

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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Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Mass: Sunday; Gl; Or: Sunday, Exaltation Holy Cross, A Domo; Cr;
Pref Trin.

Externally, the Christian eats and drinks and dresses and builds his shelter as all men do. This is the normal and natural thing to do. But there is a world of difference in the thinking of a Christian's Faith, because a Christian does not think as all men do. The Faith that is in the Christian expresses itself - it cannot but express itself - and it expresses itself in an art and a form that spurns naturalism. Naturalism is weighed down as is anchored to the world and the things of the world - - it is not of God. Everything about Faith is of another world - not this one. The etiquette of Faith, its manners, its material adornments, its building, its music, its song are all quite different from the secular forms. The things of Faith symbolize the new earth and the new heavens which are to come.

Faith fosters a spirit in art which is most necessary in order to lift us up and keep us up IN THE SUPERNATURAL ORDER. After all, in its expression, Faith expresses itself - it cannot but do so - in every labor performed by the hand of man. The labor of a man of Faith, cannot but lift the mind and heart of man heavenward, and because of its view of God's heaven, the labor of such a man becomes art - and is this not Prayer? And by right of her nature, art becomes queen of all the effort of the Christian community. Witness the totally magnificent art of earlier ages, witness how the art of earlier ages is such magnificent prayer! Every work of the man of earlier ages (sin and its influence excluded) picked up the heart of man and lifted it up to the heights of heaven. Art, then, legislates the kind of work to be undertaken and it determines the QUALITY of the work to be done, BECAUSE THE MAN OF FAITH WORKS ONLY FOR GOD!

Christian art is by nature contemplative. Accordingly Christian manual labor - every work - properly irradiates contemplation. In the Christian community the music of silence and the supernatural atmosphere, which silence inevitably begets, stimulate contemplation, and contemplation is the creation of Faith's genius and Faith's most charming contribution. Contemplation is man's whole Peace on earth - for Peace is the next thing to man's goal of the Beatific Vision in heaven.

The prime requisite of us all in the Christian (MONASTIC) community must be the construction of a contemplative temperament. The contemplative life is only the life of Faith - sincerely and honestly lived. The contemplative life means that as man establishes in himself the AWESOME MIDNIGHT SILENCE OF SELF, man comes to hear with the ears of his heart, the gentle sound OF GOD'S SPOKEN WORD. Christ becomes our KING only when He takes possession of our hearts and souls.

1. Today is the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. The Wednesday, Friday and Saturday following the Feast of the Holy Cross are the Autumn Ember Days. Therefore, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday of this week are Ember days, and days of Fast and Abstinence. Meat may be once (at the main meal) on Wednesday and Saturday.

*We need to stop talking
and find out what we
really believe*

2. Alex Cancelada departed this life in death on Sunday, September 7, 1997, at the age of 27. Let us, with fervent prayer, recommend his soul to loving mercy of God. Alex was the brother of our David Cancelada.
3. Please pray for the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Al Sachs and Johanna Roy.
4. Confessions are heard before Masses on Sunday. Everyone should look to the Sacrament of Penance as truly a matter of consequence.
5. Masses for the Week: (Abbot Leonard's Schedule Only)

SUNDAY:	For the People of the Chapels
MONDAY:	Dec. Jacques Belderock
TUESDAY:	Dec. Rose Mooney
WEDNESDAY:	Dec. Thomas Mooney
THURSDAY:	Dec. Allen Awai
FRIDAY:	Dec. Alex Cancelada
SATURDAY:	Dec. Edward Ryan

As was said in last week's Bulletin:

We must seek after Peace and we must pursue it!
 This is heaven's advice to us, and we must give heed to it. We give heed to it be avoiding anything and everything that hinders our pursuit of Peace. Every discussion, every debate, every judgement that we place on anyone - anything - that disturbs our inner serenity must be carefully avoided

The only thing that should remain important to us as Traditional Roman Catholics is the Mass and the valid and proper administration of the Sacraments. We should try to understand that only at such a time when God determines that the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass once again becomes the CENTRAL part of Catholic Worship and the focal point of thought in the Catholic World, will our concerns about Catholic affairs be attended to. Not before! And all human effort will be for naught. Has it not been a proudful human effort that has brought down disarray into the Church? Only God can return things to their proper order. Yet at the same time we should demonstrate to God our worthiness, and the sincerity of our desires. There remains something for us to do. We must show God our GOOD WILL, our humility, OUR CHARITY, our seeking after personal perfection and our prayer life. Until we give of ourselves to God, should we dare expect Him to give unto us?

Therefore, let us leave to God the things that are God's and to man the things that are man's!

*By this shall all men know that you
 are My disciples, if you have love
 one for another.*