

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 HOLY NAME OF JESUS

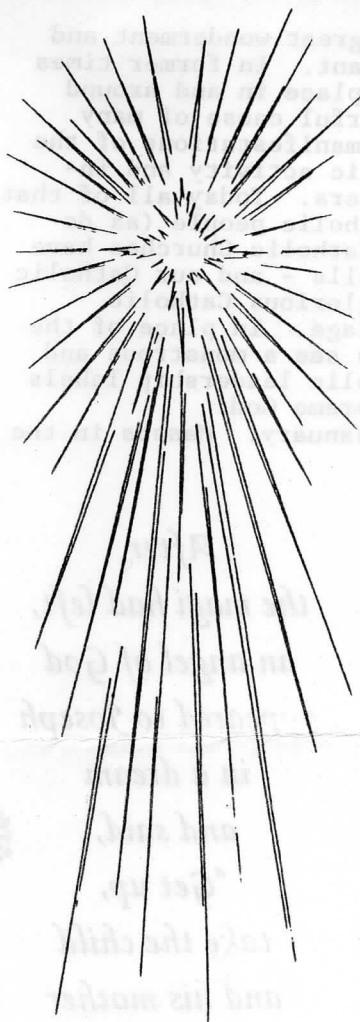
January 2, 2000 A.D.

Mass of Feast: Gl, Cr. Pref Christmas

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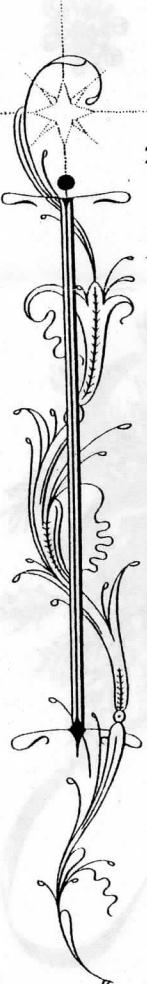


IN EPIPHANIA DOMINI



1. Thursday, January 6, 2000 is the Great Feast of the Epiphany of our Lord. While the Epiphany is not a holy Day of Obligation (in the U.S.) it remains, nevertheless, one of the most important feasts of the entire year. Everyone is encouraged to spend at least one hour in special prayer, reading and meditation on that wondrous day. Attending Holy Mass on Epiphany Day would truly wonderful and highly recommended if, in our time, things in Religion enjoyed the application they enjoyed in years past. Present circumstances make attendance at mass on such occasions quite impossible for most serious Catholics. Therefore, everyone is asked to do as best as circumstances permit. Observe your holy religion at home. Say your prayers at home and be quite conscientious about it. Keep the strength of your prayer life strong, and fear not.
2. Epiphany Chalk will be distributed at all Masses Sunday. Inscribe all the doors of your home with the Holy Inscription - as you already know how. God's Holy Angel will stand guard, and together with the Saints, Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, he will lead us and all of God's Faithful Elect to safety until we reach the Place where we will find Our Most Blessed Lord, Jesus, together with His Blessed Mother Mary and the Most Blessed Joseph. For further information you may wish to refer to Speculum #23 - the Christ issue of 1999.
The Epiphany markings over our doors are a source of great wonderment and curiosity to all visitors - both catholic and protestant. In former times all such beautiful customs and symbolisms were commonplace in and around strong Catholic Family circles, and they were a wonderful cause of many conversions to the true Catholic Faith. The various manifestations of the "Sensus Catholicus" around the home underlined Catholic activity and increased the strength of the Faith amongst family members. Today all of that is gone, and forgetful of their Catholic origins, catholic people (as do protestant people) need instruction. Our once very Catholic Churches have been stripped of every Catholic symbolisms - naked halls - and our Catholic laity has lost every point of reference to the once glorious Catholic Religion: complete strangers to their religious heritage. In place of the former reverential beauty of Catholic Worship, we now see a monstrous and vulgar, wild and mindless irreverence which our catholic leadership labels as a fitting and worshipful act of worship to the Supreme God!
3. Friday, January 7, 2000 A.D. is the First Friday of January. Masses in the Abbey Church are at 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 A.M.
4. MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Abbot Leonard's Schedule Only)

SUNDAY:	For the People of the Chapels
MONDAY:	For the Poor Souls
TUESDAY:	For the Poor Souls
WEDNESDAY:	For the Poor Souls
THURSDAY:	Welfare of Our Monks and Sisters
FRIDAY:	Thksg. Forney Roy Family
SATURDAY:	Special Int. Joan Goudreau

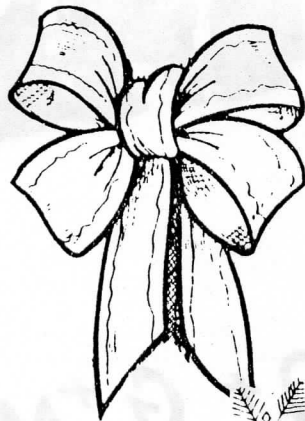


After
 the magi had left,
 an angel of God
 appeared to Joseph
 in a dream
 and said,
 "Get up,
 take the child
 and his mother
 and go as fast
 as you can
 to Egypt."
Matthew 2:13



Happy

New Year



All nations shall serve him.

CEREMONY FOR THE BLESSING OF HOUSES AND ALL PLACES FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF JESUS CHRIST.

BLESSING OF CHALK:

(Instruction: Chalk is blessed on the Altar, before Holy Mass begins. It will not be distributed by the priest, but can only be obtained by a member of the Family who must go up to the Altar, after Mass, and taking it. The Father of the Family will later use it to inscribe the initials of the Three Wise Men: Gaspar, Melchior and Balthazar, and the current year over the main door (and any other doors) of the home. This inscription should remain over the doors throughout the year.)

PASTOR: - Opening Antiphon: Behold, the Lord the ruler is come; and the kingdom is in His Hand, and power, and dominion.
O God, with your judgement endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son.
Glory be to the Father. Behold, the Lord.

Antiphonal Prayer:

Y. All nations shall serve Him.
R. All nations shall serve Him.
Y. Nations shall walk by Your light, and kings by Your shining radiance.
R. All nations shall serve Him.
Y. All from Saba shall come, bringing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the Lord.
R. All nations shall serve Him.
Y. Rise up in splendor, O Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord shines upon you.
R. All nations shall serve Him.
Y. We have seen His star in the East; and have come with gifts to worship the Lord.
R. All nations shall serve Him.
Y. The kings of Tharsis and the isles shall offer gifts; the kings of Arabia and Saba shall bring tribute. All kings shall pay Him homage, all nations shall serve Him.
R. All nations shall serve Him.

PASTOR: - In Thy great mercy, have mercy on us, O God.
Let us pray: O Lord God, Bless + this chalk which You have created, that it may be helpful to mankind; and grant that through the invocation of Your most Holy Name, all those who use this chalk or with it write over the doors of their houses the names of Your Saints Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, may by their merits and intercession receive health of body and protection of soul.

We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ Your Son. AMEN.

* * * * BLESSING OF THE HOME * * * *

(Conducted by the Father, or, in his absence, by the Mother).

Father: Peace to my house.

Family: And to all who live here.

Father: The father of the just will exult with glee; let your father and mother have joy.

Family: All nations shall serve Him.

Father: Happy they who dwell in Your House, O Lord! Continually they praise You.

Family: All nations shall serve Him.

Father: Blessed is the man who hears me and who watches daily at my gates and at the post of my doors.

Family: All nations shall serve Him.

Father: O Lord, hear my Prayer.

Family: And let my cry come unto You.

Father: Let us Pray:

Hear us, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Eternal God, and send Thy Holy Angel from Heaven to watch over, cherish, protect, be with, and defend all who live in my house.
I call upon Your Saints, Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, to protect my Family and my home from every harm and danger, and I place their mark over my door to remain there as a constant reminder to us and to all who enter here that my house is truly a house of the Lord.

O God, make the door of my house wide enough to receive all who need human love and companionship; narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling-block to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back the temptor's power.

O God, make the door of my house the gateway to Thine Eternal Kingdom.
I ask these things in the Name of Jesus Christ Your Son.

Family: Amen.

(After the blessing, the Father inscribes on the main outside doors and any other doors in the house. Print with the blessed Chalk:

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