

**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)

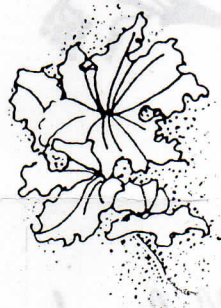
6:00 A.M.  
10:00 A.M.  
Every Sunday  
6:00 A.M.  
7:00 P.M.  
Holy Days

9:10 A.M. - Rosary  
9:30 A.M. - Mass  
(EXCEPT on first  
Sunday of each month)

THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER  
May 17, 1998 - - - White  
Mass: Of Sunday; G1; Gr; Pref of Easter

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*The Admirable  
Ascension of our  
Lord, Jesus Christ*



It is very important to direct our mind and heart toward God, with faith and love, before beginning anything whatsoever it may be - - any work, any effort. Our mind must be so ordered that it will place before us no end save the glory of our Heavenly Father. Our heart must be so conditioned that it will desire nothing other than God's holy Will in all things. This, here, does not mean that we sit and wait for the Will of God to flash before us before we undertake anything to do. As in all things else, it is suggested that ordinary intelligence is applied to the question of the Will of the Heavenly Father. God does not expect us, on the other hand, to use extraordinary intelligence (which we do not have) in determining His Most Holy Will. The good effect of our work and the Holy Will of God will be realized if our prayer is in earnest.

We direct our remarks to "Men of Prayer" not to "Prayerful (looking) men! There is a difference, and the difference is amazing. The first is almost of necessity a Man of God! Such a man does not always give any evidence of his high calling. He is very much like our Divine Saviour Himself, Who gave NO EVIDENCE of His calling. The latter, always looking for human respect, clothes himself with duds which are not his at all. He is all exterior, with nothing interior to support him - - altogether like the pharisee who went up to the temple to pray: unacceptable!!

A man of prayer repeats his prayer often throughout the day, but his prayer is not long. The well known "Morning Offering" is not here given as the example of the prayer in question. Since work must be an important part of the life of everyman, even a man of prayer (whether in the monastery or on the street) must be about his work. Such being the case, prayer can most often be reduced to a simple turning towards God, to a spiritual spark rising up to Him. It quite often resembles a brief expression, a silent sigh directed to an all loving Father Who is looking down upon our strife and weariness. A single word might well be sufficient to address oneself to God. A single word, if brought to be within a loving heart can be ever so eloquent and ever so pleasing to our Heavenly Father. What gives price and value to our prayer is the rectitude of our intention, the purity of our faith and the intensity of our love!

One might be compelled to think that this entire program of spirituality is totally out of reach for everyday laymen who are subjected to the countless distractions of the world, and who must be concerned about the needs of family, and whose minds are absorbed with the pounding demands of fellowmen. Not so. One need change nothing - absolutely nothing - - nothing except **POINT OF VIEW!** This requires no activity, it takes no time, demands no physical effort, no change in environment. This requires ONLY a simple act of the will and a determination to follow through! Nothing more!

