

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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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 August 30th

Sun, August 30, 10:00 a.m. – 14th Sunday after Pentecost (St. Rose of Lima)
Gregorian Mass #30 RIP Teresa Joan Magerl (Mary Onstott)

Mon, August 31, 8:30 a.m. – St. Raymond Nonnatus
For my protection, health & for the work our Lord wants me to do (Anthony Bronson)

Tues, September 1, 8:30 a.m. – Feria (St. Giles)
Holy Souls (Knight)

Wed, September 2, 8:30 a.m. – St. Stephen
Holy Souls (Knight)

Thurs, September 3, 8:30 a.m. – St. Pius X
Special Intention, for the Poor Souls (N. Knight)

Fri, September 4, 6:00 p.m. – Feria (St. Rose of Viterbo) (FIRST FRIDAY)
Special Intention, for the Poor Souls (N. Knight)

Sat, September 5, 10:00 a.m. – BVM Saturday (FIRST SATURDAY)
Special Intention, for the Poor Souls (N. Knight)

Sun, September 6 – 15th Sunday after Pentecost (St. Eleutherius)
10:00 a.m. Alabama Tyler Knight & Molly Hines (CJ Knight)
6:00 p.m. Mississippi Private Intention

"It is not a sin to possess riches; but it is sinful to set our heart upon them with eagerness, to place our happiness in them, or to employ unlawful means to acquire them." *St. John Baptist de la Salle (1651 – 1719)*

FIRST FRIDAY/FIRST SATURDAY

This Friday is First Friday. Please note that Mass is at 6:00 p.m. This Saturday is First Saturday.

CATECHISM RETURNS!

Beginning Wednesday Sept. 23 (a week later than previous mentioned because of Louisiana catechism trip) catechism class will resume. This series of classes will focus on Apologetics (including basic catechism), Church History and the Mass and Sacraments. Format for Wednesday's will be 6:00 – 6:50 catechism class; 7:00 – 8:00 Holy Hour: Exposition, Rosary, Confessions, Benediction, Reposition.

FATHER'S TRAVELS

Sunday, Sept. 6 – Monday, Sept. 7, Mass and Sacraments in Mississippi. Will leave after Sunday Mass here. I will be travelling to Louisiana for a catechism and Sacrament trip for families down there from Tuesday, Sept. 15 through Friday, Sept. 18. I would leave after Mass here on that Tuesday and be back in parish late that Friday night. Mass and catechism 2 night trip to Tennessee and Georgia will be late September.

HOLY HOUR WITH EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION ON WEDNESDAY'S

Next Holy Hour will be this Wednesday September 2 at 7:00 p.m.

MASS INTENTIONS

Please be patient and no murmuring for the offering of Mass intentions as it may take until November to be able to offer those intentions. I have offered my help to try and get two of the large parishes "out of the backlog" for their own Mass intentions.

The Little Catechism of the Cure of Ars (St. John Vianney) **Catechism on Grace**

Can we, of our own strength, avoid sin, and practice virtue? No, my children, we can do nothing without the grace of God: that is an article of faith; Jesus Christ Himself taught it to us. See, the Church thinks, and all the saints have thought with her, that grace is absolutely necessary to us, and that without it we can neither believe, nor hope, nor love, nor do penance for our sins. St. Paul, whose piety was not counterfeit, assures us, on his part, that we cannot of ourselves even pronounce the name of Jesus in a manner that can gain merit for Heaven. As the earth can produce nothing unless it is fertilized by the sun, so we can do no good without the grace of the good God.

Grace, my children, is a supernatural assistance which leads us to do good; for example, there is a sinner who goes into a church and hears an instruction: the preacher speaks of Hell, of the severity of the judgments of God; he feels himself interiorly urged to be converted; this interior impulse is what is called grace. See, my children, it is the good God taking that sinner by the hand, and wishing to teach him to walk. We are like little children: we do not know how to walk on the road to Heaven: we stagger, we fall, unless the hand of the good God is always ready to support us. O my children! How good is the good God! If we would think of all that He has done, of all that He still does every day for us, we should not be able to offend Him – we should love Him with all our heart; but we do not think of it, that is the reason....The angels sin, and are cast into Hell. Man sins, and God promises him a Deliverer. What have we done to deserve this favor? What have we done to deserve to be born in the Catholic religion, while so many souls are every day lost in other religions? What have we done to deserve to be baptized, while so many little children in France, as well as in China and America, die without Baptism?

What have we done to deserve the pardon of all the sins that we commit after the age of reason, while so many are deprived of the Sacrament of Penance?

O my children! St. Augustine says, and it is very true, that God seeks in us what deserves that He should abandon us, and finds it; and that He seeks what would make us worthy of His gifts, and finds nothing, because, in fact, there is nothing in us – we are nothing but ashes and sin. All our merit, my children, consists in cooperating with grace. See, my children, a beautiful flower has no beauty nor brilliancy without the sun; for during the night it is all withered and drooping. When the sun rises in the morning, it suddenly revives and expands. It is the same with our soul, in regard to Jesus Christ, the true Sun of justice; it has no interior beauty but through sanctifying grace. In order to receive this grace, my children, our soul must turn to the good God by a sincere conversion: we must open our hearts to Him by an act of faith and love. As the sun alone cannot make a flower expand if it is already dead, so the grace of the good God cannot bring us back to life if we will not abandon sin.

God speaks to us, without ceasing, by His good inspirations; He sends us good thoughts, good desires. In youth, in old age, in all the misfortunes of life, He exhorts us to receive His grace, and what use do we make of His warnings? At this moment, even, are we cooperating rightly with grace? Are we not shutting the door of our heart against it? Consider that the good God will one day call you to account for what you have heard today; woe to you, if you stifle the cry that is rising from the depths of your conscience! We are in prosperity, we live in the midst of pleasures, all puffed up with pride; our heart is of ice towards the good God. It is a ball of copper, which the waters of grace cannot penetrate; it is a tree which receives the gentle dew, and bears no more fruit.... Let us be on our guard, my children; let us take care not to be unfaithful to grace. The good God leaves us free to choose life or death; if we choose death, we shall be cast into the fire, and we must burn forever with the devils. Let us ask pardon of God for having hitherto abused the graces He has given us, and let us humbly pray Him to grant us more.

Closing hymn after Mass: O God Almighty Father

1. O God almighty Father,
Creator of all things,
The heavens stand in wonder
While earth Thy glory sings

3. O God, the Holy Spirit,
Who lives within our souls,
Send forth Thy light and lead us
To our eternal goal.

Refrain:

O most Holy Trinity,
Undivided Unity;
Holy God, Mighty God,
God Immortal, be adored.

2. O Jesus, Word Incarnate,
Redeemer most adored,
All glory, praise and honor
Be Thine, our Sov'reign Lord