

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 TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
October 10, 1999 - - - Green
Mass of Sunday - Gl. Cr. Pref. Trin

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CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE - - INTERIOR LIFE

"Not every one that saith to me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doth the will of my Father Who is in heaven, he shall enter into the kingdom of heaven."

This extract from the Gospel can be well applied to all traditionalist catholics - - to all Traditional Roman Catholics - - those of us all who claim to follow Jesus by way of the Holy Traditions of His Holy Church - the ageless church which He, Himself, founded - - those of us who claim an intimate relationship with the properties, the customs, the atmosphere of the House of Jesus Christ.

When the time comes for the Son of God to examine my work and mete out the rewards and punishments, it will not be of any use to say to Him: "Lord, my life has been spent in Your house, near to You; every effort I have made manifests to all that I belong to You; I know how to speak of Your teachings to all, and I am not afraid to do so." But what advantage is all this if, in practice, I have not obeyed His laws, if I have scrupulously lived all the externals of our Holy Religion, but with my heart, actually, elsewhere? Then I will hear the reply: "Depart from me, worker of iniquity."

Perhaps I will continue to argue: "Lord, I have spoken to others about You, I have instructed them in Your law, I have induced them to do good and abandon evil, I have obtained successes almost miraculous, many souls can be my witnesses that I have saved them from the devil." But all that is no good if I have acted from natural motives, if I have sought my own sel-love, if I have worked for the glory and triumph of the world, if I have worked for the eyes of the world to see, if I have worked from vanity or pride.

What good is it to me to have brought others to the kingdom of heaven, if I have neglected myself? Christ's primary concern is that He has not been the dominating principle of my life, for He sees only too well that I have been the dominating principle in my life. If Christ has not been the dominating principle in my life, then everything that I have done - every good thing otherwise - means nothing. Even should I have spent myself in works of charity, and have procured for myself a great reputation for holiness in the eyes of men, if the honour and glory of God was not my motive, I will surely hear the reply: "I have not known you; depart from me, worker of iniquity."

There is something very serious about the life of a true and conscientious Traditional Roman Catholic. There is a strict and grave obligation on the shoulders of every true and conscientious Traditional Roman Catholic. The life (especially today) of a true and conscientious Traditional Roman Catholic is for certain a call of Grace. We must distinguish between Traditional Roman Catholics and traditionalist Roman Catholics. Traditionalist Catholics are the - cause pushers - and they fight and scrape and scramble over the most insignificant things. They are on a constant heresy hunt. They interpret every move and every word, especially of the priest. They research everything, and they travel every road that ends up on the road that leads to nowhere. They miss the entire point of what it means to be Catholic. The honor and glory of God is secondary to their tireless effort to weed out every one that they, according to the standards they themselves have set up, consider unfit to give honor and glory to God.

My life in Religion will be of no avail to me if I have not served God; it will be no advantage to me to have been the watch-dog of virtue, to have instructed others and guided souls to God, if I myself have not been faithful to His law, not to have observed my promises as a true Catholic, not to have lived only for His love.