

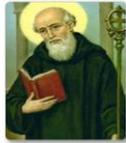
St. Benedict's Traditional Catholic Church

1139 U. S. 231
Laceys Spring, Alabama 35754

Roman Catholic

Traditional Latin Mass

The Religious Congregation of Mary Immaculate Queen (CMRI)
Bishop Mark Pivarunas 402-571-4404 www.cmri.org



BAPTISM: Please see Father to inform need of Baptism. There is a form to fill out prior to the Baptism. Reminder: Novus Ordo & non-practicing Catholics cannot serve as godparents, since they lack the intention of seeing to the traditional Catholic upbringing of children. Baptisms should take place within a month after birth. A grave reason is needed to delay it beyond then.

PENANCE:	Sunday	9:00 a.m. – 9:55 a.m.
	Wednesday	7:25 p.m. – 7:50 p.m.
	Saturday	9:30 a.m. – 9:55 a.m.
		4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
	1 st Friday	5:15 p.m. – 5:55 p.m.
	Holy Day	30 minutes before Mass

MATRIMONY: For practicing traditional Catholics only. Contact the priest at least 6 months before the wedding date for marriage instructions. The best man and maid of honor of the marriage should be Catholics, since they are the official witnesses to the Sacrament of Matrimony.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK: Please contact and arrange with Father if a sick call is needed. If anyone is in danger of death, please call Father **IMMEDIATELY!** for **Extreme Unction or Last Rites.**

CONFIRMATION: Will be conferred by Bishop Pivarunas upon request. Please let Father know of the need for youth or adults who may need, so as to begin preparation and to put in a request for a visit by Bishop Pivarunas.

HOLY ORDERS: Please see Father if a man feels a calling towards the priesthood and would like information or a woman feels called to the religious life.

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April 3, 2016

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DRESS CODE FOR CMRI CHAPELS

Out of respect for the Blessed Sacrament, and in keeping with Christian modesty, please observe the following standards of dress:

Women and girls—A suitable hat or veil should be used, that covers at least the crown of the head (I Cor. 11:5, 6, 10). No slacks, no sleeveless, revealing, or low-cut clothing (the Marylike Crusade's standard is that a dress be not cut more than two fingers' width below pit of throat). Dresses & skirts should cover knees when you are standing or sitting, and not have long slits in them. Strapless or spaghetti-strap clothing is always sinfully immodest and should never be worn. Please avoid "straight skirts" as well, since they are usually form-fitting and tight.

Men and boys—Suit coat and tie, dress slacks, or other formal attire. Jeans, shorts, "flip-flops," and other casual attire are inappropriate for church! Be sure to also avoid clothing with logos and/or large lettering, as these can be quite distracting. We welcome all our guests and visitors, and encourage you to read the blue pamphlet "Welcome to the Traditional Latin Mass" (available in the vestibule). It explains why we must completely avoid the modern Mass and liturgies introduced since Vatican II.

Mass Schedule for the week of April 3rd

Sun, April 3, 10:00 a.m. – Low Sunday

John Dumbacher, Sr. (Rita Dumbacher)

Mon, April 4, 11:00 a.m. – Annunciation BVM

11:00 a.m. Hueytown, AL Funeral Mass for Timothy Crain

Tues, April 5, 8:30 a.m. – St. Vincent Ferrer

Lorrie Ochoa & family (N. Knight)

Wed, April 16, 8:30 a.m. – Feria

Mick & Tim Teich family (N. Knight)

Thurs, April 7, MASS IN GEORGIA – Feria

Private Intention (Knight)

Fri, April 8, 6:00 p.m. – Feria

Clara House (Knight)

Sat, April 9, 10:00 a.m. – BVM Saturday

Cooper Hines (Knight)

Sun, April 10, 10:00 a.m. – 2nd Sunday after Easter

RIP Viola M. Kranich (Mr. & Mrs. Sam Liburdi)

“Remember, confrater, it is the spirit that counts. The spirit in which you do a thing is far more important than what you accomplish. God does not need you. In one instant with His divine power He can accomplish more than you can achieve in a whole lifetime. But He sees fit to take your poor efforts as the measure of your love for Him. It is not so much what you do, as the reason why.” **Spiritual director to St. Gabriel of our Lady of Sorrows (1838 – 1862)**

FUNERAL

Tim Crain, the brother of Marguerite Crain, will be having a Funeral Requiem Mass on Monday, April 4, at 11:00 am. It will be at the Brooks Family Funeral Home, 2885 Allison-Bonnett Memorial Dr., Hueytown, AL 35023. It's a little SW of Birmingham. Any parishioner is welcome to attend.

FRIDAY MASS

Due to travel to Tennessee and Georgia this Thursday and Friday, Mass will be at 6:00 p.m. here in Alabama on Friday.

VISIT FAMILY IN MAY

I am looking to try to go visit my family who I haven't seen in 5 years for a few days in May. I hope to be able to go to my dentist and my eye doctor as it is long overdue as well whilst I am there. I would be gone from a Monday through Saturday if I can swing it. I will have more of an idea in the next coming weeks if this will be a possibility.

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 14th) and Trinity Sunday (May 22nd).

SUNDAY CATECHISM

Sunday catechism is today after Mass in the choir room. Next Sunday catechism will be next Sunday April 10.

EVENING CATECHISM RETURNS!

Next catechism class is this Wednesday, April 6 at 6:00 p.m.

FATHER'S TRAVELS

April 7 – April 8 Tennessee catechism; Georgia Mass & Sacraments

April 11 – April 13 Florida visit with Fr. Francis Miller; Louisiana Mass & Sacraments

April 17 – April 18 Kentucky Mass & Sacraments

April 24 – April 25 Mississippi Mass & Sacraments

April 28 – April 29 Tennessee catechism; Georgia Mass & Sacraments

HOLY HOUR WITH EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION ON WEDNESDAY'S

Next Holy Hour is this Wednesday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Sanctuary Meditations (Fr. Baltasar Gracian, S.J.) published in 1669 On Communicating with the Freedom of St. Thomas, who Touched the Side of Christ

Contemplate this Apostle, how from his singularity he lost the Divine favor, and was cast out from all the community; for he who separates himself from the company of the good usually remains alone. In him faith had become tepid, and his charity had grown cold; he passed from tepidity into incredulity; for he who does not climb from virtue to virtue goes on slipping and being tossed from sin to sin. Blinded was Thomas in his soul because he saw not the resuscitated Sun in the red appearances of His beauteous wounds; he disbelieved their presence in His Master's body, and opened them in himself;

he sought comfort for his short happiness, and for not having enjoyed the Lord's visit, through his little faith in not believing that He was risen. How bad a disposition was this for inducing Christ to repeat His favors! He little esteems those wounds who thus renews their pains, not remarking that he opens them wider the more he denies them.

Oh, my soul! How your tepidity competes with that of Thomas! Would that it did not exceed it! What bad preparation is yours for meriting today the visit of the Lord! If there He was a risen Christ, here He is sacramented; and while others are enjoying the fruits of peace, you remain in the war of the spirit. Enkindle your faith, animate your hope, and inflame your charity by fervent prayer.

The Lord compassionating the incredulity of Thomas, after proving him for eight days in order to purify his desires, deigns to favor him in company with his brethren, for it mattered little that the doors of the Supper Chamber should be closed, when those of His wounds were so wide open, and His side so gashed. He enters into the midst of the Apostles as the Center where all hearts were to rest; He fixes His eyes on Thomas so as to open those of his soul; He bids him come near, because, having been so far from the Divine fire, his spirit had become frozen; and He tells him to bring hither his hand, a sign that He had not ceased to hold him in His hand. "Put in thy finger into My side, and probe it, even until it reaches the Heart, for with its fire it will melt the ice of thy tepidity." Ponder on the Redeemer's great mercy, Who to save souls receives His wounds again, and today to heal an Apostle renews those wounds. To tepid, cold Thomas He reveals them, yet to the fervent Magdalen He had denied them, gentleness being for the weak, and trials for the strong.

Advert, soul, that you have within this Host the same Christ Who was so gloriously wounded. Listen to what He is telling you: "Approach to Me, receive and touch Me, no longer with thy fingers, but with thy lips; not with thy hands, but with thy loving tongue, and in thy enamored heart. Prove thy palate, and taste the savor of these wounds; seal those thirsty lips on the flowing fountain of My open side, satisfy the thirst of thy desires in this well-spring of consolations." Animate your faith, and appreciate your happiness, for if Thomas attained to put his finger into the side of the Lord, here Christ, whole and entire, enters into your bosom. Do not lose this occasion; touch every one of His wounds, prizing such advantageous favors.

Closing Hymn after Mass: The Strife Is O'er

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

1. The strife is o'er, the battle done;
Now is the Victor's triumph won;
O let the song of praise be sung:
Alleluia!

2. Death thought His pow'r fore'er brought down,
Yet Jesus doth all hell confound;
Let voice of laud and joy resound:
Alleluia!

3. On the third morn He rose again,
Glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain:
Alleluia!