

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: Saints, Gl; Or: Saints, VI Sun, A Domo, Cr; Pref Apostles.

Work is a good penance. From almost every point of view, work is a good penance. It provides an outlet, it can be made into a constructive service of God. It keeps the mind from self-pity and the imaginations caused by sin and its corruption. It directs a man's interests away from himself, and it deepens charity.

There is only one serious danger attaching to work, and this lies in the tendency to let it become a neurosis. Thus a man may acquire such a taste for work that it will consume not only all other greeds but all other rightful interests. A man will sacrifice to it his health, his social and family obligations, his religious duties. The greed of over-work may be as harmful as the greed which leads to over-eating - indeed, is likely to be more so because it is not so easily recognized as a gluttony but is respected instead as a virtue - - and must therefore be mortified accordingly. The use of the word "workoholic" has a ring of praise about it rather than a ring of criticism.

The more laudible the object, the more disguised is the irregularity in the desire for it. If souls have had to be corrected by St. Teresa and others for the inordinate desire which they manifested for Holy Communion, then it shows how careful we should be to keep the balance. To hunger for work, as to hunger for Holy Communion (or for prayer, or fasting or solitude or penance), is good. But once the hunger takes the place of the object hungered for, the entire scale of values alters.

1. Next Sunday, July 6, 1997 is the First Sunday of July. Therefore, there will be no 9:30 A.M. Mass at St. Pius Chapel in Birmingham.
2. Next Friday, July 4, 1997 is the First Friday of July, and Saturday, July 5, 1997 is the First Saturday of July. Mass times on both days is 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 A.M. in the Abbey Church.
3. Next Friday, July 4, 1997 is a National Holiday, but it is a Friday. It is probably not be ill-advised to declare a dispensation from the usual abstinence requirement. Therefore, meat may be eaten on that day.
4. Tuesday, July 1, 1997 is the Feast of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus.
5. Wednesday, July 2, 1997 is the Feast of the Visitation of the B.V.M.
6. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Kathryn Lineback and Al Sachs.
7. Confessions are heard before masses on Sunday.

In virtue of the life that we live in the monastic atmosphere of our home we should be easier to live with in our home than we were in the atmosphere of the world. More tolerant, more considerate, even more courteous. The Christ-life should show itself in good manners as well as in the more heroic and self-sacrificing virtues. Our prayer should develop our charity, and our charity should develop our prayer.