

St. Benedict's Traditional Catholic Church

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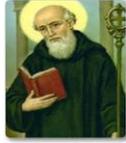
Laceys Spring, Alabama 35754

Roman Catholic

Traditional Latin Mass

The Religious Congregation of Mary Immaculate Queen (CMRI)

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.

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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 11th

Sun, Dec. 11, 10:00 a.m. – 3rd Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. Alabama For our parents living and deceased (Anonymous)

6:00 p.m. Tennessee Private intention (Fr. Oswalt)

Mon, Dec. 12, 8:30 a.m. – Our Lady of Guadalupe

In honor of the Holy Family & the needs & intentions of the Wayne Pivarunas Family (Wayne Pivarunas)

Tues, Dec. 13, MASS IN LOUISIANA – St. Lucy

In honor of the Holy Family & the needs & intentions of the Wayne Pivarunas family (Wayne Pivarunas)

Wed, Dec. 14, MASS IN LOUISIANA – Ember Wednesday

In honor of the Holy Family and for the needs & intentions of the Wayne Pivarunas family (Wayne Pivarunas)

Thurs, Dec. 15, 8:30 a.m. – Advent FERIA

For our parish's spiritual & temporal needs (Anonymous)

Fri, Dec. 16, 8:30 a.m. – Ember Friday (St. Eusebius)

For our children & godchildren (Anonymous)

Sat, Dec. 17, 10:00 a.m. – Ember Saturday

RIP Elmer H. Winter (Victoria Vaillancourt)

Sun, Dec. 18, 10:00 a.m. – 4th Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. Alabama RIP Walter Kotylo (Linda Gardner)

6:00 p.m. Mississippi Private Intention (Fr. Oswalt)

“There is something in humility that strangely exalts the heart.” *St. Augustine*
(354 – 430)

EMBER DAYS: THIS WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

The Ember Days are set aside four times each year as special days of prayer and penance. Those 21 through 59 years of age are obliged to keep the fast (one main meal only, taken after noon, and two other small meatless meals which together would not equal a regular main meal. Eating between meals is not permitted.). Those 7 years of age and older are obliged to observe partial abstinence (meat only at the main meal) on Wednesday and Saturday, and complete abstinence on Friday. The purpose of the Ember Days' prayer and penance is (1) To consecrate each of the Four Seasons of the year; (2) To beg of God the preservation of the fruits of the earth; (3) To thank Him for those already given us; (4) And to beseech Him to give good priests to His Church, the usual days for ordaining priests being the Ember Saturdays.

POINSETTIAS FLOWERS FOR THE CHAPEL

If you would like to have a Christmas Poinsettia on the altar or side shrines of the saints as a memorial to one or more departed loved ones, be sure to include their names along with your donation and your name in an envelope (\$15 donation is minimum to cover the cost of the poinsettia) (PLEASE PRINT SO THAT I CAN CORRECTLY SPELL THE NAMES!). Their names will be published in the Christmas bulletin and their names will be left on the altar as a special remembrance at Mass for the Christmas Season.

FATHER'S TRAVELS

December 11 – Tennessee Mass and Sacraments

December 12 – December 14 Florida/Louisiana Mass and Sacraments

December 18 – December 19 Mississippi Mass and Sacraments

December 26 – December 31 Fr. Oswalt vacation

January 5 – January 6 Tennessee catechism/Georgia Mass

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CATECHISM

Next Catechism class will be on Wednesday, Dec. 21 at **6:00 p.m.**

HOLY HOUR WITH EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION ON WEDNESDAY'S

Next Holy Hour will be on Wednesday, Dec. 21 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.

How to Be Happy, How to Be Holy (Fr. Paul O'Sullivan) 1943

The Hail Mary

Our thoughts when saying the Hail Mary: When saying the Hail Mary we are repeating to Our Lady the very words of the Archangel St. Gabriel; we are giving her the message he brought her from the Holy Trinity, we are offering her anew all the joys and graces, the immense ocean of happiness that she received at the moment when she became Mother of God.

Our words give her the most intense joy. She hears them with a pleasure like to that which she heard them when they first fell from the lips of the angel.

Our Lord once said to St. Francis, “Francis, give Me something, give Me your love, your heart!” The Saint replied, “I can give You nothing, Lord, for I have already given You all I have, all that I am.” Our Lord replied, “Give it to Me again Francis, and I will receive it with the same joy as when you gave it first.”

So we, too, can offer to the sweet Mother of God, again and again, the joys, the graces she received when she was made Mother of God.

Mary is our Mother, a thousand times more our Mother than our earthly mother. It is the joy, the desire of a mother to give all she can to her children.

Let us offer her, each time we say the Hail Mary, all the wonderful joys and graces of the Annunciation, and lest us ask her to give us in exchange a share, a great share, of the happiness and joys she then received.

Secondly: when we say the Hail Mary let us say with special attention the words: “Pray for us sinners, now and *at the hour of our death.*”

If we beg Our Lady all the thousands of times that we say the Hail Mary the grace of a happy death, she will surely be with us at that awful hour; she will surely drive the devil from our sides; she will surely, too, take us in her maternal arms and offer us to her Divine Son.

In the past we may have said these words without meaning, without emphasis. In the future let us say them with all our hearts and with unlimited confidence in the love of Mary, for she is in truth our dearest Mother.

St. Gertrude tells us that when we pray to God and thank Him for the graces He has given to any saint, we are clothed, as it were, with the merits of that saint. And these merits are given us with so much love that they will be a cause of exceeding great joy to us for all eternity. And when we pray to any saint to obtain for us a happy death, God appoints that saint to be our special advocate to get us all we need.

What merits then may we not expect and what a most happy death will not be ours if we say frequently and devoutly the Hail Mary in honor of God’s holy Mother.

The merit of even one Hail Mary is so great that, as we saw, the holy Suarez was ready to give all the great works he had written in exchange for the merit of one Hail Mary. **(Continued next Sunday)**

Closing Hymn after Mass: Like the Dawning

1. Like the dawning of the morning
On the mountains golden heights,
Like the breaking of the moonbeams
On the gloom of cloudy nights,
Like a secret told by angels
Getting known upon the earth,
Is the Mother’s expectation
Of Messiah’s speedy birth.

2. Thou wert happy blessed Mother,
With the very bliss of Heav’n,
Since the angel’s salutation
In thy raptured ear was given;
Since the Ave of that midnight
When thou wert anointed Queen,
Like a river overflowing
Hath the grace within thee been.