

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 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

August 22, 1999 - - - Green

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

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Catholic Experience – Of the Humanity of Christ

Part IV

We must, eventually have to comprehend that the moral perfection of the Humanity of Christ is the chief instrument used by the Divinity of God to lead souls to Himself. Anything less than this, would bring about no more than a human to human relationship - barren, fruitless and incapable of help. The human perfection of our beloved Saviour has to penetrate into the interior life of our souls, forming them, fashioning our thoughts and our tastes and our affections and our feelings to the living likeness of the thoughts of our Saviour, and His tastes and His affections and His feelings - - HIS HUMANITY. It is only AFTER we conform to these characteristics of Jesus Christ, that we come to realize the necessity of the destruction of our own soul's inferior spirit - our pride, our self-will, our immodesty, our disobedience, our lack of Charity, our gluttonous appetites, our selfishness, and all the rest. Only AFTER we conform to the characteristics of the Humanity of Jesus Christ, are our souls ready to receive the IMPRESS OF GOD. The human charm of Christ is meant to ATTRACT the gaze of our souls, and its function is to draw us to the DIVINITY which reveals Itself to us through the human features of the Saviour.

Before we are able to approach the Divinity which resides in our Lord, it is necessary for us to submit our whole being - our thoughts and tastes, our pride, our self-will and all else - to the spirit of His life. Our attempts at living a life of goodness, or a life of contemplation, or a life of purity, or a life of obedience, or a life of humility - - (a life as lived by the saints) must be DELIBERATELY modeled on the perfect conduct of Christ. To look at Christ as some important and wonderful historical figure (a historical son of a woman called Mary) or to view Him as some artistic creation of Scripture, is a waste of time and energy. Such a view of Christ will always cause Him to remain OUTSIDE of ourselves. Such a view will always fail to bring about any change in us. If the Incarnation is to fulfill its purpose in our own individual selves, we must make the life of Jesus ours. His life is not some cloak that we put on. His life is not painted over our own life. His human life is not merely something to be admired by us as we would admire the life of some important historical personality. It is not sufficient because of our admiration, even, to imitate the perfections of the life of Christ. The life of Christ must be lived by us not by way of imitation, but it MUST BE LIVED IN ITS SPIRIT: - - Christ's Spirit - - not the spirit of some wonderful saint or hero we love dearly. To live our life in the spirit of Jesus means that the attitude of the mind, the feelings of our soul, the ideals and principles that characterized governed and directed the conduct of Jesus, must be made to govern and direct our own conduct. This is what we mean when we say we "put on Christ". Christ is the Way. Therefore, our spiritual progress - after all is said and done - depends on a constant and proper and appropriate and prudent meditation on the