

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)

SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY

February 20m 2000 - - - PURPLE

Mass of Sunday - NO Gl; Cr; Pref. Trin.
("ALLELUIA" NOT SAID UNTIL EASTER)

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SEPTUAGESIMA

CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE AWARENESS OF GOD

Some may think that we are over-stressing the INTERIOR LIFE.

In all truth, can anything concerning the salvation of one's soul be overly stressed. It is in the interior life of the soul that one's salvation exists. Do not be afraid of it, and with the ears of your hearts listen to the words of the Lord.

The inner life does not depend on the number of religious exercises or the multitude of prayers and Rosaries and all the rest that one recites each day. Many people confuse true and correct piety with pious practices, and consider themselves devout in proportion to the number of their performed pious exercises. The interior life of the soul does not demand an immense output of prayers and pious exercises. The Christian life does not require many hours of reflection on God - - or even the FEELING of the presence of God - - near by.

True inwardness, conscious union with God, is fundamentally not a matter of a mental process at all. It is a matter of the will. It is not a succession of acts, (things to do) but an attitude, a condition, an endless, unchangeable state of love for God, of trust on God, of complete subjection to God's command and will. In the interior life their is a constant state of prayer, it does not, therefore, consist of acts and countless religious activities.

The interior life is a permanent soul-attitude involving the subordination of our will to God's - an attitude grounded in an All-EMBRACING LOVING FAITH, which, without effort, habitually sees God, God's Will, God's providence, God's love in everything. In all occurrences, in all circumstances, and duties, in work and difficulties - - in all things - - the interior workings of the soul who's object is God hears the voice of God, and inwardly responds, if not in acts, at least in silent readiness, and in an enduring attitude of agreement. The only interest that should be found in the Heart of Man is God and His pleasure, - - without fear, happily avoiding anything that might offend Him.

1. TODAY is SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY - a truly important day, marking the beginning of a Liturgical Season - the Season which precedes the holier Season of LENT. It is a preparation time, and it should be used properly and effectively observed. During this season, we have to gain a clear knowledge of the miseries of our banishment, under pain of being left forever in this tyrant "WORLD". It was, therefore, necessary that we should be put on our guard against the allurements of our place of exile. It is with this view that the Church, taking pity on our blindness and our dangers, gives us this solemn warning, By taking from us our "ALLELUIA", she virtually tells us that our lips must first be cleansed, before they again be permitted to utter this most sacred word of Angels and Saints; that our hearts, defiled as they are by our many sins and our ridiculous attachments to the silly pebbles of this earth, must be purified by repentance and true interior mortification. THIS IS NO JOKE - AS SO MANY, TODAY, GLEEFULLY THINK IT IS! Too late will they find out! THE Church is going to put before our eyes the sad spectacle of the fall of our first parents (neither is this a joke), that dire event whence came all our woes, and our need of REDEMPTION

2. VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE: On Sunday February 27, 2000, there will be NO 9:30 A.M. Mass at St. Pius V Chapel in Birmingham

R E A S O N

JAMES RAMSEY

AND ALEJANDRO GONZALEZ

will be received into the NOVITIATE of Christ the King Abbey at the 10:00 A.M. Mass in the Abbey Church.

IN EVERY SPECIAL WAY pray for these two young men - - that God will prosper them in their very HIGH CALLING. To be called by God to the life of a BENEDICTINE MONASTIC - is no small thing! - - especially today! The calling to a life of religion is the very highest calling issued forth by God Almighty to Man!

3. Please pray for the Sick and Shut-INS of our Chapels especially remembering Carol Girardi.

4. Especially during Lent, do not neglect the Holy SACRAMENT OF PENANCE,

5. MASSES FOR THE WEEK - - (Abbot Leonard's Schedule only)

SUNDAY: For the people of the Chapels

MONDAY: For the Living and deceased of Berbard Kennedy Family

TUESDAY: DEC. Betty Fergersen

WEDNESDAY: Dec. Michael Dellapasta

THURSDAY: Dec. Ray and Anne Timmerman

FRIDAY: For the Poor Souls

Saturday; Special int. Mr. & Mrs. Kirk Kanzenback

6. If YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR 1999 TAX STATEMENT and you wish to have one, please notify Father SEBASTIAN, O.S.B.

7. Friday, February 25, 2000 A.D, is the Feast of ST MATTHIAS, Apostle.

8. We have a VERY LARGE NUMBER OF MASSES on our Books - (from all over the world) We publish only the Masses said by the Abbot in our Bulletins, which are usually Masses of great urgency. It is quite impossible to publish the Masses that are said each day by the Fathers of the Abbey. If your Mass request does not appear in the Bulletin, you can rest assured that it has been offered by one of our Fathers. WE DO NOT SEND OUR MASSES TO OTHER PLACES.

LENT

ALL OUR PRAYERS MUST BE ORIENTED AROUND THE CRUCIFIX BECAUSE THEIR VIRTUE COMES FROM THE SACRED PASSION, WHICH IS THE VERY FOUNDATION, THE SOURCE, THE ROOT OF OUR OWN PRIVATE PRAYERS AND THOSE OF THE WHOLE CHURCH.

(SPECIAL NOTE) All statements of observance and discipline which, from time to time, appear in the "Weekly Bulletin" of the Traditional Chapels in Alabama, have an official quality about them. They should not be viewed as private priestly opinions, nor should they be looked upon as resulting from any statement of preference of any individual or any group of individuals. Every statement concerning Catholic observance or Catholic discipline printed in the "Weekly Bulletin" is the result of research and careful study, and is as accurate a statement as can be made, so that the delicate norms of Holy Tradition can be preserved, and the confusing principles of modern theological teachings be rendered ineffective. **ACCURACY MUST ALWAYS BE THE UNDERLYING CHARACTERISTIC OF THE TRADITIONAL POSITION.** The promotion of personal likes or dislikes serves only the purpose of reducing, or completely destroying, credibility in official Traditional teaching. The "Weekly Bulletin" follows as safe a guide as is possible or available at the present time. Therefore, special care is taken not to impose rules which bind Catholics more seriously in disciplinary matters than those which the Church **HERSELF** imposes. **GOD GIVES THE ORDERS THAT PENANCE MUST BE DONE! The Church has the right and the authority to specify how and what.** We must not presume to make the laws more binding than what the Church does, and no individual has the right to oblige under serious sin when the Church does not. The Church has the right to change disciplinary laws She has made, **AS LONG AS THE CHANGE IS NOT AGAINST THE TEACHING AND THE WILL OF CHRIST.** **Former practices of penance are MOST meritorious and STRONGLY recommended, but they CANNOT BE IMPOSED UNDER PAIN OF SIN, if the Church says otherwise.** **EVERY individual is encouraged to follow the former discipline of Lent.** Therefore, barring excess and being guided by the norms of discretion and prudence we set forth the current Lenten Regulations.

FAST

In keeping with the obligation of doing special penance in reparation for our many sins, the Church obliges us to fast on certain days throughout the year. All persons over twenty-one and under fifty-nine years of age are bound by the Law of Fast - unless their health or the nature of their work prevents them. This means that on a fast day they may have only one principal, or full meal and two smaller meals. They may eat meat at the principal meal, except on days of complete abstinence. At the two smaller meals (which when taken together should not equal the principle meal in quantity) they may not have meat. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices, may be taken at any time of a fast day. In former times this law was binding under sin. **Even though the Church has relaxed this law, it is very strongly recommended, that the daily fast be carefully observed as in former times.** **THE COMPLETE DISREGARD OF THE PRINCIPLE OF FAST SIMPLY CANNOT BE WITHOUT SERIOUS SIN!!!**

ABSTINENCE

The customary discipline concerning **ABSTINENCE** is that **NO MEAT** be eaten on all Wednesdays and all Fridays of Lent. This was the **LAW**, and it was binding under sin. The Church has relaxed this law, and **SERIOUS OBLIGATION (SIN) NOW EXISTS ONLY ON ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY.** Fridays during Lent should be days of **SPECIAL EFFORT** with regards to penance and sacrifice. **IT IS VERY STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT THE PRACTICE OF ABSTINENCE BE CAREFULLY OBSERVED AS IN FORMER TIMES.** Such an observance means: **NO MEAT OR ANY DISH IN THE PREPARATION OF WHICH MEAT ENTERS.** It must be noted that under the present dispensation it cannot be properly said that a person commits serious sin when not observing the Regulations of Abstinence, but as above, **THE COMPLETE DISREGARD OF THE PRINCIPLE OF ABSTINENCE SIMPLY CANNOT BE WITHOUT SERIOUS SIN!!!**

EVERY TRADITIONALIST PRIEST, BROTHER, SISTER OR LAY-PERSON HAS THE VERY GRAVE OBLIGATION OF GIVING A GOOD EXAMPLE TO ALL THOSE CATHOLICS WHO HAVE DEVELOPED A COMPLETE DISREGARD FOR THE PRINCIPLES OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE.

✠ CHRIST THE KING MONASTERY ✠

SUGGESTED READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE FOR EACH DAY OF LENT: (Traditional Chapels in Alabama)

ASH WEDNESDAY:
 Joel: 2:12-19
 Matt: 6:16-21
 Thursday: Isiah: 38:1-6
 Friday: Isiah: 58:1-9
 Saturday: Isiah: 58:9-14

FIRST WEEK OF LENT: - - - -

Sunday: II Cor: 6:1-10
 Matt: 4:1-11
 Monday: Ezech: 34:11-16
 Tuesday: Isiah: 55:6-11
 Wednesday: Exod: 24:12-18
EMBER DAY: III Kings: 19:3-8
 Thursday: Ezech: 18:1-9
EMBER DAY: Ezech: 18:20-28
 Saturday: Duet: 26:12-19
EMBER DAY: Duet: 11:22-25
 II Mach: 1:23-27
 Ecclus: 36:1-10
 Dan: 3:47-56

SECOND WEEK OF LENT - - - -

Sunday: I Thess: 4:1-7
 Matt: 17:1-9
 Monday: Dan: 9:15-19
 Tuesday: III Kings: 17:8-16
 Wednesday: Esth: 13:8-11
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 Thursday: Jer: 17:5-10
 Friday: Gen: 37:6-22
 Saturday: Gen: 27:6-40

THIRD WEEK OF LENT: - - - -

Sunday: Eph: 5:1-9
 Luke: 11:14-28
 Monday: IV Kings: 5:1-15
 Tuesday: IV Kings: 4:1-7
 Wednesday: Exod: 20:12-24
 Thursday: Jer: 7:1-7
 Friday: Num: 20:1-3:6-13
 Saturday: Dan: 13:1-62

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT: - - - -

Sunday: Gal: 4:22-31
LAETARE SUNDAY: John: 6:1-15
 Monday: III Kings: 3:16-28
 Tuesday: Exod: 32:7-14
 Wednesday: Ezech: 36:23-28
 Isiah: 1:16-19
 Thursday: IV Kings: 4:25-38
 Friday: III Kings: 17:17-24
 Saturday: Isiah: 49:8-15

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT: - - - -

Sunday: Heb: 9:11-15
PASSION SUNDAY: John: 8:46-59
Statues Covered in Purple
 Monday: Jon: 3:1-10
 John: 7:32-39
 Tuesday: Dan: 14:27-42
 John: 7:1-15
 Wednesday: Lev: 19:1-25
 John: 10:22-38
 Thursday: Dan: 3:25-45
 Luke: 7:36-50
 Friday: Jer: 17:13-18
 John: 11:47-54
 Saturday: Jer: 18:18-23
 John: 12:10-36

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY: Matt: 21:1-9
 Phil: 2:5-11

SACRED PASSION

Matt: 26:36-75
 27:1-66

Monday: Isiah: 50:5-10
 John: 12:1-9
 Tuesday: Jer: 11:18-20

SACRED PASSION

Mark: 14:32-72
 15:1-46

Wednesday: Isiah: 61:11
 63:1-7
 Isiah: 53:1-12

SACRED PASSION

Luke: 22:1-71
 23:1-53

HOLY THURSDAY: I Cor: 11:20-32
 John: 13:1-15

GOOD FRIDAY: Osee: 6:1-6
 Exod: 12:1-11

SACRED PASSION

John: 18:1-40
 19:1-42

HOLY SATURDAY: Gen: 1:1-31
 2:1-2
 Exod: 14:24-31
 15:1
 Isiah: 4:2-6
 Duet: 31:22-30
 Matt: 28:1-7