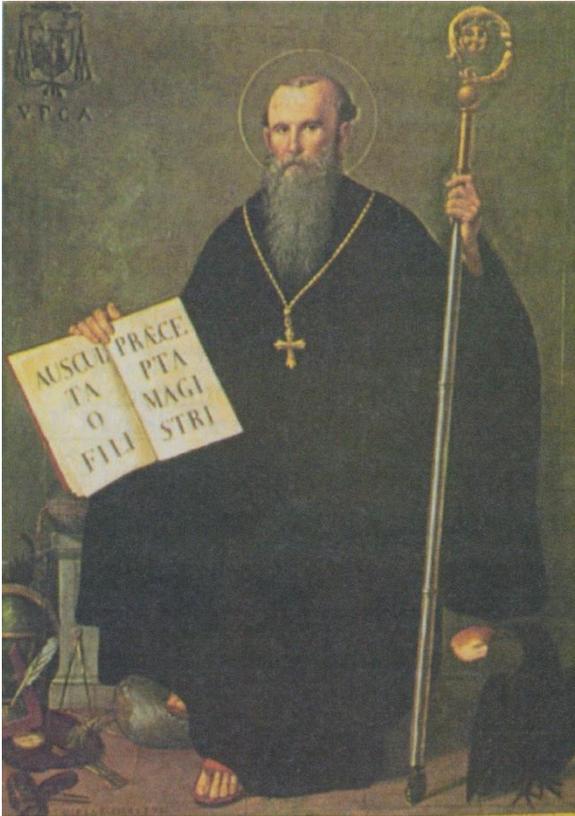


**St. Benedict's
Traditional Catholic Church**

1139 U. S. 231
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Roman Catholic

Traditional Latin Mass



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December 14, 2014

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Mass Schedule for the week of December 14th

Sun, Dec. 14, 10:00 a.m. – 3rd Sunday of Advent

RIP Bernice Laughrin (Vicki Trent)

Mon, Dec. 15, 8:30 a.m. – Advent Feria

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Tues, Dec. 16, 8:30 a.m. – Advent Feria

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Wed, Dec. 17, 8:30 a.m. – Ember Wednesday

RIP Alice Oswalt & Special Intention (Margie Brown)

Thurs, Dec. 18, 8:30 a.m. – Advent Feria

RIP Henry & Mary Anne Bucheger (Margie Brown)

Fri, Dec. 19 – Ember Friday

RIP Leopold & Therese Bucheger (Margie Brown)

MASS IN MISSISSIPPI

Sat, Dec. 20 – Ember Saturday

RIP Matthew & William Bucheger (Margie Brown)

MASS IN MISSISSIPPI

Sun, Dec. 21, 10:00 a.m. – 4th Sunday of Advent

RIP Paul & Florence Bucheger (Margie Brown)

“Kneeling before the tabernacle, I can think of only one thing to say to our Lord: ‘*My God, you know that I love you.*’ And I feel that my prayer does not weary Jesus; knowing my weakness, He is satisfied with my good will.” --- *St. Therese of Lisieux (1873-1897)*

EMBER DAYS

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.

BE INFORMED! CLASSES ON THE NOVUS ORDO

Catechism Class will be this Wednesday, Dec. 17 at 6:00 p.m. Then there will be a couple weeks break for the Christmas Season.

HOLY HOUR WITH EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION EVERY WEDNESDAY

Every Wednesday from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Confessions and Benediction. This will be a weekly devotion, specifically to pray for the spiritual and physical growth of St. Benedict's and in reparation to Our Lord's Sacred Heart for sin.

HOLY GUILDS MEETING

Next Sunday the head of each of the parish guilds will give a brief 1-2 minute address to the parish for information to their members and the parish.

CONFESSIONS

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

FATHER'S TRAVEL

There will be no Mass this Friday AND Saturday in Lacey's Spring, nor Confessions on Saturday, as I will be traveling to Mississippi to offer the Mass and the Sacraments to those faithful there as well as some new ones. In case of emergency, please call my cellphone.

Consoling Thoughts of St. Frances de sales God looks upon us lovingly, notwithstanding our weakness

You ask me whether Our Lord thinks of you and whether He looks upon you with love. Yes, He thinks of you, and not only of you, but of the least hair on your head. This is an article of faith. We cannot doubt it. I know well indeed that you do not doubt it, but only express, as you have done the dryness, aridity, and insensibility in which you at present find in your soul. *Truly God is in this place, and I knew it not*, said Jacob; that is to say, I had no sentiment of it, it did not appear so to me.

And that God looks upon you with love you have no reason to doubt, for He looks upon the most dreadful sinners in the world lovingly when they have the least true desire to be converted to Him. Tell me, do you not intend to belong to God? Do you not desire to serve Him faithfully? And who gave you this desire, this intention, unless Himself in His loving regard for you?

To examine whether your heart pleases Him is not necessary, but rather whether His heart pleases you. And if you look upon His heart, it is impossible but that it will please you, for it is a heart most sweet, most kind, most condescending, most gracious towards miserable creatures, provided that they acknowledge their misery. And who will not love this royal Heart, so full of tenderness for us?

You remark very well that these temptations happen to you because your heart is without tenderness towards God; for it is quite true that if you had tenderness, you would have consolation, and if you had consolation, you would no longer be in pain. But the love of God does not consist in consolation nor in tenderness, for if it did, then Our Lord would not have loved His Father when He was sad even to death and cried out: *My Father, my Father, why hast thou abandoned me?* And still it was at that moment He made the greatest act of love which it is possible to conceive.

We would always like to have a little consolation, a little sugar in our tea, that is to say, the feeling of love and tenderness, and consequently consolation; and in like manner we would much wish to be without imperfections; but we must have patience to belong to human nature, and not to angelic nature. Our imperfections ought not to please us; on the contrary, we should say with the holy Apostle: *Oh, miserable me! Who will deliver me from this body of death?* But they ought not to astonish us, or to take away our courage; we ought even to derive submission, humility, and distrust of ourselves from them, but not discouragement, nor affliction of heart, much less doubtfulness of God's love towards us.

But enough: live joyful; Our Lord looks upon you with love, and with so much the more tenderness as you are the more feeble. Never permit your mind willingly to entertain thoughts to the contrary; and when they come, regard them not, turn your eyes away from their iniquity, and have recourse to God with a courageous humility, to speak to Him of His ineffable goodness by which He loves us, poor, abject, and miserable as we are.