

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. and 10:00 A.M.
Every Sunday

6:00 A.M. - 8:00 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 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
July 19, 1998 - - - Green
Mass of Sunday, Gl. Cr. Pref Trinity.

Weekly Bulletin # 518

The Psalms are the oldest prayers in the world, and were given to us by God Himself. Designed for the most part for the divine worship of the Old Testament, they belong also to the Catholic Church by reason of their Messianic character. They are OUR prayers, and only when offered before the Most Holy Sacrament do they reach their entire signification and fulfillment.

The foundation and object of the Psalms, of these songs of prayer-- are God and man and the mutual relations between God and man through revelation and the Law, with their blessings, hopes, and rewards. God is represented in the Psalms as Lawgiver, Leader, King, Teacher, Creator and Father, sometimes as the Messias, as the Bridegroom of the Church, as her royal High Priest and Redeemer by pain and sorrows. Man is presented in wondering contemplation of God's works and mighty deeds, rejoicing in God's Law, weeping over his own disloyalty, sincerely repenting and confessing his sins, giving himself to God in prayer and thanksgiving and longing for the possession of Him. All depths of feeling and affection that can stir the human heart throughout this earthly life runs in the Psalms - - these songs and prayers. Sorrow and joy, the most earnest wrestling for the blessing of the Lord, the cry of need in every affliction find in them their true expression. For every disposition, for every circumstance, there is just the word we need. Thus the Penitential Psalms, especially the Miserere (Psalm 50), have become the prayer of penance and the acknowledgement of guilt for the whole world. Whoever possesses a sense and appreciation of the beauty of poetry finds in the Psalms the most beautiful, perfect and sublime examples. We cannot take the Psalter into our hands often enough and learn from it the harmony that will correct the discords of our prayers.

We shall find ourselves in company with all mankind. God Himself puts the words into our lips.

1. Confessions are heard before Masses on Sunday, and all are urged to make proper use of the Sacrament of Penance.
2. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Al Sachs. There are many requests for prayers for those not of our Chapels, and who are quite sick. Please join the Monks and Nuns as they pray for all such Sick.
3. Wednesday, July 22, 1998 is the Feast of the great St. Mary Magdalen. We all know the story of the life of Mary Magdalen, and we all know how very special she was to our Divine Savior, and this in spite of the evil life she led before meeting up with Our Lord. She recognized her sins, and she made a decision, and she lived up to that decision regardless of any difficulty the decision might have caused her. Her self-will was the first to go causing her to employ CHANGE, and a turning for her evil ways to the ways of penance and goodness. This required great effort - no doubt. Might we not speculate that her sinful life was an addiction? Yet, she broke with the addiction. The break was not haphazard, prolonged and full of stops and gaps. With her it was not a matter of trial and error, or of working at