

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

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| 10:30 A.M. - Rosary 10:45 A.M. - Mass (ONLY on First Sunday of each month) | 6:00 A.M. - Mass (EVERY SUNDAY) 12:30 P.M. - Mass (EXCEPT on first Sunday of each month) | 9:10 A.M. - Rosary 9:30 A.M. - Mass (EXCEPT on first Sunday of each month) |
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THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 11, 1988 - - Rose or Purple

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The conduct and bearing of Mary and Joseph in their fruitless quest for shelter in the hour of their very great need, give us a great lesson as to how we should bear ourselves in the great disappointments of our lives and under the rebuffs and scorn of fortune. If we analyse our thoughts with regard to these events we shall find that we probably look upon the whole scene as a CAREFULLY arranged stage-play: as something planned by God and prepared for our edification and instruction. It might have appeared to us that Joseph was instructed to go from door to door and the inn-keeper was instructed to refuse, but all was to happen in accordance with a PREVIOUS understanding. We should be careful in studying our Lord's life to dismiss this thought from our minds. It is true that all was foreseen by God - but it is equally true to say that nothing was pre-arranged in the stage sense. All things fell out just as freely and naturally as if God foresaw nothing. Joseph's asking was earnest and sincere. Each rebuff cut him to the heart. He never lost his tranquillity. He was most anxious, but his request never degenerated into an unmanly importunity. He asked with humility, and he accepted his refusal with dignity. For, in all his disappointments Joseph saw God's Will and he instantly conformed himself to it, knowing that in all things GOD KNOWS BEST.

***** MOST IMPORTANT INFORMATION *****

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS SCHEDULE

- 12:00 A.M. Midnight Mass at St. Francis, Cullman
Church opens at 11:30 P.M.
- 9:00 A.M. Mass at St. Pius Birmingham
- 11:30 A.M. Mass at St. Francis, Cullman

Please extend this information to possibly interested people.

1. Many, many thanks to every one who either contributed to the recent bake sale, or who supported it in any way. We are most grateful, indeed. The gross sale amounted to \$96.05 Special thanks to Mrs. Paul Drippe.
2. Many, many thanks to the People of Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel in Montgomery for having sponsored an unbelievable Food Shower for the Monastery.
3. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday are the Winter Ember Days and are days of Fast and Abstinence. Wednesday and Saturday are partial abstinence.
4. January 1, 1989 is the date for the First Sunday of January. There will be NO 9:30 A.M. Mass at St. Pius and 12:30 Mass at St. Francis. However, there will be a 9:00 A.M. Mass at St. Francis Chapel on Monday, January 2, 1989.
5. MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

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| SUNDAY: | 6:00 A.M. For Prayer Promises and Benefactors | |
| | 9:30 A.M. For the People of the Chapels | |
| | 12:30 P.M. Novena Mass for welfare Walter Roberts (3) | |
| MONDAY: | Novena Mass for welfare Walter Roberts (4) | |
| TUESDAY: | " " " " " " (5) | |
| WEDNESDAY: | " " " " " " (6) | |
| THURSDAY: | " " " " " " (7) | |
| FRIDAY: | " " " " " " (8) | |
| SATURDAY: | " " " " " " (9) | |

(This Novena is in Honor of St. Philomena)