

## 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 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT  
February 21, 1999 - - - Purple  
Mass of Sunday - Cr. Pref Trin.

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## LENT

### REMEMBER, MAN, THAT THOU ART DUST, AND UNTO DUST THOU SHALL RETURN

Without humility a man can find out nothing about himself. Without humility a man will dramatize and idealize himself until there is nothing of his real self left. Without humility a man will dramatize the many personalities that are within him according to his audience standing before him and his every act is a performance.

It is not so difficult either to know or to be what God wants you to be, provided you do not want to be anything else. Once you have your own portrait of yourself, you leave no room for discovering, or being, your real and genuine self.

When the desire to be the self which you have designed outlasts the effort it costs you to arrive at that false self, then there is danger for you. It means that every day you are getting harder and harder into a tyrannous mould.

Your impersonation has added nothing to you, but has taken away much. It has taken away from you - even though you refuse to take note of it - the trust, the understanding, the confidence of those closest to you in life. Your impersonations are an accumulation of qualities artificial to your real self. All you have done is to assemble together into an unreal person the separate qualities which you admire in others. If instead you were to take whatever real qualities you have got, and let them make up the person whom God has created, you would have something true and genuine and consistent. It is true that in acting thusly, you might not appear, either to yourself or to others, as much of a hero - or as some kind of a tremendous and wonderful somebody - but at least you would be true!

To live the part of your own imagination only is not to live at all. It is a borrowed life, and it is not even being borrowed from God Who is the Author of all life. It is being borrowed from fiction. It comes out of fiction. God does not bless what He has not created!

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Dust may not be the most romantic thing that can be thought of, but there could be nothing more real.

It is madness to project yourself into the part which God does not want you to play. It is madness, also, and very foolish and immature to impose this false self of yours upon your friends. How can they come to the rescue of a person whom they cannot get hold of - whom they cannot reach? You have built a house of cards for yourself!

If your one ambition is to qualify for the admiration of others, and if you show them a self which might be admirable in some but which is not present in you, you will not only fail to live up to the idea you have created in their minds but you will also be cutting yourself off from their understanding. And it is very difficult to see how a man can live and breathe and walk in this world without being understood.

So long as you are an imaginary figure - even though you might win some kind of name for yourself - a name that might even be remembered for centuries after you are gone, and even is statues are built in your honor - - YOU ARE A NOBODY!!! You have no substance. You have not been genuine. You have failed! It is a sadness that there are those who choose the big name and the carved statues, rather than be somebody in the sight of God. After all is said and done - they have failed!!!