

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

S C H E D U L E O F M A S S E S

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)

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I N E P I P H A N I A D O M I N I

We have now begun the last paragraph of the last chapter of the book which we call "The Second Millenium". One thousand years! One thousand years have gone by, and in the space of these one thousand years man has traveled an unbelievable distance. He has gone from the shadowy recesses of the Feudal Age; the great Middle Age and the age of Religion and the cathedrals; the discovery of America; the Protestant revolution and its consequent developments; the printing press; the Council of Trent; The Renaissance; wars of every size and demension and purpose; and man has gone all the way to the moon to dance. He did not stop on the moon, he has gone far beyond the sun in his never ending search for something. The giant question is, will man ever find what he is looking for? (if it be not God?) Has all of man's progress brought him closer to his God and Creator? Rather, has not the progress of man turned man away from God and focused his attention upon himself and his achievements? Has the journey of man over the past 1000 years made him better - yes or no? Has the journey of man over the past 1000 years brought greater fulfillment to him as a human - yes or no? Man is a human animal. Has the journey he has taken over the past 1000 years reduced or increased his animal qualities and instincts? Is man today less of an animal, or is he more of an animal?

A man does not cease to be human merely because he lives in the company of animals. Man loses his humanity - his God-given humanity - man shows forth in his most deep seated animal instincts when he becomes alienated from himself. God made man for the sole purpose of coming to know Him, to serve Him, and to love Him, and to be with Him for all eternity. When man wanders away from this his only purpose, his desires and his values are those of an animal. The animal lives only for itself.

A man's soul is enslaved when it falls victim to sensible pleasure, or given in to self assertion, or spends his energies on material secutiry, or labors for social acceptance. Such a man's soul, therefore, has taken upon itself an "alien form," and it no longer has a likeness to its true self for which it was created - - - for which it was put together - in the inage and in the likeness of God.

All nations shall serve him.