

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 TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF BVM

August 15, 1999 - - - White

Mass of Feast, Comm Sunday, Gl. Cr. Pref BVM

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Assumption of our Most Blessed Virgin Mother

Catholic Experience – Of the Humanity of Christ Part III

For many souls, the study of the Gospel serves but to feed their fanciful imaginings, and they develop a deep satisfaction and enjoyment and a warm feeling for the atmosphere of the good and beautiful and edifying which are found in Scripture. For such souls, the reading of Scripture (or the reading of spiritual books, or the reading of the lives of the saints or the reading of the Catechism) gives them the feeling of spiritual accomplishment. They feel good about it, and feel that in so doing they are without doubt living the good life and giving pleasure to God. The reading of Scripture and of holiness lived here on earth, creates in them a wholesome mental attitude. The character of Christ, as they proceed to read all about it, fills them with admiration, and they find intense satisfaction in the consideration of the beauty and charm found in the life of Jesus Christ. But, since the average soul is looking for beauty and charm in the life of Christ, the general attitude towards the life of Our Lord remains, in great measure, a love of the beauty and the charm that exist in it. The average soul goes no further than the beauty and charm in the life of Christ - only as a man. A good and holy man, but no less a man - a man in space and time - - nothing more. Even though such souls enjoy having a vivid realization of all the ideals found in Christ's life, or the feelings of joy or sadness which Christ experienced, or the human dispositions He manifested, or the perfections that existed in Him, they remain apart and they do not have any meaningful relation with the INNER LIFE (the Divine Life) which prompted all of Christ's movements. The inner life of Christ does not enter the state of awareness of the average Christian (Catholic) soul. They admire the God made man. They speak freely of the God made man. They love the God made man. But they have no inkling of what "God made Man" really means. They even pray to the God made man, as though He were one of the Saints, and they look to Him to OBTAIN rather than to GRANT. Consequently, their admiration remains barren, without real effect, and their inner lives remain without significant change - without any "conversio". They imitate His beauty as a man, or His goodness as a man, or His charm as a man, very much as they imitate the beauty and the goodness and charm of any other man who commands respect. Admiration, homage, esteem and all the rest are directed to the human qualities seen in others. We imitate such qualities because we like them, and therefore would like to have similar