

## 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 LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Mass of Sunday: Gl. Cr. Comm Presentation. Pref Trin.

*“Therefore when you see the abomination of desolation, which was spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place - let him who reads understand - then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains; and let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything from his house; and let him who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. But woe to those who are with child, or have infants at the breast in those days! But pray that your flight may not be in the winter, or on the Sabbath. For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, nor will be. And unless those days had been shortened, no living creature would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened. Then if anyone say to you, ‘Behold, here is the Christ,’ or, ‘There he is,’ do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will arise, and will show great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible even the elect. Behold, I have told it to you beforehand. If therefore they say to you, ‘Behold, he is in the desert,’ do not go forth; ‘Behold, he is in the inner chambers,’ do not believe it. For as the lightning comes forth from the east and shines even to the west, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. Wherever the body is, there will the eagles be gathered together. But immediately after the tribulation of those days, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give her light, and the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven; and then will all tribes of the earth mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming upon the clouds of heaven with great power and majesty. And he will send forth his angels with a trumpet and a great sound, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other. Now from the fig tree learn this parable. When its branch is now tender, and the leaves break forth, you know that summer is near. Even so, when you see all these things, know that it is near, even at the door. Amen I say to you, this generation will not pass away till all these things have been accomplished. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.”*

**"WHEN YOU SEE  
THE ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION- - -  
LET HIM WHO READS UNDERSTAND! - - - -"**

1. The Monks of Christ the King Monastery and the Nuns of St. Joseph's Monastery wish you and your loved ones a wonderful THANKSGIVING DAY. Do not forget to be grateful to God. Even though modern custom has made Thanksgiving Day a day for eating, let us not forget God. Enjoy the food, but forget not the God Who has provided you with good food. No need to feel guilty, but give holy prayer to the millions of the world that are hungry, both spiritually and physically. Some time should be spent in Family Prayer on that day. Friday, the day following Thanksgiving Day is not a day of abstinence. Some places do observe the abstinence, but in general it is not observed. Should you, as an individual, in your family circle, prefer not to eat meat on that Friday - IN CHARITY - do not force abstinence on the other members of your family - - so that you can enjoy your personal (and selfish) preferences. Remember we stress CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE, and CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE has always been reasonable and practical - - eat the left-overs.
2. BLESSED WHEAT is available today. Instructions for its proper use are on the reverse side of this page.
3. The 2000A.D. Calendars are available. The cost is \$6.00.
4. Now it is the time to get your MONASTIC HOME ALTARS ready - before Advent. Your Monastic Home Altar is the closest thing you have to the Real Altar of God which is in the Church. For those who cannot approach the Real Altar of God as often as they would like, the Monastic Home Altar is the Church Altar in the Home. This Altar should be placed in the MOST wonderful place in the Home, and should be used as the Holy Place in your Home:- the place for you and your children to say your Prayers; a place to visit, a place where you can remind our Lord, Jesus, of your love for Him - - a place where our Lord, Jesus can remind you of His love for you. TRULY A HOLY PLACE!
5. Confessions are heard before Masses on Sunday - please do not overlook this powerful source of Grace.
6. The Ceremony for the ADVENT WREATH is available today. Please pick one up and use it for the welfare of the Family Circle.
7. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Abbot Leonard's Schedules Only)
 

SUNDAY:	For the People of the Chapels
MONDAY:	Welfare Geraldine Weis
TUESDAY:	Dec. Terry McGinnis
WEDNESDAY:	Dec. Pedro and Juventina Escobedo
THURSDAY:	Dec. June Lillian Curry
FRIDAY:	Special Int. Angelo Chiapparo
SATURDAY:	Dec. Isaac Soileau

*Today the standards of truth in  
life are determined by the  
master spirits of the age.  
The notability of the one who is  
speaking controls the  
gullibility of the one who  
is listening*

*Thanksgiving*

Mass Thanksgiving Day  
Abbey Church  
8:00 A.M.

*The Grace of Gratitude*

*Heaven and Earth will pass away,  
but my Words  
will not pass away."*

## CATHOLIC LIFE EXPERIENCE - - CATHOLIC LITTLE THINGS

ADVENT CUSTOM - - BLESSED WHEAT - - - Set aside a flower pot - or a shallow container - about 10 inches in diameter. Clean it thoroughly and decorate it as best you can - well done - with the help of your children - of course. Fill it with fresh potting soil, and place it (or them) in some important spot near a window which is bright and sunny. As you take the Blessed Grains of Wheat home with you (available today) instruct your children that with EACH ACT OF SACRIFICE PERFORMED IN SECRET they are to plant ONE grain of wheat in the little pot. Beginning with the first Day of Advent, the little grains of wheat will develop tender shoots, and on Christmas Day, each little green shoot will be a reminder of some small sacrifice made for Baby Jesus - each little shoot a tremendous GIFT for Baby Jesus. The mother and father must see to it that the plants are properly watered with the water of close Family Affection. On Christmas Day, before all go in to see what Santa Claus has brought everybody, the wheat plants of love and sacrifices are brought in and placed around the Crib. THESE ARE THE REAL GIFTS - FIT FOR THE LITTLE KING OF KINGS. With care, the plants should easily last until Epiphany. After that they should be planted out of doors where they will continue to develop and where they will remain a source of interest.

SERIOUSLY - - - - would it not be a wonderful part of this custom, if the parents, themselves, would each have one of these small containers where they, too, might plant their many sacrifices made in the Name of Jesus, and for the Infant King? If this could and would be done by the parents, EVERYTHING else about Christmas Day would fall in to place, IMMEDIATELY. This is but one of the many littlest things that pertain to Christmas, which, if entered into with the proper spirit and intention, the entire Family will be kept busy as each new day offers more opportunities to construct gifts for the Infant Lord. These customs which we present are some of the FORGOTTEN customs of Catholic living and life. They were once well known, and they were developed over the years by the religious experience of the Holy Church. Little, child-like customs - profound customs - that brought Catholic living and life into focus within the Family Circle. Each year, these customs were fresh and crisp and the little ones look forward to them, while all the while they are living Catholic life. Let us not introduce customs that are out of context with Catholic life and living, so that our children will not be confused when they are forced - - later - - to live the broken up life of the world. Customs that have evolved out of personal preferences will soon wilt and will eventually be put out of the mind.



# ADVENT



Once again we begin to speak of ADVENT - the wonderful Season of Advent. Plans must be made, and things must be done. Advent is the time of preparation for the coming great celebration of Christmas. But the real sweetness of Christmas has all but been forgotten, and the mad rush of the present day living which we now consider Christmas has set in. To a certain extent, every one of us has been caught up in the rush of the season and have become addicted to it.

Christmas is central to us as Catholics. Our holy religion begins there. Advent takes us back to the early ages, and it leads us through those periods of serious expectation and waiting and hoping. Advent, then, is a wonderful time for teaching our little children of the things of God. Much depends on the way we use Advent as a teaching "instrument". The good or the bad impression we give our children, will determine their attitude toward this holy Season for the remainder of their lives. Advent can be a period of joy and warmth, a grand and awaited for time each year in the lives of our children - even though penitential. It all goes together. It can also be made to be a time of chill and bleakness and gloom and penance, a dreaded time each year in the lives of our children. The elder members of the family must try to remember that the lovely little children will not always be little, easy to manage children, forever. They will grow up, and the good or the bad that we show them in their innocent childhood will remain with them throughout their lives. If we show them love and joy and teach them how to use all the normal things of real life in wholesome and religious ways, -WITHOUT FORCE - that is what they will likely follow when they reach adulthood. If our behaviour is peculiar, full of eccentricity, and if we treat the normal things of real life in some abnormal and odd way, our children will find it distasteful in later life to combine good, fun things with any religious significance. They will quickly join the madness of it all! We are Catholic, and the Catholic life - - (THE SENSUS CATHOLICUS) - - is anything but eccentric and abnormal. Catholic life has always looked at all things with prudence and common sense. Catholic tradition is filled with prudent and wise teachings concerning work, recreation and PRAYER.

Behold the Lord cometh down with  
glory... to visit His people in peace  
and establish them in everlasting life.

## ADVENT

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### SUGGESTED ADVENT READINGS

#### FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT:

Monday	Isaiah:	Chap. 2 (1-5)
Tuesday	Isaiah:	Chap. 11 (1-10)
Wednesday	Sophonias:	Chap. 3 (14-20)
Thursday	Isaiah	Chap. 61 (1-11)
Friday	Isaiah	Chap. 7 (10-14)
Saturday	Isaiah:	Chap. 35 (1-10)

#### SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT:

Monday	Isaiah:	Chap. 64 (1-11)
Tuesday	Jeremiah	Chap. 3 (14-16)
Wednesday	St. Paul to the Philippians	Chap. 4 (4-9)
Thursday	Baruch	Chap. 5 (1-9)
Friday	Isaiah	Chap. 40 (1-12)
Saturday	Isaiah	Chap. 52 (7-10)

#### THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT - GAUDETE:

Monday	Isaiah	Chap. 62 (11-12)
Tuesday	Micah	Chap. 5 (1-4)
Wednesday	Isaiah	Chap. 66 (5-16)
Thursday	St. Luke	Chap. 1 (26-38)
Friday	St. Luke	Chap. 1 (39-45)
Saturday	St. Luke	Chap. 1 (46-56)

#### FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT:

Monday	St. Luke	Chap. 1 (57-66)
Tuesday	St. Luke	Chap. 3 (1-6)
Wednesday	St. Paul to the Romans	Chap. 1 (1-6)
Thursday	St. Luke	Chap. 1 (67-80)
	St. Matthew	Chap. 1 (18-25)
Friday	***** CHRISTMAS EVE *****	
	St. Matthew	Chap. 1 (18-25)
Saturday	***** CHRISTMAS DAY *****	
	St. Luke	Chap. 2 (1-14)

AFTER THE READING SCHEDULED TO BE READ ON CHRISTMAS EVE, THE FOLLOWING  
CEREMONY TAKES PLACE - - TO BE LED BY THE FATHER OF THE FAMILY OR THE MOTHER.

" In the forty-second year of the empire of Octavian Augustus, in the Sixth age  
of the World while all the earth was at peace, JESUS Christ, Eternal God, and  
Son of the Eternal Father, willed to consecrate the World by His gracious coming;  
having been conceived of the Holy Ghost, and the nine months since His  
conception having now passed (ALL KNEEL), He was born Man of the  
Virgin Mary at Bethlehem of Juda:-

(READ VERY SOLEMNLY THE FOLLOWING:

THE BIRTHDAY ACCORDING TO THE FLESH  
OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

After this has been completed, the Father of the Family blesses the Christmas Tree - all  
full of beautiful decorations and things:

He says:

"Let us Pray:

O Lord Jesus Christ, who by dying on the Tree of the Cross didst overcome  
the death of sin caused by our first parents' eating of the forbidden tree of  
paradise, bless this our Christmas Tree, so that in its use we can obtain even  
more of the Graces of Thy Holy Nativity. Keep Thy holy peace and joy in our  
home and be with us forever. Amen

The next day (Christmas Day), after all have given glory to God and to His Son, Jesus Christ,  
by attending the Holy sacrifice of the Mass - where - ever possible - all should gather around  
the Christmas Tree once again, and all should open the various gifts brought there by none other  
than SANTA CLAUS