

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)

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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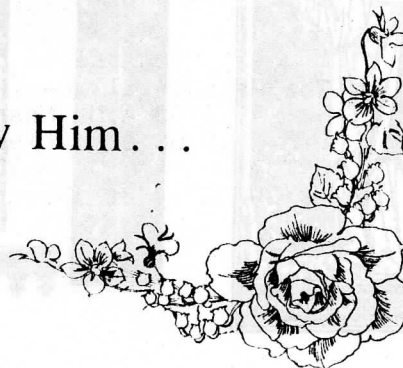
When at last certain souls turn their attention to prayer, when at last certain souls turn their attention toward their God, in most cases, these souls conclude that in so turning their attention to a holier way of life, they should receive warm consolations for their newly found devotions; they expect consolations to be heaped upon them by a loving God showing His delight at their prayers and good works done in His honor. They expect! And they wish not to be confounded in their expectations. Their expectations can, at times, be quite demanding due to their newly found and excessive interest in their prayer life. They live in expectation of a sensible devotion in the prayers they say. Indeed, it does happen - in too many instances - that disguised as affection for God, the excessive interest of such souls in sensible devotion is nothing more than affection for self. There is all the difference between being holy and enjoying the sensation of being holy. There is all the difference between being a man of prayer and a prayerful man.

Excessive desire for consolation in prayer is on the same plane as excessive desire for anything else - for wealth, for health, for popularity, for success in business, etc. The desire itself is not in question here, it is the EXCESS of the desire that must be brought into check. The value of the thing desired does not sanctify the excess with which it is desired. Even sanctity itself must not be loved to excess! The only thing that cannot be loved to excess is God - ONLY GOD! Therefore, our prayer must be directed in such a way that it becomes a source of pleasure to God - - not ourselves!

Such a one who understands the function and purpose of prayer will soon begin to experience - inevitably - a calm. Everything that such a soul undertakes to do will have a cloak of calmness about it - a cloak of trust about it. The soul in whom the desires are all in good balance, in whom the faculties are ordered according to the order of God, is bound to be both serene and soothing: personally at harmony with everyone, and having a reassuring, tranquillizing, comforting, easy effect on ALL THOSE AROUND AND NEAR. Irascibility is certainly not one of their characteristics. The very presence of such a one is a good to those near by, and the feeling of peace and safety is automatic to everyone about. The man whose emotions are in fact at rest in their proper object - namely God - and not superficially at rest, has time to look about him and witness the presence of God in all things. He is not flustered. He is not jealous. He is never angry. He is not excitable and never given in to impatience. He never judges the actions of others. Disappointment does not stampede him. Always in control, he never permits his bad emotions to smash him into bits.

In such a man, the very emotions he keeps in control become a most prominent part of his prayer. In such a man, because he keeps his emotions in check for the sake of the love of His God, soon sets his feet on the road to sanctity, and he leaves behind him his foot prints of gentleness, reserve, aloofness, humility, obedience, tolerance and peace. Since such a man is strength giving, we find a strength, the kind of strength that is usually found in saints. It is always good to be around such a man. It is always good to be around a man of prayer.

Let Us Go To Follow Him...



1. Tuesday, March 17, - - - FEAST OF ST. PATRICK
 Thursday, March 19, - - - FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH
 SATURDAY, March 21, - - - FEAST OF OUR MOST HOLY FATHER BENEDICT
 (From midnight Friday, March 20 to midnight Saturday
 March 21, TOTIES QUOTIES INDULGENCES)

2. EARLY INFORMATION CONCERNING EASTER:

PALM SUNDAY: There will be NO MASS at St. Pius Chapel in Birmingham.
 There will be NO MASS at Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel in Montgomery.

The Masses will be in the Abbey Church ONLY on that day.

6:00 A.M. Mass as usual

10:00 A.M. Blessing of Palms and Procession
 Followed by Mass

EASTER SUNDAY: St. Francis Chapel (Abbey Church)

- - - -6:00 A.M.

10:00 A.M.

St. Pius V Chapel - - - -9:00 A.M.

Our Lady of Lourdes

Chapel - - 11:30 A.M.

(Father may be a bit late in arriving
 in Montgomery)

3. Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament every Friday during Lent at 7:00 P.M. Those who can should make a special effort to attend this wonderful Lenten Service.

4. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Al Sachs.

5. Please pray, especially during the Season of Lent, for good and solid vocations to our Abbey and Convent; good and sincere men and women who are willing to offer their lives in sacrifice in the enclosure of the monastery or convent, who are willing to offer their lives in prayer for the welfare of Christ's Kingdom on Earth.

6. Confessions are heard before Masses on Sunday. Everyone is urged to attend to this important matter. To disregard confession for an extended period of time, is doubtlessly sinful. Personal interpretation of this matter does not have any effect on the gravity of the matter.

7. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Father Abbot's Schedule Only)

SUNDAY: For the People of the Chapels

MONDAY: Dec. Emil Herber

TUESDAY: Dec. Marie Girardi

WEDNESDAY: Dec. Isaac Soileau (Bday)

THURSDAY: In Honor of St. Joseph (Rel. Communities)

FRIDAY: For the Arvidson Family

SATURDAY: Welfare (Christ the King Monastery
 {St. Joseph Convent

