

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

9:10 A.M. - Rosary
9:30 A.M. - Mass

6:00 A.M. - 8:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.
Holy Days

(EXCEPT on first
Sunday of each month)

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

April 18, 1999 - - - White

Mass of Sunday - Gl, Cr. Pref Easter

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Easter Time



Most of the unhappiness in the world today is due to the mentality of the people toward life itself - - (remember the three great questions: Where did I come from? What is my purpose here? Where am I going?) These questions are written in the heart of every man. They cry out for answers, but most men, in hopes that the cries of the questions will fade away, turn their faces away from them. These questions are all important, and they are most frightening. No matter, the cries of the questions will not stop. Therefore, happiness or unhappiness is promoted by man's response to these questions. Happiness or unhappiness is motivated, not so much by what actually happens, but by the view one takes concerning the matter. Happiness or unhappiness are matters that are largely subjective - - matters of the activity of the mind. All of which is another way of saying that, if we live by spiritual principles (giving proper answers to the haunting questions herein noted) we can find joy in anything and everything, knowing that everything - directly or indirectly - comes from God. God, if allowed, will assist us in finding comforting answers to these points of concern. However much we make our attitude correspond to the designs of God, so much will the depth and the reality of our spiritual life increase. However much we make our attitude correspond to the Will of God depends on our ability to assimilate the truths of our holy religion and our desire to cooperate with our God given Grace.

Whenever we become able to make our attitude correspond to the designs of God - - a strenuous and difficult endeavor, indeed - it is then, and only then, that we attain tranquility and perfect mental peace - no matter what happens. Mental peace is a most priceless gift. Then it is that external events can have no influence on the workings of our souls, even though outwardly we may appear to be disturbed, maybe nervous and apprehensive - after all, we are human, and we react as humans. And even if our exterior human demeanor ruffles, our attitude remains correct, and our frame of mind remains correct which cause our happiness to be a condition of the mind, and not a disposition of circumstances.

Circumstances can be a means to the achievement of happiness - of a sort. To depend on circumstances, to look for circumstances as a means of happiness would be to sacrifice the reality of happiness and replace its reality with the means, as millions do today. Happiness is placed in the thing and not in the mind. Then, when the thing ceases to produce happiness, the search for that other thing, which hopefully will produce happiness, and the craving for happiness continues. Things change, and happiness changes with them. People change, and happiness changes with them. True happiness can, in the nature of things, rest ONLY in God, Who is unchanging, dependable, and not liable to the vicissitudes of complicated human affairs. And thus in God - alone - do we find perfect peace, and from the bitter fountains of His Passion we learn to delight in trials and adversities with unshaken serenity, for we know that God allows only what is for our ultimate good and His own glory. When we finally reach the point of being able to participate in the sufferings of Christ we begin to purify our souls and also the souls of others. Remember - - IF YOU SEEK HAPPINESS GO AND READ THE CRUCIFIX!!

