

TRADITIONAL CHAPELS IN ALABAMA

Our Lady of Lourdes	+ St. Francis of Assisi	+ St. Pius V
Roman Catholic Chapel	+ Roman Catholic Chapel	+ Roman Catholic Chapel
Montgomery, Alabama	+ Cullman, Alabama	+ Birmingham, Alabama

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

10:30 A.M. - Rosary	+ 6:00 A.M. - Mass	+ 9:10 A.M. - Rosary
10:45 A.M. - Mass	+ (EVERY SUNDAY)	+ 9:30 A.M. - Mass
(First Sunday of each	+ 12:30 P.M. - Mass	+ (Every Sunday EXCEPT
month - ONLY)	+ (Every Sunday EXCEPT	+ First Sunday of the
	+ First Sunday of the	+ month)
	+ month)	+

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
 September 14, 1986 - - Green  
 The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

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THE ALTAR FACES THE EAST - - - - -

There never was a Celebration of Mass VERSUS POPULUM (facing the people) in either the Eastern or Western Church. Instead there was a turning towards the East. This is a fact of history concerning which there is unanimity among serious scholars. There is much evidence that possibly from the beginning of the 2nd. Century, both in the East and in the West, Christians prayed facing the East in the direction of the rising sun. Actually it is not correct to speak of the celebrant having his back to the people but rather "facing the East together with the people." The practice of facing the East did not originate as a direct "borrowing" from any of the pagan cults involving the worship of the sun. The adoption of the eastward direction for worship was due to the influence of the entire cultural atmosphere in which the early Christians found themselves. The Christians of antiquity found a rich and seemingly inexhaustible symbolism in the EASTWARD DIRECTION. It has been proven beyond any shadow of doubt that from the earliest days, the Christians built their churches along an EAST-WEST axis. This practice continued until very recent decades???????

- Confessions are heard before each mass.
- Sunday, October 26th. is the FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING. There is a VERY strong tentative possibility of a CELEBRATION at St. Francis Chapel on that day. Please keep your calendars open for that date.
- "Who had raised up the just one from the East" (Isaias (41:2)  
 "Who mounteth above the heaven of heavens, to the East" (Psalm 67)  
 "For we have seen His star in the East and are come to adore Him" (Matt:2:2)
- St. Thomas Aquinas taught that the eastward direction symbolized both Paradise lost and Paradise regained. During the Mass the priest stands BETWEEN PEOPLE AND ALTAR, a mediator between God and Man. The priest and people TOGETHER look to the East at the sun as they strive to regain the lost Paradise won back for them by Christ - - the SON!!!
- MASSES FOR THE WEEK:
 

SUNDAY:	6:00 A.M. Welfare Alton Sandlin Family
	10:00 A.M. For the People of the Chapels
	12:30 P.M. Dec. Wilburn Osborne
MONDAY:	Welfare Notre Dame Convent (France)
TUESDAY:	Dec. Mary LaSalle
WEDNESDAY:	Dec. Father Jonathan Franklin (4)
THURSDAY:	Spec. Int. Collin Fleming
FRIDAY:	Spec. Int. James Lopez
SATURDAY:	Dec. Joseph Jones