

**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 of Sunday: Commemorate St. Clement    Pref. Trinity.

# ADVENT

**“When you see the Abomination of desolation,  
which was spoken of by Daniel the Prophet  
standing in the holy place-----  
let him who reads understand!!”**

Somehow, we must gain a foothold in the realm of the spirit. All opinions to the contrary notwithstanding - - there is no other remedy for modern man who is in the midst of the distractions and futilities of a mankind bent on seeking salvation by its own efforts, and which insists on trying to make the relative values of life absolute. All of us are overtaken by the raging flood of activism, and more than ever before, modern man seems determined to assert himself in building a dream world of his own COMPLETELY INDEPENDENT OF HIS MAKER! It is true that the achievements of technology appear to justify his shallow optimism. But how do we explain the uneasy feeling which continues to stir around under the surface of man's marvelous accomplishments? Why is the mind of mankind in such a cyclonic whirl?

For Catholic people there is an added demension. Adding to the unrest that is so prevelant today, for Catholic priests and people there is the tragic fact that their Church, once their stronghold, is no longer able to protect them from the fury of a very angry wind, and the "smoke of Satan" is consuming them. They are being swept away and tossed about in a sea of disbelief and unbelief. Not only is their world tumbling down upon them and upon their peace of mind, but their only source of help and protection, their Church, is saying things and promoting things and doing things that are very alarming. What they see happening in their houses of worship-their churches-is productive of wonder. They now question the very things that once were protected by the blood of countless Martyrs!

But for Catholics who are not Catholics just in name only, the remaining hope is to gain a knowledge of their Faith - the TRUE Faith - the Faith that reaches into the depth of their belief, rather than a weak Faith that confines itself to their surface sentiments. What has been lost by conforming intensely to the sounds of the world, and by listening to the voices of a church which has become a very poor echo of the irresistible word of a Church which always spoke with the force of the power of Jesus Christ, must be regained. And it can be regained again only by "listening with the ears of one's heart" to the inner voice which - sadly - is no longer harkened to by so many of us who continue to live in the midst of the anthill of wordly pre-occupations.

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