

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
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SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY

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SEPTUAGESIMA

Today is SEXAGESIMA SUNDAY. The Church offers to us for our consideration during this entire week, the history of Noah and the deluge. This instruction does not come to us by way of the readings found in today's mass, rather, they are found in the Office of Matins for today in the Breviary.

Man had not profited by the warnings already given him. And it seems that God would be obliged to punish man once more with some kind of terrible chastisement. At the time of Noah, man had failed to heed the many warnings that been directed to him, and the situation was so bad that God could find but one just man in all the world. Having found Noah, as being the only just man in the entire human race, God made a covenant with him, and through him the covenant extended to us. However, as history indicates, man did not listen, and continued to travel on the old road that aroused the anger of God. As history continues to indicate, man, even after the catastrophe of the flood, has remained on the road away from his God, and has developed a reckless attitude toward the requests of his Maker. Christ gave clear evidence of God's concern about man, and he complained that man simply will not listen and learn from his past mistakes. He labored the point when He said: "They have Moses and the prophets!"

When God, at last, had found Noah, He made a new alliance, but before this alliance could be established, God would first have to show that He was the Sovereign Master, and that man and the earth whereon man lives, subsist solely by His power and permission. The people laughed at Noah and held him in ridicule. He was abandoned by his friends who thought him to be quite crazy. Whoever heard tell of building a large boat in the middle of desert land? Surely he was out of his mind. If Noah were living today, would he not be told that he was psychologically unbalanced, and that he needed to see a doctor? But Noah did not stop to listen or to argue. He continued the work of building that which everyone considered to be useless and insane.

The moment finally arrived, and the promised chastisement began. This chastisement of the entire human race by the deluge was a fresh consequence of sin. Out of the entire race of human beings, God found this one and only man to be just - he and his family - and He worked with him. It was through this one man and his family that the world was restored and repopled, and God renewed His covenant with His creatures.

Far less was the sin of man at the time of Noah, when Noah was instructed by God to build the ark, than the sin of man is today. At least, before the flood, man acknowledged the existence of a Creator, even though it was a Creator - IGNORED! and a Creator that gave place to a multitude of gods that sprang forth from the twisted imagination of the men of those times. Man's view today is so perverted that he does not even go to the trouble of concocting a dynasty of lesser dieties so as to push the Supreme Diety out of the way: save one - - MAN HIMSELF!! Man, today does not actually hold God - our God - in ridicule, for he considers Him not to have the worth of a moment's thought! A sin worse than any ever known to man. It does appear that God is obliged, once again, to punish man with some kind of terrible chastisement. Thank God, there remain a remnant few, today, that have not forgotten their God, and continue to worship and adore Him in holiness and Faith. These good souls are very much concerned about the SECOND COMING of Jesus Christ - not so much as a "figure of speech" as they recon with the reality of it! Besides, did not Christ, Himself, complain: "When the Son of Man comes, will He find, do you think, faith on the earth?"

Very much like the original flood water that engulfed all the earth inhabited by man at that time, faithlessness - MODERNISM - has engulfed all the earth inhabited by the human race - but with few exceptions. The information received concerning the building of the ark served as a warning of coming events. Man laughed and did not take heed. Today, information concerning

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