

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)

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Mass: Sunday; G1; Or: Sun, A Cunctis, Church, A Domo; Cr; Pref. Trin.

There is no escaping it: where there is sin there has to be sorrow for sin! It must be effective sorrow, not mere sentiment. The Old Testament is always telling us to do penance. The Prophets spoke about little else. The New Testament repeats the same call. St. John the Baptist cried aloud about penance. Our Blessed Lord was most emphatic about it. Spiritual writers insist on it all the time. But as we look around us, we observe - - and we have to ask ourselves: IS IT EVER REALLY DONE? Penance, mortification, sacrifice, fasting, expiation, and all other such words simply do not exist in Protestant vocabulary. As we continue to look around us, these words no longer exist in the vocabulary of the modern, mainstream catholic vocabulary. As we continue to look around us, Catholics of a more conservative and traditional bent use the words, but are they - in reality - effectively governed by them?

There is a whole catalog of evils which can be cast out ONLY by fasting and prayer. The prayer part is given a good degree of practice, but the "and fasting" is usually overlooked and reasoned away. "Will it do if I give up smoking for the next five days? Will it do if I do not eat chocolates on Wednesdays and Fridays?" Will it do what? It will not bring about the conversion of Russia to be sure. Clearly understood. Neither will it bring about the "restoration" of traditional Catholicism. Also clearly understood. Merely an insignificant effort - - perhaps. Yet, insignificant as it may be, at all events it will show that there is still a spark of a realization of the necessity of penance. But even this tiny and insignificant effort is conspicuously lacking in the watered down Christianity of our mainstream catholicity of today. In Truth, it is alarmingly absent in the washed out catholicism found in the average family circle that still labels itself Catholic! When the subject comes up, our youth laugh us to scorn. Does our modern day - so-called - Catholic pulpit preach about a penitential spiritual life? Is it not quite noticeable that the attitude toward sin is now so thread-bare and remorse for a life of sin so cooled down that the actual sacrament of compunction - the sacrament of Penance - has fallen to disuse? Nobody goes to confession anymore - EVER! Yet, all go to communion - regularly.

The really pagan people of ancient times found it quite necessary to offer sacrifice to their gods - and did. It was important to them to placate their gods. Modern day pagans -- and many of these continue to carry the title of Catholic - recognize NO NEED to offer sacrifice to placate their God! How can this be?

Incidentally - our modern youthful pagans who refuse to sacrifice to the God of their ancestors, have no problem with offering sacrifice to Lucifer. There is something quite wrong with this system! Who will our infant and unborn babies offer sacrifice to - when it come their turn to be reckoned with????????????????????

1. Wednesday, August 20, 1997 is the Feast of the Great Saint Bernard. We should pray to St. Bernard for guidance through these troublesome times in our religion. Pray to him for vocations to our Monastery.
2. Next Friday, August 22, 1997 is the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
3. Please pray for the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Al Sachs. Tomorrow, August 18 is Al's 83rd. Birthday.
4. Confessions are heard before Masses on Sunday. Everyone should look to the Sacrament of Penance as indeed a matter of consequence.

5. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Abbot Leonard's Schedule only)

SUNDAY:	For the People of the Chapels
MONDAY:	Welfare Al Sachs - B'day.
TUESDAY:	Special Int. Colleen McGinnis
WEDNESDAY:	Welfare Jessie McNeil
THURSDAY:	Dec. Lucille Petzinger
FRIDAY:	Dec. Bob Lane
SATURDAY:	Dec. Lloyd Blauvelt