

# St. Benedict's Traditional Catholic Church

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Laceys Spring, Alabama 35754

Roman Catholic

Traditional Latin Mass

**The Religious Congregation of Mary Immaculate Queen (CMRI)**

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**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.

<b>PENANCE:</b>	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 <sup>st</sup> 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.

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**December 10, 2017** Church Website: [st-benedict-hsv.org](http://st-benedict-hsv.org)

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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.

**ANYONE WHO ADHERES TO THE DOCTRINES OF FR. FEENEY IS BARRED FROM RECEIVING THE SACRAMENTS IN THIS CHAPEL.** In the 1940's, Fr. Leonard Feeney S.J. promoted the heresy that there was no such thing as baptism of blood and baptism of desire. Fr. Feeney's teaching is contrary to the Universal Ordinary Magisterium of the Catholic Church. It was condemned in 1949 by the Holy Office. All Catholics are bound under pain of mortal sin to give assent to the teachings of the Holy Office. A number of lay people mistakenly adhere to this heresy, falsely thinking it is the teaching of the Catholic Church.

## Mass Schedule for the week of December 10<sup>th</sup>

**Sun, December 10, 10:00 a.m. – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**10:00 a.m. Alabama** RIP Richard & Evelyn Schroeder (Stephanie Schroeder)

**6:00 p.m. Tennessee** Private Intention (Fr. Oswald)

**Mon, December 11, 8:30 a.m. – Advent Feria (St. Damasus)**

RIP Al Stolpa (Joyce Stolpa)

**Tues, December 12, MASS IN LOUISIANA – Our Lady Of Guadalupe**

RIP Al Stolpa (Joyce Stolpa)

**Wed, December 13, MASS IN LOUISIANA – St. Lucy**

Pour Souls in Purgatory (Elberta Phillips)

**Thurs, December 14, 8:30 a.m. – Advent Feria**

In honor of the BVM & for Bishop Sanborn's health (Joey Phillips)

**Fri, December 15, 8:30 a.m. – Advent Feria**

In honor of the BVM & Holy Souls (Joey Phillips)

**Sat, December 16, 10:00 a.m. – Advent Feria (St. Eusebius)**

In honor of the BVM & for Fr. Selway's episcopal consecration (Joey Phillips)

**Sun, December 17, 10:00 a.m. – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**10:00 a.m. Alabama** Gary & Beth Mocko & family (Stephanie Schroeder)

**6:30 p.m. Kentucky** For the Knight family & their special intentions (Knight)

"Mary was given to the world as an aqueduct, by which God's graces incessantly flow to the earth. What honor, what love does not our Lord oblige us to render her He has filled her with the plenitude of all good in such a way that, if we have some chance of salvation, we have it all from Mary." *St. Bernard (1090 – 1153)*

## **ST. NICHOLAS VISIT TO THE CHILDREN**

The annual visit of St. Nicholas to the little ones will take place after Mass today. Parents, have your children be ready to tell St. Nicholas the good deeds they are doing to prepare their hearts for Jesus' birthday!

## **CHRISTMAS POINSETTAS**

If you would like to have a Christmas Poinsettia on the altars or side shrines as a memorial to one or more departed loved ones, be sure to include their names along with your donation in an envelope and put in collection basket (PLEASE PRINT SO THAT WE CAN CORRECTLY SPELL THE NAMES!) Suggested donation is \$15 to cover cost of plant. Their names will be published in the Christmas bulletin.

## **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

The faithful who devoutly visit an image of the Virgin Mother of God of Guadalupe exposed in some church or public oratory, on any of the five preceding Sundays before her feast (Dec. 12) can gain a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions, i.e. Confession, Communion, prayer for the intentions of the Church (one Our Father, Hail Mary & Glory be).

## **FATHER'S TRAVELS**

**December 10** Tennessee Mass & Sacraments

**December 12 – December 13** Louisiana Mass & Sacraments

**December 17 – December 18** Kentucky Mass & Sacraments

**December 19 – December 23** Illinois Mass & Sacraments

**December 25 – December 26** Mississippi Mass & Sacraments

## **NEXT CATECHISM CLASSES**

Adult catechism – **Wednesday, January 3 at 6:00 p.m.**

Children's catechism – **Sunday, December 17 after Mass**

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

Next Holy Hour will be on Wednesday, **Jan. 3 at 7:00 p.m.**

## **PROSPECTIVE CONVERTS**

Anyone who is seeking to convert to the Catholic Church, please see Father to set up personal catechism teachings and begin the Catechumen process.

### **Half Hours with the Saints & Servants of God (1882)**

**The Immaculate Conception & the Name of Mary (Le Pere D'Argentan, (Capuchin) & Le Pere De La Colombiere, S.J.)**

There is something in Mary, which moves and affects me much more than this privilege of having been exempt from original sin—something which adds additional lustre to this first prerogative. Mary received this grace from the very first moment of her conception; it was a wondrous gift; but what appears to me to be still more wonderful, is, that she kept this grace, until the last moment of her life, as pure, as entire, as when she first received it—no sin, no imperfection, no weakness, no surprise, have ever done her harm.

It is a wonder to see water springing from the bosom of the earth as clear, as fresh, as if it fell from heaven; but it is a thing unheard of, that this same water from the well, after having bedewed the fields and dirty places, should flow at last into the sea, without a taint of smell, as unpolluted, as when it issued from the spring.

This is, however, what our Blessed Lady has done. She lived in this valley of tears for more than sixty years — this, too, in the midst of the same sins and occasions of sins, which corrupt daily even innocent souls—without ever losing the purity of her heart. Her humility and patience were put to proofs without a parallel, and she gained fresh lustre from every trial. The Holy Ghost gave her the preference among the many virgins without losing her honor; she had her joys, but she had her dolours too, and through these, she never lost for a single moment, the peace and tranquillity of her soul.

Let us contrast ourselves with this holy and immaculate Mother. She received grace with life, and, what is more glorious still, she kept it intact until she died.

And we, alas! have been conceived and brought into the world in sin; and we have received the grace of the Sacrament of Baptism, which made us friends of God.

But, what is more lamentable, we lose the benefit of this grace, almost as soon as we have received it, and then pass the remainder of our days, in the dread uncertainty of forgiveness. For it must be confessed, to our shame, that we for the most part remain in a state of grace so long as we are unacquainted with sin.

It seems to me that there may be a contradiction between innocence and reason, and that they may clash together, unless they are kept asunder.

WHO is it who, having loved and honored the holy name of Mary, has not experienced what St Ephrem has written on it with so much fervor? That it is really the heavenly star which shines through the surrounding darkness; how often has it not made us think more of God and our duties; that it is truly the harbor of refuge, wherein those who are threatened with danger can take shelter therein. How often, when violently tempted by the evil one, have we not been strengthened by invoking the name of Mary; for is not Mary the *Federis Arca* and our *Mediatrix*?

Many and many a time has not Mary, through her powerful intercession, made our peace with God, whom we have so often offended by our repeated falls, that she is the help of the afflicted and the consolation of the wretched? We could fill volumes, were we to quote instances of all those who, finding themselves wellnigh wrecked with sadness and grief, have found a safe port by invoking the name of Mary. Would you see people constantly crowding to places which are consecrated to God under this holy name, if they did not find that those who invoke it, are relieved from all human miseries?

And why should not this holy name be so salutary, since it is so nearly allied to the Savior? Whosoever speaks of Mary speaks of the Mother of the Redeemer, speaks of a priceless treasure, which encloses within itself the infinite wealth of the Father of mercies, and the remedy for every ill. God wishes that these graces should come through Mary, and He has made her *Mediatrix Nostra*^ our *Mediatrix*. Would you, then, know what a host of graces are enclosed in the name of Mary, look what a treasure of heavenly riches, God has enclosed in her chaste womb.

### **Closing Hymn after Mass: On Jordan's Bank**

1. On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake and hearken for he brings  
Glad tidings of the King of Kings.

2. Then cleansed be ev'ry heart from sin;  
Make straight the way of God within;  
Oh, let us all our hearts prepare  
For Christ to come and enter there.

3. To heal the sick stretch out Thine hand,  
And bid the fallen sinner stand;  
Shine forth, and let Thy light restore  
Earth's own true loveliness once more.

4. All praise, eternal Son to Thee,  
Whose advent sets Thy people free;  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Ghost forever more.