

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 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Weekly Bulletin # 534
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Mass of Sunday, Gl, Cr. Pref Trinity

November

Month of the Holy Souls

"And the day following Judas came with his company, to take away the bodies of them that were slain, and to bury them with their kinsmen, in the sepulchres of their fathers.

And they found under the coats of the slain some of the donaries of the idols of Jamnia, which the law forbiddeth to the Jews: so that all plainly saw, that for this cause they were slain.

Then they all blessed the just judgement of the Lord, who had discovered the things that were hidden.

And so betaking themselves to prayers, they besought him, that the sin which had been committed might be forgotten. But the most valiant Judas exhorted the people to keep themselves from sin, forasmuch as they saw before their eyes what had happened, because of the sins of those that were slain.

And taking a collection, he sent twelve thousand drachmas of silver to Jerusalem for sacrifice to be offered for the sins of the dead, thinking well and religiously concerning the resurrection,

For if he had not hoped that they that were slain should rise again, it would have seemed superfluous and vain to pray for the dead,

And because he considered that they who had fallen asleep with godliness, had great grace laid up for them.

It is therefore a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins.

(2 Machabees 39-46)

(N.B. This passage was the cause of the removal of this entire Book of the Bible from the Protestant Bible.)

1. The 1999 Calendars are available. The cost will be \$6.00. It is good for every Catholic Family to have a Catholic Calendar in the Home - THE MONASTIC HOME.

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Abbot Leonard in Cullman

2. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Abbot Leonard's Schedule Only)

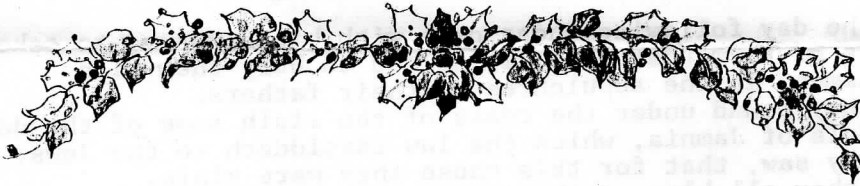
SUNDAY: For the People of the Chapels
MONDAY: Dec. Paul Ploeckleman
TUESDAY: Dec. Kevin Cain
WEDNESDAY: For the Poor Souls
THURSDAY: For the Gladys Thomas Family
FRIDAY: Dec. Vonnie Bogner
SATURDAY: Dec. Emma Kampa

3. Do not overlook the necessity of frequent Confession. There may come a time when one might wish that he had been mindful about this admonition.

Lord, Grant Them Eternal Rest.

In a most determined and special way pray for the poor people of Honduras and Nicaragua - the dead, the living, and the suffering. Give them your prayers and extra penances and mortifications.

**“When you see the Abomination of desolation,
which was spoken of by Daniel the Prophet
standing in the holy place———
let him who reads understand!!”**



ADVENT

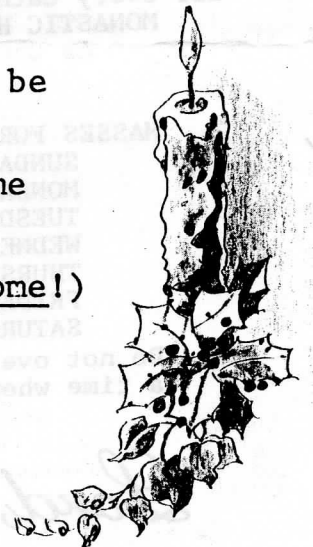
NOW IS THE TIME TO GET YOUR
MONASTIC HOME ALTARS

READY

——— BEFORE ———

ADVENT

(Note: perhaps some new altar vestments would be worthy of consideration and interest. There is always something to be done around the Altar, and your Monastic Home Altar is the closest thing you have to the Real Altar of God which is in the Church. Make it your Church in your Home!)



Behold the Lord cometh down with
glory... to visit His people in peace
and establish them in everlasting life.

1998

ADVENT

SUGGESTED ADVENT READINGS

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

Monday	Isaiah:	Chap. 2 (1-5)
Tuesday	Isaiah:	Chap. 11 (1-10)
Wednesday	Zephaniah:	Chap. 3 (14-20)
Thursday	Isaiah	Chap. 61 (1-11)
Friday	Isaiah	Chap. 7 (10-14)
Saturday	Isaiah:	Chap. 35 (1-10)

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT -GAUDETE

Monday	Isaiah	Chap. 62 (11-12)
Tuesday	Micah	Chap. 5 (1-4)
Wednesday	St. Luke	Chap. 1 (26-38)
Thursday	St. Luke	Chap. 1 (39-45)
Friday	St. Luke	Chap. 1 (46-56)
Saturday	St. Luke	Chap. 1 (57-66)

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Monday	Isaiah:	Chap. 64 (1-11)
Tuesday	Jeremiah	Chap. 33 (14-16)
Wednesday	St. Paul to the Philippians	Chap. 4 (4-9)
Thursday	Baruch	Chap. 5 (1-9)
Friday	Isaiah	Chap. 40 (1-12)
Saturday	Isaiah	Chap. 52 (7-10)

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

Monday	St. Luke	Chap. 3 (1-6)
Tuesday	St. Paul to the Roman	Chap. 1 (1-6)
Wednesday	St. Luke	Chap. 1 (67-80)
Thursday	*** CHRISTMAS EVE *****	
	St. Matthew	Chap. 1 (18-25)
Friday	*****CHRISTMAS DAY	
	St. Luke	Chap. 2 (1-14)



AFTER THE READING SCHEDULED TO BE READ ON CHRISTMAS EVE, THE FOLLOWING CEREMONY TAKES PLACE -- TO BE LED BY THE FATHER OF THE FAMILY OR THE MOTHER

"In the forty-second year of the empire of Octavian Augustus, in the Sixth Age of the world while all the earth was at pence, JESUS CHRIST, Eternal God, and Son of the Eternal Father, willed to consecrate the world by His gracious coming, having been conceived of the Holy Ghost, and the nine months since His conception having now passed (**ALL KNEEL**). He was born as Man of the Virgin Mary at Bethlehem of Juda. .
(**READ VERY SOLEMNLY THE FOLLOWING:**)

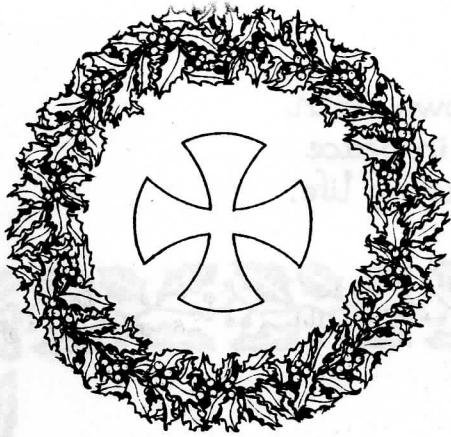
THE BIRTHDAY ACCORDING TO THE FLESH OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST!

After this has been completed, the Father of the Family blesses the Christmas Tree - all full of beautiful decorations and things. He says,

"Let us pray

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who by dying on the Tree of the Cross didst overcome the death of sin caused by our first parents' eating of the forbidden tree of paradise, bless this our Christmas Tree, so that in its use we can obtain even more of the Graces of Thy Holy Nativity. Keep Thy holy peace and joy in our home and be with us forever. Amen

The next day (Christmas Day), after all have given glory to God and to His Son, Jesus Christ, by attending the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass - wherever possible -- all should gather around the Christmas Tree once again, and all should open the various gifts brought there by none other than SANTA CLAUS.



ADVENT

Once again we begin to speak of ADVENT - the wonderful Season of Advent. Plans must be made, and things must be done. Advent is the time of preparation for the coming great celebration of Christmas. But the real sweetness of Christmas has all but been forgotten, and the mad rush of the present day living which we now consider Christmas has set in. To a certain extent, every one of us has been caught up in the rush of the season and have become addicted to it.

Christmas is central to us as Catholics. Our holy religion begins there. Advent takes us back to the early ages, and it leads us through those periods of serious expectation and waiting and hoping. Advent, then, is a wonderful time for teaching our little children of the things of God. Much depends on the way we use Advent as a teaching "instrument". The good or the bad impression we give our children, will determine their attitude toward this holy Season for the remainder of their lives. Advent can be a period of joy and warmth, a grand and awaited for time each year in the lives of our children - even though penitential. It all goes together. It can also be made to be a time of chill and bleakness and gloom and penance, a dreaded time each year in the lives of our children. The elder members of the family must try to remember that the lovely little children will not always be little, easy to manage children, forever. They will grow up, and the good or the bad that we show them in their innocent childhood will remain with them throughout their lives. If we show them love and joy and teach them how to use all the normal things of real life in wholesome and religious ways, -WITHOUT FORCE - that is what they will likely follow when they reach adulthood. If our behaviour is peculiar, full of eccentricity, and if we treat the normal things of real life in some abnormal and odd way, our children will find it distasteful in later life to combine good, fun things with any religious significance. They will quickly join the madness of it all! We are Catholic, and the Catholic life - - (THE SENSUS CATHOLICUS) - - is anything but eccentric and abnormal. Catholic life has always looked at all things with prudence and common sense. Catholic tradition is filled with prudent and wise teachings concerning work, recreation and PRAYER.

Many truly wonderful customs were introduced into Catholic Family life from the pagan world. This was done simply by changing the pagan point of view to a sound Catholic point of view, while allowing the activity in question to remain unchanged. The Catholic way of life has always tried to blend the seriousness of religion with home enjoyments of various festivals, and the end result is always beautiful. For the last three or so hundred years, a puritanical and jansenistic false zeal had blotted out many wonderful and proper customs, once enjoyed by many good family circles. Sad to say, Jansenism is enjoying a rebirth in some of our traditionalist areas, and this is bad, and will have detrimental effects on our children. But these detrimental effects will not become visible until later on in their lives when they begin to show hatred and contempt and distaste for all religious custom, and Catholic living. This is already in evidence when we view a goodly number of our late teen-age young adults who came from "strict" traditionalist families.

The Christmas Season is an important season, and it cannot be by-passed - no matter how we try to by-pass it. The rages of consumerism are everywhere, and our little children quickly begin to feel the attractiveness of it all, no matter how "sinful" we tell them that it is. The confusion in their little minds will remain with them.

A proper use of Advent, as a truly religious experience as well as a time of preparation for a really great and joyous event, is what we must strive to bring together. Christmas - and Santa Claus with it - must be presented to our children in a good and common sense way. Our aim must be to teach our children the truly Catholic Christmas Vision - of Christmas and of Santa Claus - the two go together - and then they will come to know that on a high level of our love for the Tiny Baby Jesus, a true and genuine Catholic will find CHRIST-MASS and Santa to be quite compatible with each other, and Santa Claus does come down the chimney with his sack full of gifts, and he only travels on Christmas Day, and Santa Claus has his best gift for the Baby Jesus. To do this in any other way is unwise. When things are force moved out of context with reality, they lose meaning, and soon become distorted. The Church has always struggled to superimpose a religious significance on the actual reality of the moment. Witness the feast of Christmas itself when the Birth of Jesus Christ was taken together and at the same time as the celebration of the most pagan moment of the year - DECEMBER 25 - Saturnalia!!!!. The Church has always known the better way of doing things.