

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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THERE IS BUT ONE CENTER AND SOURCE OF ALL GOOD, NAMELY GOD! In God is the fullness of all things. Everything that can be thought of received its shape and existence from Him. Does God Pray? No. Does God have to pray? No. Does God have need of anything? No. What is there that He has to ask for? To whom should God turn? All perfection is in God. What creature is there that can add to the perfection of God?

Neither has the Man-God need of prayer for Himself, because He was and is holy and perfect. Nor was there any need of calling down Divine grace upon His work, because He was Himself the principle and source of all grace

If we may speak of ownership, God is the OWNER of everything - - of everything that can be thought of by the mind of man. Nothing is there that is not - or might not become - the property of God.

But the creature has nothing of his own. The creature may be a temporary custodian of this or that, but the creature will never own anything of his own on a permanent basis. The creature may have temporary authority to rearrange the pebbles of the earth, but the very pebbles that he deals with do not belong to him. Whatever he gets, man must get it from God!!! Man, therefore, is a ceaseless beggar. St. Augustine says that we are God's mendicants - we live on alms, we are EVER STANDING at the door of our merciful Father, eagerly asking for our daily bread and praying for the aid without which it is impossible to avoid sin and practice virtue.

Therefore, prayer is the only efficacious means furnished by God by which to enrich ourselves with His gifts; it is the key to His treasure-house, and the channel through which He desires that ALL BLESSINGS shall come to us. Prayer is as essential to the supernatural life as air is essential to the physical life. We inhale air by breathing; prayer is the breath of the soul. We should pray as we breathe. Whosoever prays shall be saved, whosoever does not pray shall infallibly be lost. With the exception of baptized children, all who have been saved have been saved by prayer. All who have been lost have been lost because THEY DID NOT PRAY!

1. Tomorrow, September 29, 1997 is the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel. Therefore, tomorrow is the Feast Day of Our Father Michael. Please pray for Father Michael. Pray to St. Michael for his special protection.
2. Thursday, October 2, 1997, is the Feast of Our Holy Guardian Angels. The Holy Angels are the special protectors of Our Benedictine Abbey and Convent. It is a First Class Feast Day.
3. Friday, October 3, 1997 is the Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux. St. Therese is (together with St. Joseph) the Patronal Saint of our Abbey Church. It is a First Class Feast Day.
4. Saturday, October 4, 1997 is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. It is the Feast Day of our Frater Francis. In a very special way please pray for Frater Francis as he prepares for the Holy Priesthood.