

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

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

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 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Weekly Bulletin # 478
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FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

Mass: Of Feast; Gl; Or: Feast, Com. 22 Sunday, A Domo; Cr; Pref. Feast.

What about the Priest —

ORDINATION AND FIRST MASS climax the designs of God and the many sacrifices and hopes of a young seminarian or of a young monk and his family. Kings cannot boast of better! For all the power of a king, he will always remain unable to reach up into the highest heavens and bring down the God of all Creation and place Him in a piece of Bread. The priest, actually, does more than God when he changes the Bread into Body!

Even though the young boy was formed for better or for worse in his family circle, the special Grace of God was given to him, because from the very beginning of his existence he had been chosen. Parents sometimes take credit --- the choosing is from God. God gives the vocation, not the parents. How powerful it is, indeed, how wonderful it is, when a man, in spite of environment continues to stand tall, and gives response to his God very much as our Blessed Mother once responded: "My soul doth magnify the Lord!" Then upon entering the Seminary or Monastery, the young man develops maturity at the hands of those whom God has placed over him. Themselves weak instruments, but no less chosen by God, they lead other weak men, and they help faltering feet up the steep steps of the High Altar of God! And another Man of God - unworthy as he may be - becomes a mediator with Christ between God and sinful man. Whatever happens to him is not for his own sake, but for all the world and all in the family of Man. The priest must include all mankind in his love. He will offer Christ in the Sacrifice of the Mass to the Father. A sinful man himself, he will, from out of his weakness, give strength to other men who are in need of strength. Upon raising his hand in forgiveness - he forgives the sins of men. He will sanctify and teach and govern for Christ. St. Paul clearly defines the source and function of this highest of all vocations when he says in Hebrews: "Every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in the things pertaining to God, that he may offer gifts and sacrifices for sins."

The First Mass of a newly ordained priest should be for all committed and true Catholics an occasion of INTENSE PRAYER, not only for an increase of priestly vocations, but even more importantly for perseverance in holiness and courage on the part of all good priests everywhere!! - -ESPECIALLY TODAY. The new priest must be ready for the violent attacks that will be heaped upon him and on the priesthood itself. He must be ready for - indeed, he is trained for MARTYRDOM. Therefore, every member of the Church is in some way responsible for the holiness of the priests who minister to them.

All who assist at the priest's First Mass gain an indulgence of seven years. In addition, a plenary indulgence can be gained by the celebrant's blood relatives (not in-laws and those who for whatever reason have chosen to resist the ordination or who remain aloof from it) who devoutly assist the Mass under the usual conditions of going to Confession, receiving Holy Communion and praying for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff. A further indulgence is granted to those who devoutly kiss the palms of the new priests' hands on the day of their ordination and on the day of the First Masses.

It seems reasonable to believe that one who, with good and honest reasons, finds it impossible to be present on the appointed days mentioned above, should receive the same gifts when he is present on the FIRST DAY he is able to assist at a Mass offered by the new priest.

CHRIST THE KING

1. Next Sunday is the Feast of Christ the King - truly an important day. The Kingship of Christ must be re-established on this earth, but until Christ becomes KING in the Hearts of Men, His Kinship will not be established on this earth. The Feast of Christ the King is the PATRONAL Feast of Christ the King Abbey - - PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ABBEY. Because of the Feast, Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament will follow the 10:00 A.M. Mass.

2. Next Sunday is the last Sunday of October -- therefore time to change clocks - - TURN CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR.
3. Please return the All Souls Envelopes as quickly as possible so that they can be placed on the Altar throughout the month of November. November is the Month of the Souls in Purgatory. It is a demanding moment for prayer - prayer for the Souls that are suffering in Purgatory. Everything we do should be done for the honor and glory of God, in reparation for sin and for the Souls in Purgatory. Do not forget the suffering Souls. REMEMBER THIS SIMPLE BUT DREADFUL FACT: AS WE GIVE SO SHALL WE RECEIVE!!!

The "Toties Quoties" Indulgence

This great indulgence for the Poor Souls may be gained from 12:00 Noon on All Saints' Day (this year 12:00 Noon Sunday) until 12:00 Midnight on All Souls' Day (this year Midnight of Monday November 3) For 36 hours one may gain as many plenary indulgences as one makes visits to the church.

The usual formula of prayers is: 6 Our Fathers, 6 Hail Mary's and 6 Glory be's - each time a visit is made. In order that one gain the indulgences one must pray according to the INTENTION OF THE Supreme Pontiff and receive the Sacraments on All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day.

It seems reasonable to believe that one who finds it quite impossible to visit a church in these difficult time, one can in GOOD FAITH make use of a pious and holy corner in the home, and gain the same merits for the Poor Souls. The same can be said about the reception of the Sacraments. If you CANNOT receive the Sacraments - worry not - proceed in the way outlined above, and leave the rest to God.

4. Confessions are heard before Masses on Sunday.
5. Saturday, November 1, 1997 is the Feast of All Saints, and is a Holy Day of obligation. Obligation is placed upon us, not so much by some binding law, as by the binding force of our belief. This can be said about any "obligation" that we speak of. Our belief presupposes LOVE OF GOD which obliges us to serve Him to the best of our abilities, and energies.
MASSES IN THE ABBEY CHURCH: 6:00 A.M. -8:00A.M. and 7:00 P.M.
6. The Solemn Commemoration of the Souls in Purgatory, this year, will be observed on Monday, November 3rd. This observance is not of obligation, but is one of devotion and affection for the Suffering Souls - souls of our beloved departed. Effort should be made to attend mass on that day.
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Thou Art A Priest Forever

"To live in the midst of the world without wishing its pleasures; to be a member of each family, yet belonging to none, to share all sufferings; to penetrate all secrets; to heal all wounds; to go from men to God and offer Him their prayers; to return from God to men to bring pardon and hope; to have a heart of fire for charity and a heart of bronze for chasity; to teach and to pardon, console and bless always, My God, what a life! And it is yours, O Priest of Jesus Christ!"

LACORDAIRE

MASSES FOR THE WEEK (Abbot Leonard's Schedule Only)

SUNDAY:	For the People of the Chapels
MONDAY:	Dec. Gertrude Veigl
TUESDAY:	Special Int. Paulita Dudley
WEDNESDAY:	Special Int. Father Francis, O.S.B.
THURSDAY:	Welfare Mary Johnson
FRIDAY:	Special Int. Frater Paul, O.S.B.
SATURDAY:	Welfare Donald and Pat Jewell

