catholic Fashion.
5. Do not forget the value of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, which, this year, falls on Sunday. This is a feast of the greatest importance.
6. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Al Sachs and Kathryn Lineback.
7. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Abbot Leonard's Schedule - only)

SUNDAY:	For the People of the Chapels
MONDAY:	For the Poor Souls
TUESDAY:	Dec. Robert Allen Young
WEDNESDAY:	Dec. Robert Allen Young
THURSDAY:	Dec. Howard Kelley
FRIDAY:	Dec. Eunice Fleming
SATURDAY:	Dec. Isaac Soileau