

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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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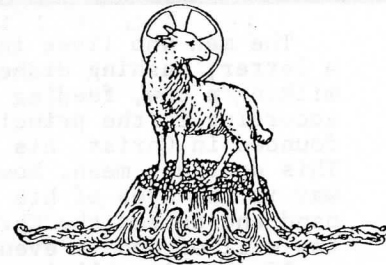
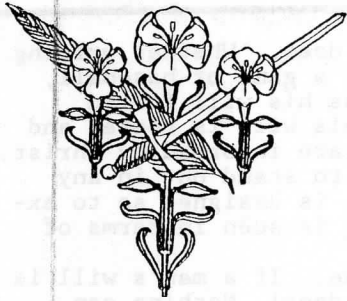
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LAETARE SUNDAY

Mass: Of Sunday: No Gl; Or: Sun., A Cunctis, Living & Dead, A Domo;  
Cr. Pref. of Lent

# Laetare Sunday

*We shall defend thee under his wings and thou shalt be  
safe under his feathers.*



Today is "LAETARE SUNDAY" - Rejoice Sunday. Note the change in the color of the vestments from violet to rose. We quote, therefore, directly from the instructions of Dom Gueranger, O.S.B. found in his book On Lent -- "The Liturgical Year".

" This Sunday, called, from the first word of the Introit, LAETARE SUNDAY, is one of the most solemn of the year. The Church interrupts her Lentan mournfulness; the chants of the Mass speak of nothing but joy and consolation: the organ, which has been silent during the preceding three Sundays, now gives forth its melodious voice; the deacon resumes his dalmatic, and the subdeacon his tunic; and instead of purple, rose-colored vestments are allowed to be used. These same rites were practiced in Advent, on the third Sunday, called GAUDETE. The church's motive for introducing this expression of joy into today's liturgy is to encourage her children to persevere fervently to the end of this holy season. The real mid-Lent was last Thursday, as we have already observed; but the Church, fearing lest the joy might lead to some infringement of the spirit of penance, has deferred her own notice of it to this Sunday, when she not only permits, but even bids her children to rejoice!"