

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 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Feast of St. James the Apostle

Mass of St. James, Com Sun. Gl, Cr. Pref Apostles

!!! Of False Prophets !!! - - -

The Sermon last Sunday concentrated on the words of the Gospel of St. Matthew, in which he spoke of "False Prophets". Today's narrative continues to speak of false prophets with emphasis on the unfortunate fact that we are surrounded by them. False prophets are on all sides of us, to such an extent that we are forced to wonder about the reliability of anybody who presents himself to us as a teacher. We ask: Who are we to believe anymore? Arguments come to us from every direction, each one demonstrating every sign of respectability, reliability, and profound research. Every argument seems able to stand up - all by itself - as adequate and sufficient proof, beyond which, no further proof is necessary. However, when we turn the page, we find another argument which completely contradicts the first argument, and which also demonstrates every sign of respectability, reliability, and profound research. And then we are completely confused.

Many of our teachers today - either to the right of us or to the left of us - are exposed to an inexhaustible amount of information.. Much of this information, when taken out of its original context, can be used effectively to prove both truth or error. Most people do not have the time to research what is presented to them as "incontrovertible" truth. Consequently, the tendency is to accept as truth that which has the most recent distribution, and the inconstant mind flies from one error to the next.

Once Truth has been established, it no longer evolves into something else. At this point, people will argue that the Church has made certain pronouncements in the past that were obviously wrong, and that the Church has had to retract. This is true, but upon investigation, it is found that the mistakes made by the Church were not mistakes of Faith or Morals. Rather they were mistakes in other fields of knowledge - such as science and physical explorations. The Church, admittedly is not expert in such branches of knowledge. The Church is expert only in such matters as pertain properly to God and His Commandments. When it comes to the application of the Supernatural Laws of God, the Church is acting totally within the limits of its authority and its domain. The authority to teach was given to the Church - directly - by Jesus Christ, Himself - "Go forth, and teach all nations". Having the authority given to it by Christ, and the inspiration given to it by the Holy Ghost, in matters that pertain to Faith and Morals, and the application of the Laws of God, the Church is infallible - that is, its teaching is infallible, and that means that the Church, in its official teaching cannot be wrong. And what the Teaching Church once taught to be infallibly true, cannot at some later date be considered to be incorrect and false. Once Truth has been established as TRUTH, it is no longer up to debate or question. Indeed, there has always been opinion in the Catholic Teaching Church. Opinions have always been plentiful. Oftentimes, opinions not in agreement with each other, have been excellent expositions of the Truth, but when such is the case, the Church must settle on the advisability of the one opinion over the other. When once the Church has spoken officially, the time for opinions is