

## 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 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

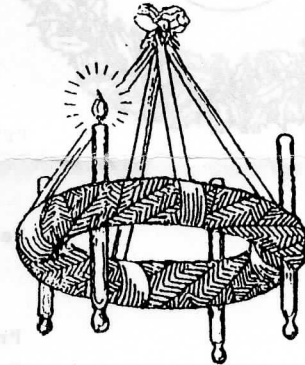
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Mass: of Sunday, No Gl. Cr. Pref. Trin.

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# ADVENT

*The life of Jesus Christ on Earth  
amongst men is the Divine Way  
of Living on Earth.*



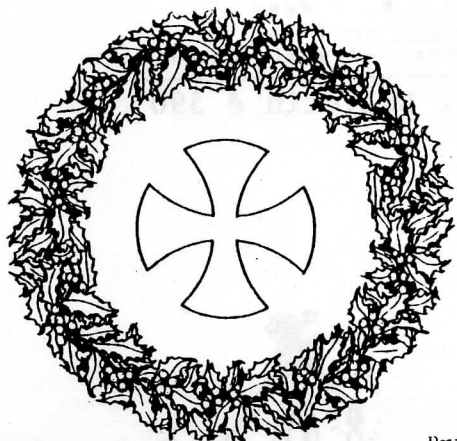
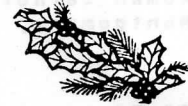
Many truly wonderful customs were introduced into Catholic Family life from the pagan world. This was done simply by changing the pagan point of view to a sound Catholic point of view, while allowing the activity in question to remain unchanged. The Catholic way of life has always tried to blend the seriousness of religion with home enjoyments of various festivals, and the end result is always beautiful. For the last three or so hundred years, a puritanical and jansenistic false zeal had blotted out many wonderful and proper customs, once enjoyed by many good family circles. Sad to say, Jansenism is enjoying a rebirth in some of our traditionalist areas, and this is bad, and will have detrimental effects on our children. But these detrimental effects will not become visible until later on in their lives when they begin to show hatred and contempt and distaste for all religious custom, and Catholic living. This is already in evidence when we view a goodly number of our late teen-age young adults who came from "strict" traditionalist families.

The Christmas Season is an important season, and it cannot be by-passed - no matter how we try to by-pass it. The rages of consumerism are everywhere, and our little children quickly begin to feel the attractiveness of it all, no matter how "sinful" we tell them that it is. The confusion in their little minds will remain with them.

A proper use of Advent, as a truly religious experience as well as a time of preparation for a really great and joyous event, is what we must strive to bring together. Christmas - and Santa Claus with it - must be presented to our children in a good and common sense way. Our aim must be to teach our children the truly Catholic Christmas Vision - of Christmas and of Santa Claus - the two go together - and then they will come to know that on a high level of our love for the Tiny Baby Jesus, a true and genuine Catholic will find CHRIST-MASS and Santa to be quite compatible with each other, and Santa Claus does come down the chimney with his sack full of gifts, and he only travels on Christmas Day, and Santa Claus has his best gift for the Baby Jesus. To do this in any other way is unwise. When things are force moved out of context with reality, they lose meaning, and soon become distorted. The Church has always struggled to superimpose a religious significance on the actual reality of the moment. Witness the feast of Christmas itself when the Birth of Jesus Christ was taken together and at the same time as the celebration of the most pagan moment of the year - DECEMBER 25 - Saturnalia!!!!. The Church has always known the better way of doing things.

# Immaculate Conception

December 8



## ADVENT WREATH

### First Sunday in Advent



### Blessing



- Priest: On that day beholding from afar I shall see the Power of God coming and covering the whole earth like a cloud. Go ye out to meet Him and say unto Him: Tell us if Thou art He Who is to reign over the people of Israel.
- People: On that day beholding from afar I shall see the Power of God coming and covering the whole earth like a cloud. Go ye out to meet Him and say unto Him: Tell us if Thou art He Who is to reign over the people of Israel.
- Priest: And, all ye dwellers upon earth, sons of men, rich and poor. Go ye out to meet Him and say unto Him: Tell us if Thou art He Who is to reign over the people of Israel.
- People: Hear, O Thou shepherd of Israel: Thou who leadest Joseph like a sheep.
- Priest: Behold the Lord shall come and all His saints with Him: and there shall be a great light on that day.
- People: All ye who thirst come to the waters: seek ye the Lord while He may be found.
- Priest: The mountains and the hills shall sing praise before God, and all the trees of the forest shall clap their hands, because the Lord, the Ruler, will come into His eternal kingdom.
- People: The Lord will come and will not delay, and He will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will manifest Himself to all nations.
- Priest: Let us live justly and godly, looking for the blessed hope and coming of the Lord.
- People: Sound the trumpet in Sion, for the day of the Lord is near, Behold, He will come to save us. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- Priest: The Lord will come, go forth to meet Him, and say: Great is His dominion, and His kingdom shall have no end. He is God, the Mighty, the Ruler, the Prince of Peace. Alleluia! Alleluia!
- People: The people shall fear Thy Name, O Lord.
- Priest: And all the kings of the earth Thy glory.
- People: LET US PRAY: As we Thy servants, O Lord, ask Thee for thy blessing to descend upon this symbol of our hope and expectation, put forth Thy power, we beseech Thee, and come, that with Thee as our protector we may be rescued from the impending danger of our sins: and with Thee as our deliverer, may we obtain our salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord.



People: Amen.  
(PRIEST LIGHTS FIRST CANDLE - SPRINKLES WREATH AND PEOPLE)



1. Wednesday, December 8, 1999 is the Feast of the IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses in the Abbey Church (only) are at:  
6:00 A.M.                      8:00 A.M.                      7:00 P.M.

2. Early Announcement: CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE OF MASSES:

Abbey Church: (St. Francis Chapel) 12:00 Midnight

Christmas Music begins at 11:30 P.M.

There will be no Confessions before Midnight Mass

NOTE VERY WELL: There will be NO 6:00 A.M. Mass Christmas Day

St. Pius Chapel - Birmingham - 9:00 A.M.

Abbey Church: (St. Francis Chapel) 10:00 A.M.

3. Alena Roberts will carry the Baby Jesus into the Church and place Him in the Manger at Midnight Mass.

4. Early Announcement: MILLENNIUM DAY SCHEDULE OF MASSES:

Abbey Church: (St. Francis Chapel)

Millennium Eve - Midnight Mass - 12:00 Midnight

This will not be a Mass of Celebration - rather it will be a Mass of Solemn Petition and Hope, and PRAYER!

Three Priests will Offer Three Masses - (1) High Altar

(2) Lady Chapel (3) St. Joseph Chapel - all will begin

Mass at 12:00 Midnight.

New Millennium Day Schedule of Masses: (Abbey Church ONLY)

THERE WILL BE NO 6:00 A.M. Mass

Regular Mass 10:00 A.M.

5. Novena in Honor of the Immaculate Conception begins tomorrow Night.

6. Next Sunday is the First Sunday of December. Therefore, there will be no 9:30 A.M. Mass at St. Pius Chapel in Birmingham.

7. Please pray for all the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Al Sachs.

8. We will be privileged to have authentic Relics of both St. Benedict and St. Scholastica, both of which will be on honored display at the Midnight Mass of January 1, 2000. St. Benedict and St. Scholastica will usher out the Old Millennium and Old Century and Old Year, and will usher in the New Millennium and New Century and New Year. These two Saints are the ones that led us through the dark years of the First Millennium, and they will be the ones to lead us through these very dark days ushering in the Third Millennium. Our very best prayers should be placed at their Feet.

9. Spiritual preparation is urgent. Therefore, during the remaining days of this present Millennium, let us endeavor with all earnestness, to make perfect our INTERIOR SPIRITUAL LIFE. We are not preaching "gloom and doom", we are preaching the Spiritual Life as we step across the line, because our Hope is in the Name of the Lord.

10. Saturday, December 4, 1999 is the First Saturday of December. Mass: 8:00 A.M.

11. In your charity please remember the Soul of the Father of our Diane McCoy. He died Tuesday November 23, 1999.

12. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Abbot Leonard's Schedule Only)

SUNDAY:

For the People of the Chapels

MONDAY:

Dec. Father Matthew Crotz, O.P.

TUESDAY:

Dec. Henry Frank Altmiks

WEDNESDAY:

For the Poor Souls

THURSDAY:

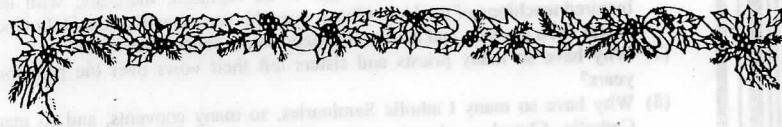
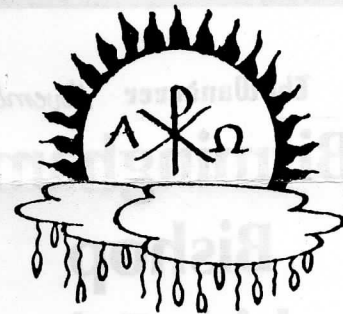
Dec. Harry Kreibich

FRIDAY:

Welfare Szczepansk Family

SATURDAY:

Special Int. Paul Roy Family



*Our Concern should not so much be to  
baptize the unconverted, but  
to convert those who have  
already been baptized*



# Christ the King Abbey

ONE VOICE September 3, 1999

## STATEMENT

When I became a bishop, I promised to maintain the deposit of faith, entire and incorrupt within the College of bishops under the authority of the Holy Father, successor of the Apostle Peter. I also promised to guide and sustain the people of God in the way of salvation.

Therefore, with this commitment in mind, to avoid any confusion, I need to clarify for the Catholic faithful of the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama, the status of Father Leonard Giardina and the community of Christ the King Monastery formed by him in Simcoe, Cullman County, Alabama.

Father Leonard Giardina had been an active Catholic monk at Saint Bernard's Abbey, Cullman, Alabama. He left the Abbey many years ago. My predecessor, Bishop Vath, withdrew the diocesan faculties and suspended him on May 21, 1981. Several years later on April 23, 1994, the Congregation for Religious in Rome confirmed the decree of dismissal of Father Leonard Giardina from the Benedictine Order.

When I arrived in Birmingham in May 1994, I visited Father Leonard. On my first visit, as well as on subsequent visits, I asked Father Leonard to be in union with me and with our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II. He refused to be in communion with us or under our authority.

Father Leonard Giardina has separated himself and his community from my jurisdiction regarding the celebration of Mass and the pastoral care of the Catholic people in our diocese. He continues to function outside the Catholic Church.

Therefore, with sadness, I must inform the Catholic Faithful under my care of the following declarations:

- The Masses celebrated by Father Leonard Giardina or other members of his community either at Christ the King Monastery, Simcoe, Alabama or other locations within or outside the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama are illicit. The Catholic Faithful do not fulfill their Sunday Obligation by attending them. Therefore, I advise the faithful that they should not attend these Masses.
- Neither Father Leonard Giardina nor other members of his community have the faculties of the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama. Because they do not possess faculties, they cannot validly administer the Sacrament of Penance (hear Confessions), nor validly perform Roman Catholic marriages (Sacrament of Matrimony).

This situation of the invalidity of the reception of Sacraments is deeply disturbing to me because of the spiritual endangerment of our Catholic people.

I ask your prayers for Father Leonard Giardina and the Christ the King Community. I also ask prayers for myself. May Our Lord Jesus Christ in this final year of preparation for the Jubilee, a year for a return to the Father, bring about reconciliation and unity between us.

Date: September 1, 1999

*+ David E. Foley*  
Most Reverend David E. Foley, D.D.  
Bishop of the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama

ONE VOICE November 19, 1999

## Vatican Says Many Still Suffer Hits Against Religious Freedom

By Tracy Early  
UNITED NATIONS (CNS) -- The Vatican said in a statement to the United Nations that violation of the right to religious freedom remains "a source of enormous suffering for believers."

Addressing a committee of the U.N. General Assembly responsible for questions of human rights, the Vatican nuncio said that religious freedom was "a cornerstone of the structure of human rights" and "a fundamental test" of human progress.

Archbishop Renato R. Martino "noted with satisfaction" that the U.N. had taken several significant steps in this field, including adoption of statements affirming religious freedom and appointment of a "special rapporteur" to monitor the compliance of governments.

But he said that "there still exist today places where the right to gather for worship is either not recognized or is limited to the members of one religion alone."

"It is common knowledge that there are nations in which individuals, families and entire groups are still being discriminated against and marginalized because of their religious beliefs," the Vatican representative said.

Archbishop Martino said religious freedom

"constitutes the very heart of human rights" because it is based on the dignity of the human person and protects "the dignity of each one's conscience."

"One of the most significant aspects of today's world is the role

that religion has played in the awakening of peoples in the search for freedom and development," the nuncio said. "In many cases, it was religious faith that preserved intact and even strengthened the identity of entire peoples."

It would be a mistake to estimate that the force behind the recent diocesan "STATEMENTS" concerning Roman Catholic Traditional worship observances has been generated by the words of his Excellency David Foley -- Bishop of the small, sparsely Catholic populated, and somewhat unimportant Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama. The tidal wave force of Traditional Roman Catholic persecution receives its force from winds we know not of. This tidal wave is determined, and has every intention to blot out all marks of Traditional Roman Catholicism -- most especially the Mass of the Council of Trent. May we ask a few questions that demand answers?

- (1) Why is the need to blot out the Tridentine Mass so urgent?
- (2) Why are the human rights of any and all religious sects and groups of the world a source of paternal concern to the Roman hierarchical officialdom? Why is it that the human rights of Traditional Roman Catholics are clearly excluded from the Roman hierarchical officialdom's concern?
- (3) Why are the marriages and baptisms and etc. of the Lutheran, Anglican, and all other protestant churches considered valid, whereas they are considered invalid when Traditional Roman Catholic priests perform them?
- (4) Can the decisions concerning faith and morals of an earlier Council of the Roman Church be overturned by the decisions of a more recent Council of the Roman Church?
- (5) If Catholics do not fulfill their Sunday obligations when they attend a Traditional Roman Catholic Chapel, do they fulfill their Sunday obligations when they attend protestant Sunday services - as so many of them do?

- (6) If the inspired teachings of the Holy Ghost over the past 2000 years have proved to be wrong, and have had to be replaced, therefore, with new inspired teachings of the Holy Ghost, does this not mean that the Holy Ghost is less than perfect, and hence, His inconstancy cannot be trusted?
- (7) Why have so many priests and sisters left their vows over the past forty years?
- (8) Why have so many Catholic Seminaries, so many convents, and so many Catholic Churches closed, and why have so many Catholic faithful abandoned their unshakable beliefs that guided their Catholic life forty years ago?
- (9) Whatever happened to the sense of the Sacred that prevailed in all our Catholic Churches forty years ago?

We, the Monks of this Monastery, are attacking no one.  
We have prejudice towards no one.  
We are merely seeking answers!

There are many other critical issues -- serious questions -- which we will not ask at this time. We Monks have chosen, for the present, to keep silent concerning those matters - - - AND WE PRAY!

The Wanderer November 11, 1999

## Birmingham Bishop Forbids Priests To Celebrate Mass "Ad Orientem"