

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 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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PASSION SUNDAY

March 29, 1998 - - - Purple

Mass of Sunday, Or. of Sun. No Gl, Cr. Pref Lent

PASSIONTIDE

PASSION SUNDAY



Tradition says that the Tree of our Salvation - - THE HOLY CROSS - - as it fell into the hole prepared for it, struck against a tomb: it was that of the FIRST MAN. The Blood of the Redeemer flowed down the Cross upon a skull: the skull of Adam, whose sin had required this great expiation. In His mercy the Son of God willed that the instrument wherewith He had gained pardon for the guilty world should rest upon the bones of him who first caused its guilt. Thus was Satan confounded - - for it was Satan's ambition and thought to turn all of creation into disarray to the confusion of its Creator. Unfortunately, Satan, even though he was defeated by the Crucifixion, he did not give up, and is still doing all he can to cause trouble!

The hill on which was raised the standard of our salvation was called Calvary, which signifies a skull. Here, according to the tradition of the Jews was buried our first parent, the first sinner. Among the Fathers of the early Church, who have handed down this interesting tradition, we may cite such great ones as St. Basil, St. Ambrose, St. John Chrysostom, St. Epiphanius, St. Jerome and Origen, who had special opportunities of coming into contact with and knowing the Jewish traditions. At a very early period Christian art introduced the custom of placing a human skull at the feet of Jesus' image on the Cross: it was an allusion to this tradition.