

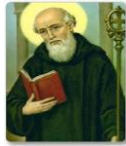
St. Benedict's Traditional Catholic Church

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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December 13, 2015

Church Website: st-benedict-hsv.org

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 December 13th

Sun, December 13, 10:00 a.m. – 3rd Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. Alabama For my protection, health & for the work our Lord wants me to do (Anthony Bronson)

6:30 p.m. Kentucky RIP Howard & Isabelle Earp (Steve Osterhaus)

Mon, December 14, MASS IN KENTUCKY – Advent Feria

Intentions of Rev. Mother M. Agnes (Sr. Mary Laboure)

Tues, December 15, 6:00 p.m. – Advent Feria

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

Wed, December 16, 8:30 a.m. – Ember Wednesday (St. Eusebius)

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

Thurs, December 17, 8:30 a.m. – Advent Feria

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

Fri, December 18, 8:30 a.m. – Ember Friday

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

Sat, December 19, 10:00 a.m. – Ember Saturday

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

Sun, December 20, – 4th Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. Alabama In honor of the Holy Family & the needs & intentions of the Wayne Pivarunas family (Wayne Pivarunas)

6:00 p.m. Mississippi For Fr. Oswalt (Steve Osterhaus)

"Do not try to please everybody. Try to please God, the angels, and the saints – *they* are your public." *St. John Vianney (1786 – 1859).*

EMBER DAYS THIS WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

This Wednesday, Friday and Saturday are Ember Days for the Church. These days are set aside by Holy Mother Church as days of extra penance and prayer, especially for vocations to the priesthood. Wednesday and Saturday are days of fast and partial abstinence while Friday is a day of fast and complete abstinence.

MASS ON TUESDAY

Mass on Tuesday will be at **6:00 p.m.** as I will be making extra visits in Kentucky on Monday and Tuesday and will return to the parish here by 4 p.m.

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIA'S

If you would like to have a Christmas Poinsettia on the altar or side shrines as a memorial to one or more departed loved ones, be sure to include their names along with your donation (PLEASE PRINT SO THAT WE CAN CORRECTLY SPELL THE NAMES!). A minimum donation of \$15 is requested for these Christmas Flower memorials. Their names will be published in the Christmas bulletin.

CATECHISM RETURNS!

Next catechism class will be next Wednesday, December 16 at 6:00 p.m.

FATHER'S TRAVELS

December 13 – December 15 Kentucky Mass & Sacraments

December 20 – December 21 Mississippi Mass & Sacraments

HOLY HOUR WITH EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION ON WEDNESDAY'S

Next Holy Hour will be this Wednesday December 16 at 7:00 p.m.

MASS INTENTIONS

Due to the influx of Mass intentions the soonest opening for any more intentions is not until **MARCH**. Intentions will be written down in the order received.

Consoling Thoughts of St. Francis de Sales (St. Francis de Sales) **The Love Of Jesus In His Incarnation**

The love of God is always inseparably united with the love of the neighbor, and according as we love God, we likewise love our neighbor; hence, the love of Jesus Christ towards His Father being infinite, His love towards men is likewise infinite. To give some certain proofs of it:

From the moment of His holy conception, He loved us with a marvelous love of complacency; for His delights were to be with the children of men and to draw man to Him, becoming man Himself, in order that in His humanity we might be able to approach and see Him with our eyes in heaven, and by faith, here on earth, in the divine sacrament of the Eucharist. He loved us with a love of benevolence, giving His own divinity to man, in such a manner that man became God; He united Himself to us by an incomprehensible junction, in which He adhered and was pressed to our nature so powerfully, indissolubly, and indescribably, that never was anything so closely joined and pressed to humanity as is now the most holy divinity in the person of the Son of God. He poured Himself entirely into us, and, so to speak, dissolved His greatness in order to reduce it to our littleness: whence He is called the fountain of living water, the rain and dew of heaven. He

annihilated Himself, St. Paul says, to arrive at our humanity, to replenish us with His divinity, to overwhelm us with His goodness, to elevate us to His dignity and to bestow on us the divine existence of children of God: He who dwelt in Himself, wishing to dwell henceforward in us; He who was living during ages and ages in the bosom of His Eternal Father, desiring to be made mortal in the womb of His temporal Mother; He who had always been God, becoming man for eternity. Ah! How beautiful to look upon Him, a little infant for us! Certainly we ought with a hundred thousand times more contentment see this dear little infant lying in the crib, than all the potentates of the world sitting on their thrones. This amiable condition of a little infant excites us to love Him confidently, and to confide ourselves lovingly to Him in whom we find all. His poverty and His silence in the manger tell us much greater things than any human eloquence could, and raise within our hearts many holy sentiments and affections – above all, a perfect renunciation of the goods and pomps of this world.

I do not find any other mystery which so happily blends tenderness with austerity, love with rigor, and sweetness with severity.

Let us remain at the feet of this Savior, saying with the spouse in the Canticles: -- “I have found Him whom my soul loveth, I will hold Him, and will not let Him go.” The infant in the crib does not say a word, and His heart, full of ardor for ours, is manifested only by sighs, tears, and sweet glances; but what great things does this silence say to me!

It teaches me to make true mental prayer; it shows me the loving fervor of a heart full of good thoughts, of holy affections: a heart that is afraid to lose their sweetness by expressing them.

During His mortal life, the sweet Jesus never heaved a single sigh towards His Father, in which we had not a share, or entertained a single thought, which was not for our happiness. Though we were iron through hardness, or straw through weakness, we ought to love Him; He is a divine magnet that attracts iron, a celestial amber that attracts straw; in a word, He is the centre of all hearts.

Pronounce often from the depth of your heart the sacred name of the Savior: it will shed a delicious balm through all the powers of your soul. How happy we should be to have nothing in the understanding but Jesus, in the will but Jesus, in the imagination but Jesus! Let us try and pronounce it often and devoutly. May this divine Infant be pleased to bathe our hearts in His blood and to anoint them with His holy name, in order that the good desires which we conceive may be all purpled and perfumed therewith! Let us a thousand times kiss the feet of this savior, and say to Him: my heart, O my God, desires Thee, my eyes see Thee out, I sigh for Thy countenance; that is, let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus Christ to consider Him, our mouth ever ready to praise Him, our whole being athirst to be agreeable to Him.

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.