

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 EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Mass - of Sunday, Gl. Cr. Pref. Trin.

Why my restless heart. . . . ?

Our desire for happiness cannot be satisfied, and our inability to satisfy our desire for happiness is, in itself, a torment. It is a torment because, as it seems, every effort of ours towards happiness is perpetually frustrated. Pains of every sort surround us constantly, and they never allow us to be at peace, they never permit us to enjoy for long a state of contentment. When the woes of life - death, hurt feelings, sickness, loss of friends, poverty, defeat, and all the rest - press on us we are keenly sensitive to the pain they cause. Our attention is wholly absorbed by this pain. When the death of a loved one strikes us, our conscious moments are filled with grief. When hurt feelings, sickness, loss of friends, poverty and all the rest crash upon us, our minds can think of nothing else. Our attention is so totally absorbed by the pain that faces us, we are conscious of no other desire in our being save that of escaping the sufferings that plague us. In our analysis of the situations at hand, we come to the conclusion that we are the prey to misfortune and pain, and that our unwanted trials and tribulations are the sole obstacles to our well-being. We are of the belief that were our trials to come to an end, we would possess the happiness that we are looking for. We are of the belief that we were created for happiness. In truth we were created for happiness, but not the happiness that we seek after - the well-being that we would like to have in this present existence. We fail to realize that even if we were to enjoy perfect health of body and mind, and if we were to escape the sorrows caused by separation and death; even were we to be exempt from the grief provoked by the sufferings of those dear to us; even if we were to live in that happy condition of things which should give us free scope to enjoy the pleasures of intellect and imagination - - - even were we to know no sorrow or pain or loss, and were we at the same time to be provided with all things - all the luxuries, all the conveniences, all the fun things, all the finest of foods, all the vacations our travel agents can present to us, all the trips on land or sea or air - - all things which can minister to our physical and mental well-being, we would still be a prey to restless longings and unsatisfied cravings. The richest of people are amongst the saddest of people on earth: always on the search, and always disappointed! All those things that a man can possess may become his, but they cannot become himself!!! - they are of man but they cannot be man. No matter how perfectly they may be possessed they will always remain external to him - they will always remain something that he will have to leave, they will always remain something that someone can take away from him. They will always be nothing more than he can own, his property, but they cannot perfect him IN HIMSELF! - they will never fill that void that exists in himself. And it is his own perfection that man is ALWAYS instinctively reaching out after in all his restless strivings - - OR RATHER IT IS GOD, WHO ALONE CAN COMPLETE