

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 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

February 6, 2000 - - - Green

Mass of Sunday - Gl. Cr. Pref. Trin

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CATHOLIC LIFE EXPERIENCE - - KINDNESS

The instruction today comes to us from Bishop Joseph Gross who many years ago gave this conference to a convent of Nuns. The instruction deals with KINDNESS.

"I have already explained to you the content and the strict obligation of the Commandment of Love, and have told you that on this our whole relation to God depends. This was Our Lord's last and great Commandment. Let us notice His words: "This is My Commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you." And now we are going to speak of an essential mark of this love, - - KINDNESS; although I will honestly own to you that I myself do not yet possess what I am about to preach to you. The one among you who possesses the supernatural treasure of kindness deserves to be congratulated, for she is a saint. How very difficult of attainment kindness is, is only known to him who has earnestly striven to acquire it. I may have excellent qualities, I may perhaps clean my servant's shoes, but that does not make me kind: this is condescension but not kindness. I may be capable of giving money, all that I have, but that does not make me kind. I may be ready to forgive everybody, still that does not make me kind. I may perhaps spend half the night in anxiety and worry as to how I am to help this or that soul out of difficulty, still I may not be kind. Well, what then is kindness? To be kind means to do just what Our Lord told us: that is, to do to others as we would wish other to do to us. - - I must treat others as I wish to be treated. Try it, and you will see how difficult it is. Kindness is that real, honest benevolence that I long to acquire in order to teach it to others. Kindness is cordiality put into practice. It is the ceaseless and courageous endeavor to give pleasure to others, to bring joy into the world; in a word, - - to take the side of God in the world; to lessen the number of sins; - - all this is kindness. But, how difficult of attainment! Yet I cannot do without it; I must practice it if I want to imitate Jesus Christ, - - so truly is KINDNESS the marrow of the virtues of Jesus. In Our Lord we find all the virtues in the highest degree: wisdom, patience, obedience, charity; - - yet He does not say: "Be obedient as I

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1. Thursday, February 10, 2000 is the Feast of the ever Great Saint Scholastica, and the Foundress of Benedictine Nuns and, of course, the Patroness of our Sisters. Your strongest prayers for the welfare of our Sisters, that no evil of any sort ever come close to them. Pray that our Sisters will be helped by St. Scholastica to continue the true line of Benedictine Nuns for the posterity of the world. Pray that the vocations to our Convent will be strong and that they will realize the utter importance and seriousness of their call.
2. The St. Blaise Blessing of Throats will be administered at all Masses today.
3. Please pray for the Sick and Shut-Ins of our Chapels, especially remembering Carol Girardi. Many, many people call in and write to us asking for special prayers for the Sick - please, in Charity, remember them, too.
4. Confessions are heard before Masses on Sunday.
5. The Holy Season of Septuagesima (PRE-LENTEN) Season begins on Sunday, February 20, 2000. Use this Season well - in preparation for the Holier Season of Lent. This Lent let us work on the INTERIOR LIFE OF THE SOUL.
6. **MASSES FOR THE WEEK: (Abbot Leonard's Schedule Only)**

SUNDAY:	For the People of the Chapels
MONDAY:	For the Pooos Souls
TUESDAY:	Special Int. Marilyn Moynihan
WEDNESDAY:	Welfare Dumbacher Family
** THURSDAY:**	St. Scholastica - Welfare St. Joseph Convent
FRIDAY:	Dec. Msgr Harrison Martin
SATURDAY:	Special Int. Colleen McGinnis

was," though He does say: "Learn of Me, for I am meek and humble of heart." Let us try to understand well that Our Lord is KIND of heart; meekness and kindness flourish side by side, - - they intertwine. Thus Christ did not want us to learn from Him how to construct a universe, but He did want us to learn to be meek and gentle to one another. Kindness is the successful helpmate of Divine Providence. God does not do everything in the world without the help of His creatures. He often allows us to collaborate with Him. What an honor for us! His real purpose in the creation of the world was to give joy to man, in as far as this is possible here below. It is all too true that, very often, man frustrates the very best designs of God, and creates for himself a destiny that God had not willed for him. I will add: - three-fifths of all the misery, annoyance and unhappiness in the world is the fault of man himself. God never willed all this; the cause lies in our harsh, unkind conduct towards one another."