

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)

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER
Low Sunday - QUASI MODO SUNDAY

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Mass: Sunday; Gl; Cr. of Sun; Cr; Pref of Easter

Alleluia! He Is Risen! Alleluia!

Our God is a living God, and His creative power is continually renewed in our behalf by His preservation of us and by all He does for us, and we owe Him our prayers in recognition of all His goodness. Every man - indeed, every creature - is dependent on the Goodness of God. Therefore every man must pray.

Prayer, being the practice of Divine worship and religion, is not only a means by which to obtain favors from God, but an end - the immediate end of our life. We are created by God, and the only reason that we can give for being here is that we are here to give service to Him. The world was made for prayer. We are here to praise, to adore and to serve God - and God alone. From this point of view we cannot pray enough. By prayer we attain our aim and end, so far as we can attain it here below. It is this thought that has called the contemplative orders into being. It is this thought that is the foundation stone of our Monastery of Christ the King. Even in heaven, there will be eternal prayer. Whatever on earth maintains the glory of God, THAT IS PRAYER! Where prayer is wanting, there the Kingdom of God is wanting in men's hearts. Of how much prayer our unhappy religious strife has robbed today's human race! The robbery has been so continual that man, now, has learned to lose all interest in any kind of prayer life. All devotion has been removed out of life, all concern about the "things that are God's" has withered away - and this even amongst the ones that have been called to guide souls. If Christ were here, as once before in Jerusalem, with what force, do you suppose, would He cry out: "BLIND GUIDES!" In whole districts the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass has vanished. How numberless are the cloisters that are now quite silent, where once the praise of God could be heard both night and day! How much time does the average family spend in prayer! How much energy does the average Catholic spend - each day - in performing the work that God has ordained! How much energy does the average Catholic spend each week or each month or each year or each life time in the performance of the work that God has ordained! How much importance does the average Catholic - priest or lay person - place on the worship of a Supreme God! So much has the concern for God deteriorated that countless churches have shut down - churches that were once packed with people in Sunday mornings. What is happening? and what are we letting happen? What do we have to offer our children, and our children's children?

This, O those of us who have been given the Grace of God to see, is reason for our praying, that we may make up for what God's Kingdom has thus lost.

1. Thursday, April 23, 1998 is the Anniversary of the Dedication of the Abbey Church of Christ the King Abbey, and is a day of great blessing and graces. Everyone is asked to pray their best on that day, for the welfare of Christ the King Abbey, and the Monks of the Abbey - - pray, too, that Christ the King Abbey will be able to keep the Standard of Christ the King on high, for generations yet to come. The date of Dedication, Was Low Sunday, April 23, 1995