

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.

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 17th

Sun, December 17, 10:00 a.m. – 3rd 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)

Mon, December 18, MASS IN KENTUCKY – Advent Feria

Aurora Krebsbach (A friend)

Tues, December 19, – Advent Feria

NO MASS

Wed, December 20, MASS IN ILLINOIS – Ember Wednesday

Cate & Alex Mikulaschek (Carol Girardi)

Thurs, December 21, MASS IN ILLINOIS – St. Thomas

Tina & Gerry Kelley (Carol Girardi)

Fri, December 22, MASS IN ILLINOIS – St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (Ember Friday)

Terry & Michael Winland (Carol Girardi)

Sat, December 23, MASS IN ILLINOIS – Ember Saturday

Bob & Teresa Funke (Carol Girardi)

Sun, December 24, 10:00 a.m. – Vigil of the Nativity (4th Sunday of Advent)

10:00 a.m. Alabama Michael Kelley (Carol Girardi)

11:30 p.m. Alabama Christmas Hymns

Mon, December 25 – Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ (Holy Day of Obligation)

12:00 midnight Alabama Christmas flower memorial intentions

10:00 a.m. Alabama My nephews & nieces (Stephanie Schroeder)

6:00 p.m. Mississippi Ellis family (Stephanie Schroeder)

“After God, we should have a great confidence in the Blessed Mother of Jesus, who is so good!” *St. John Vianney (1786 – 1859)*

MASSES THIS WEEK

There will be no Masses this week in Alabama. The next Mass will be on Sunday, December 24.

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

Confessions for Christmas will be on Sunday, December 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:55 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. to 11:45 p.m. As well as on Monday, December 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:55 a.m.

EMBER DAYS

The Ember Days occur this week. These 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 prayer and penance is to atone for our sins, to draw down God's blessings upon the particular quarter of the year, and to beseech God for worthy vocations to the priesthood. **There is no fast & abstinence prescribed for Christmas Eve this year, because it falls on a Sunday**

FATHER'S TRAVELS

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.

The Incarnation, Birth & Infancy of Jesus Christ (St. Alphonsus Liguori) **Bitterness of the Heart of Jesus in the Womb of His mother**

Consider the great bitterness with which the heart of the Infant Jesus must have felt itself afflicted and oppressed in the womb of Mary at the first moment when his Father proposed to his consideration all the series of contempt, sorrow, and agonies which he was to suffer during his life, to deliver men from their miseries: *In the morning He wakeneth my ear, and I do not resist; I have given my body to the strikers.*

Thus did Jesus speak by the mouth of the prophet: *In the morning He wakeneth my ear;* that is to say, from the first moment of my conception my Father made me feel that it was His will that I should lead a life of sorrows, and in the end should be sacrificed on the cross: *And I do not resist; I have given my body to the strikers.* And all this I accepted for your salvation, O ye souls of men, and from that time forth I gave up my body to the scourges, to the nails, and to the death of the cross.

Consider that whatever Jesus Christ suffered in his life and in his Passion, was all placed before him whilst he was yet in the womb of Mary, and he accepted everything that was proposed to Him with delight; but in accepting all this, and in overcoming the natural repugnance of sense, O my God, what anguish and oppression did not the innocent Heart of Jesus suffer! Well did He understand what He was first of all to endure, shut up for nine months in the dark prison of the womb of Mary; in suffering the shame and the sorrows of His birth, being born in a cold grotto that was a stable for beasts; in having afterwards to lead for thirty years an humble life in the shop of an artisan; in considering that He was to be treated by men as ignorant, as a slave, as a seducer, and as one guilty of death, and of the most infamous and painful death that ever was allotted to the most worth less of criminals.

All this did our dearest Redeemer accept every moment; but each moment that He accepted it He suffered at once all the pains and humiliations that He would afterwards have to endure even unto death. The very knowledge of His divine dignity made Him feel still more the injuries that He would have to receive from men: *All the day long my shame is before me.* He had continually before His eyes His shame, especially that confusion which He should one day feel at seeing Himself stripped naked, scourged, and suspended by three iron nails; and so to end His life in the midst of the insults and curses of those very men for whom He was to die: *Becoming obedient unto death, even to the death of the cross.* And for what? To save us miserable and ungrateful sinners.

My beloved Redeemer, oh, how much did it cost Thee, even from Thy first entrance into the world, to raise me from the ruin which I have brought on myself by my sins! Thou hast consented to be treated as the lowest of slaves, in order to deliver me from the slavery of the devil, to whom I had willingly sold myself by sin; and yet, knowing all this, I have had the boldness to afflict continually Thy most amiable heart, which has loved me so much! But since Thou, who art so innocent, and art my God, hast accepted such a painful life and death, I accept for Thy love, O my Jesus, every trouble that shall come to me from Thy hands. I accept it and embrace it, because it comes from those hands which were once pierced through, in order to deliver me from the hell which I have so often de served. Thy love, O my Redeemer! in offering Thyself to suffer so much for me, does more than oblige me to accept for Thy sake every sorrow, every humiliation. O my Lord! for Thy own merit s sake, give me Thy holy love; Thy love will render all sufferings and ignominy sweet and pleasant to me. I love Thee above everything: I love Thee with my whole heart; I love Thee more than myself. But during Thy whole life how many and what great proofs of Thy love didst Thou not give me; and yet, ungrateful that I am, how many years have I not lived in the world without giving Thee any proofs of my love! I dread appearing before Thee when Thou shalt come to judge me, poor as I now am, without having done anything for the love of Thee. But what can I do without Thy grace? I can do nothing but pray that Thou wilt succor me; but even this prayer comes simply from Thy grace. O my Jesus! help me through the merits of Thy sufferings, and of the blood Thou hast shed for me. Most holy Mary, recommend me to thy Son, for the love that thou bearest him. Behold, I am one of those sheep for which thy Son has died.

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.