

## 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
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### 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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THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

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Mass: Sunday; G1; Or. Sunday, Peter Canisius, A Domo; Cr. Pref. Easter.

When the will imposes a penance - - whether upon itself, upon the intellect, upon the emotions or upon the body - - the penance may well be hard to bear but at least it will carry with it the satisfaction of achievement. Such penance is good, and it is good to foster it, even though it is imposed by an interior and independent act of the will. Such penances are oftentimes effective in overcoming temptations. Such penance may be inspired by grace as it is applied as a necessary measure to avoid an occasion of sin. Such penance certainly gives glory to God. When we undertake such penance every care must be used to avoid any act or mortification that might cause even the slightest injury to health or to the body. When we undertake such penance every care must be used that the shadow of self does not come between it and God. So long as self-esteem is not at the root of the act of penance (whatever it may be), but only one of the unfortunate off-shoots, the act can and should be performed and the vanity of achievement repudiated. It would be a mistake never to practice active penance for fear of allowing imperfect motives to enter in. Such a fear is worked upon by the spirit of evil, who is all the time suggesting reasons why penance should not be done. If the devil cannot prevent a man from doing penance by appealing to his laziness and love of luxury, he does his best to prevent him by appealing to a false fear and a misconceived humility.

If it would be wrong to avoid prayer on the grounds that one might enjoy being seen at it, it would be equally wrong to avoid penance on the grounds that one might like getting a reputation for doing it secretly. Low motives can be laughed off - - can indeed be mortified. And even if no absolute security can be found against them (which anyway is bound to be the case) it is always better to attempt a good in spite of its risks than to draw back from a risk in spite of its opportunities.

1. Tuesday - April 29, 1997 is the Feast of St. Peter of Verona (St. Peter the Martyr) and Blessing Number 2 will be placed on the PALM CROSSES that were first blessed on Palm Sunday.  
 Saturday - May 3, 1997 is the Feast of the Finding of the True Cross and Blessing Number 3 will be placed on the PALM CROSSES.

At no time in the history of the Church has the True Cross of our Savior been needed as today to subdue Christ's enemies. The wicked spirits dread and flee from this Sign of our Redemption and from the blessings of our Holy Mother:-the One, Holy, Catholic Apostolic and TRUE Church. This is the Church that we approach when we ask for blessings - - this is the Church that alone has the power to effect blessing. Therefore, this Church blesses our little Crosses on these days mentioned above, so that by the use of the Crosses our property, and crops will be protected from all evil spirits. The Crosses should be planted in the ground - perhaps sealed in containers to prevent decay. Our Faith in this case should protect us from "the crash of hailstones, the onslaught of tornadoes, the rushing wind of storms, or any attack of the enemy". If you have no ground in which to place them, they may certainly be taped above a doorway in the house.

2. Confessions are heard before Masses on Sunday.
3. Next Sunday is the First Sunday of May. Therefore there will be no 9:30 A.M. Mass at St. Pius Chapel in Birmingham.
4. Thursday, May 1, 1997 is the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker - and it is, actually, the Feast of the Solemnity of St. Joseph. This Feast is one of the greatest feasts of the year, and should be observed in a very special way. If it is impossible to attend mass on that day, then at least 1 hour should be spent in prayer and meditation of that day. PRAY TO ST. JOSEPH - ASK HIM FOR HIS HELP!!!!!!
5. Saturday, May 3, 1997 is the Feast of the Finding of the True Cross, and is another day of greatness requiring special prayers and meditation
6. EARLY ANNOUNCEMENT:  
 Thursday, May 8, 1997 is the Feast of the Ascension of our Blessed Lord - and is a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. Mass should be attended on that day - the Mass Obligation is serious and grave.  
 MASSES AT ST. FRANCIS CHAPEL - CULLMAN - ONLY  
 6:00 A.M.  
 8:00 A.M.  
 7:00 P.M.
7. SPECIAL NOTICE CONCERNING MAY 11, 1997 - - - - MOTHERS' DAY  
 May 11, 1997 is the Second Sunday of May, but  
 THERE WILL BE NO 9:30 A.M. MASS  
 AT ST. PIUS CHAPEL IN BIRMINGHAM  
 ON THAT DAY - - because of the Ceremonies.  
 May 11, 1997 is MOTHERS' DAY - - MAY CROWNING AT  
 ST. FRANCIS CHAPEL - - ABBEY CHURCH.
8. May 11, 1997 is the Feast of SS. Philip and James - Apostles.
9. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Al Sachs.
10. ROGATION DAYS: ----- Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, May 5th, 6th, 7th, are ROGATION DAYS (the three Days before the Feast of the Ascension. ROGATION = Supplication.  
 The object of these devotions called Rogation - LESSER LITANIES - is to turn away from us the scourges of divine justice and draw down God's blessings on the fruits of the earth - hence the procession into the fields
11. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Abbot Leonard's Schedule Only)  
 SUNDAY: For the People of the Chapels  
 MONDAY: Dec. Anton Paul Satori  
 TUESDAY: Dec. Sabina Hulcher  
 WEDNESDAY: Dec. John Peter Waldeck  
 THURSDAY: Welfare Marian Kortman  
 FRIDAY: Dec. Ruth Wendorf  
 SATURDAY: Special Int. Paul Roy Family
12. FIRST SATURDAY - May 3, 1997 - Masses - Abbey Church 6:00 A.M. & 8:00 A.M.

## St. Joseph The Worker

Experience, wisdom, and the Grace of the Holy Spirit have always guided the judgements of The One True Church. At the promptings of the Holy Spirit, the Church never failed to act courageously in a way best suited for the occasion and the edification and spiritual welfare of all mankind. When pagan rituals, or anti-church demonstrations could not be directly uprooted, the Church found other ways to help men whose will was good, but who were forced to labor under an evil set of rules. In recent years, when the evils of Communism imposed themselves on mankind, and the celebration of its evils blossomed forth in the Russian May Day celebration, the Church, in the year 1956, did what it had always done in the past: super-imposing something good over the top of that which is evil.

The Feast of the Solemnity of St. Joseph, which had always been observed on the Wednesday of the Second Week after Easter, was moved to be observed and celebrated with great solemnity on May the First - the same day as the Communist May Day celebrations. It would now be called THE FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER - its very name making it a greater stumbling block for the Communist hierarchy. Eventually, the opposition of the Communist Party prevailed, and in the year 1969, the modernist catholic leadership stripped the Feast of all of its dignity and powerful significance, reducing it to nothing more than a nearly forgotten commemoration! But the Feast of St. Joseph is not at all forgotten in those courageous strongholds of our most Holy Faith, and there it is observed in all of the splendor proper to the great St. Joseph.