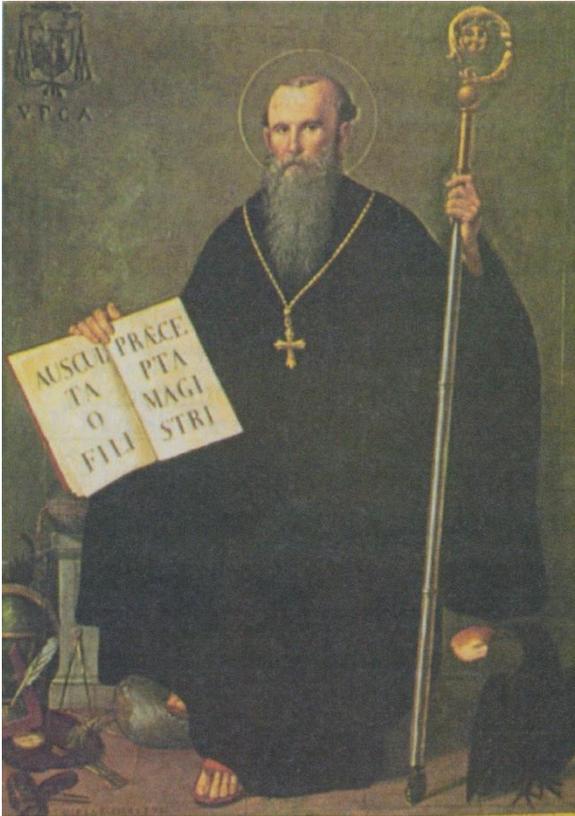


# St. Benedict's Traditional Catholic Church

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Traditional Latin Mass



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# Mass Schedule for the week of April 19<sup>th</sup>

**Sun, April 19, 10:00 a.m. – Second Sunday after Easter**

For my protection, health & for the work our Lord wants  
Me to do (Anthony Bronson)

**Mon, April 20, 8:30 a.m. – Feria (St. Agnes of Montepulciano)**

The Hebling family (Hebling)

**Tues, April 21, 8:30 a.m. – St. Anselm**

RIP Edward Phillips (Don & Kathy Mullan)

**Wed, April 22, 8:30 a.m. – Ss. Soter & Caius**

RIP Al Krebsbach (Carol Girardi)

**Thurs, April 23, 8:30 a.m. – St. George**

Aurora Krebsbach (Carol Girardi)

**Fri, April 24, 8:30 a.m. – St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen**

For my protection, health and for the work our Lord wants  
me to do (Anthony Bronson)

**Sat, April 25, 10:00 a.m. – St. Mark (Greater Litanies)**

For my Alabama benefactors (Fr. Oswalt)

**Sun, April 26, 10:00 a.m. – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Easter**

For the poor souls (Ines Wagner)

“When you are before the altar where Christ reposes, you ought no longer to think that you are amongst men; but believe that there are troops of angels and archangels standing by you, and trembling with respect before the sovereign Master of Heaven and earth. Therefore, when you are in church, be there in silence, fear, and veneration.” --- *St. John Chrysostom (347 – 407)*

## **PREPARATION FOR TOTAL CONSECRATION**

For those that would like to take their Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary according to the method taught by St. Louis Marie de Montfort, the feast of Our Lady's Queenship would be an excellent opportunity to do so. This year the feast is transferred to June 1st, because Trinity Sunday falls on May 31st. You would therefore begin the 33-day preparation on April 29th.

## **FEAST OF ST. LOUIS MARIE DE MONTFORT, APR. 28**

This great saint, author of the book True Devotion to Mary, is a special patron of the Congregation of Mary Immaculate Queen (C.M.R.I. "Congregatio Mariae Reginae Immaculatae.") You are highly encouraged to read this book and the others that he wrote, including Friends of the Cross.

## **EASTER DUTY**

All Catholics are obliged under pain of mortal sin to receive Holy Communion worthily at least once during Easter time. Ideally, this takes place between Palm Sunday and Low Sunday, a two-week span. In the United States, however, concession was made so that the Easter Duty could be fulfilled any time between the 1st Sunday of Lent (February 22nd) and Trinity Sunday (May 31st).

## **BE INFORMED! CATECHISM CLASS!**

Next Catechism Class will be on Wednesday April 22 at 6:00 p.m.

## **HOLY HOUR WITH EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION ON WEDNESDAY'S**

Next Holy Hour will be on Wednesday April 22 at 7:00 p.m.

## **PARISH SICK**

Please pray for these parishioners who are greatly ailing and in need of your prayers: Al & Joyce Stolpa.

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

Please be patient for Mass intentions as it may take until June to be able to offer those intentions.

## **Consoling Thoughts (St. Francis de Sales)**

### **God looks Upon Us Lovingly, Notwithstanding Our Weakness**

You ask me whether Our Lord thinks of you and whether He looks upon you with love. Yes, He thinks of you, and not only of you, but of the least hair of your head. This is an article of faith. We cannot doubt it. I know well indeed that you do not doubt it, but only express, as you have done the dryness, aridity, and insensibility in which you ate present find your soul. *Truly God is in this place, and I knew it not*, said Jacob; that is to say, I had no sentiment of it, it did not appear so to me.

And that God looks upon you with love you have no reason to doubt, for He looks upon the most dreadful sinners in the world lovingly when they have the least true desire to be converted to Him. Tell me, do you not intend to belong to God? Do you not desire to serve Him faithfully? And who gave you this desire, this intention, unless Himself in His loving regard for you?

To examine whether your heart pleases Him is not necessary, but rather whether His heart pleases you. And if you look upon His heart, it is impossible but that it will please you, for it is a Heart most sweet, most kind, most condescending, most gracious towards miserable creatures, provided that they acknowledge their misery. And who will not love this royal Heart, so full of tenderness for us?

You remark very well that these temptations happen to you because your heart is without tenderness towards God; for it is quite true that if you had tenderness, you would have consolation, and if you had consolation, you would no longer be in pain. But the love of God does not consist in consolation nor in tenderness, for if it did, then Our Lord would not have loved His Father when He said even to death and cried out: *My Father, my Father, why hast Thou abandoned me?* And still it was at that moment He made the greatest act of love which it is possible to conceive.

We would always like to have a little consolation, a little sugar in our tea, that is to say, the feeling of love and tenderness, and consequently consolation; and in like manner we would much wish to be without imperfections; but we must have patience to belong to human nature, and not to angelic nature. Our imperfections ought not to please us; on the contrary, we should say with the holy Apostle: *Oh, miserable me! Who will deliver me from this body of death?* But they ought not to astonish, or to take away our courage; we ought even to derive submission, humility, and distrust of ourselves from them, but not discouragement, not affliction of heart, much less doubtfulness of God's love towards us. Thus, as the weakness and infirmity of a child displease its mother, yet she does not cease to love it, but cherishes it with tenderness and compassion, so God, while He approves not of our imperfections and venial sins, does not cease to love us tenderly; hence David had reason to say to God: *Have pity on me, O Lord, for I am weak.*

But enough: live joyful; Our Lord looks upon you with love, and with so much the more tenderness as you are the more feeble. Never permit your mind willingly to entertain thoughts to the contrary; and when they come, regard them not, turn your eyes away from their iniquity, and have recourse to God with a courageous humility, to speak to Him of His ineffable goodness by which He loves us, poor, abject, and miserable as we are.

Alas! What obligations we are under to Our Lord, and how much confidence we should have that what His mercy has begun in us it will accomplish, and that He will give such increase to this little vessel of oil, the good-will we have, that all our vessels will be filled with it, and many others belonging to our neighbors too! But we must close the door of our chamber fast, that is, retire along with our heart more and more into the divine goodness.