

St. Benedict's Traditional Catholic Church

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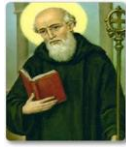
Laceys Spring, Alabama 35754

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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December 18, 2016 Church Website: 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 18th

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. Oswald)

Mon, Dec. 19, MASS IN MISSISSIPPI – Advent Feria
In honor of the Holy Family & the needs & intentions of the Wayne Pivarunas Family (Wayne Pivarunas)

Tues, Dec. 20, 8:30 a.m. – Advent Feria
In honor of the Holy Family & the needs & intentions of the Wayne Pivarunas family (Wayne Pivarunas)

Wed, Dec. 21, 8:30 a.m. – St. Thomas
In honor of the Holy Family and for the needs & intentions of the Wayne Pivarunas family (Wayne Pivarunas)

Thurs, Dec. 22, 8:30 a.m. – St. Frances Xavier Cabrini
Complete conversion & final perseverance of all our family members (A.M. King)

Fri, Dec. 23, 8:30 a.m. – Advent Feria
Whitey & Barbara Norell (Victoria Vaillancourt)

Sat, Dec. 24, 10:00 a.m. – Vigil of the Nativity (DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINENCE)
10:00 a.m. Brian & Victoria Vaillancourt (Victoria Vaillancourt)
11:00 p.m. – 11:55 p.m. Confessions
11:15 p.m. Christmas Eve Hymns

Sun, Dec. 25 – Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ
12:00 midnight Pro Populo
10:00 a.m. Bishop Pivarunas (Steve Osterhaus)

“Christianity is the profession of the life of Christ.” *St. Gregory Nazianzen (329 – 390)*

CHAPEL CLEANING DAY!!!

Tuesday, Dec. 22 after Mass will be a morning of cleaning for the chapel for the Feast of Christmas. Breakfast will be brought and after breakfast the cleaning begins ☺ A good time will be had by all! Please see Mishale for details.

DECORATE AND SET-UP FOR CHRISTMAS

Saturday, Dec. 24 after Mass we need many hands to help set-up and decorate the chapel as beautiful as it was last year for the Feast of Christmas. Truly a great act of charity to help, even if you can only do a little or have limited time. Please see Carol for details.

BLESSING OF BREAD AND WINE

There will be the traditional blessing of bread after Mass on Saturday Dec. 24 before the decorations are put out. There will be blessing of wine (normally on the Feast of St. John) also due to no Mass the week after Christmas.

FAST AND ABSTINENCE ON THE VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS

To help us spiritually prepare for the great feast of the Nativity, the Church imposes fast and complete abstinence from meat this day. Those 21-59 years of age are bound to observe the law of fast (as it is kept each day of Lent), and those 7 years of age and older are bound to abstain completely from meat.

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. **THEY ARE DUE NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY THIS WEEK.**

FATHER'S TRAVELS

December 18 – December 19 Mississippi Mass and Sacraments

December 26 – December 31 Fr. Oswalt vacation

January 5 – January 6 Tennessee catechism/Georgia Mass

January 8 Tennessee Mass and Sacraments

January 9 – January 11 Florida/Louisiana Mass and Sacraments

January 15 – January 17 Kentucky Mass & Sacraments & catechism/Illinois catechism

January 23 – January 27 Priest meeting in Spokane, WA

January 29 – January 30 Mississippi Mass and Sacraments

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.

The Commencement of the Great Antiphons

The Church enters today (Dec. 17) on the seven days which precede the Vigil of Christmas and which are known in the liturgy under the name of the *Greater Ferias*. The ordinary of the Advent Office becomes more solemn; the antiphons of the psalms, both for Lauds and the Hours of the day, are proper, and allude expressly to the great coming. Every day, at Vespers, is sung a solemn antiphon, consisting of a fervent prayer to the Messiah, whom it addresses by one of the titles given Him in the Sacred Scriptures.

In the Roman Church, there are seven of these antiphons, one for each of the greater ferias. They are commonly called the O's of Advent, because they all begin with that interjection. In other Churches, during the Middle Ages, two more were added to these seven; one to our Blessed Lady, *O Virgo virginum*; and the other to the angel Gabriel, *O Gabriel*; or to St. Thomas the apostle, whose feast comes during the greater ferias; it began *O Thoma Didyme*. There were even Churches where twelve great antiphons were sung; that is, besides the nine we have just mentioned, *O Rex Pacifice* to our Lord, *O mundi Domina* to our Lady, and *O Hierusalem* to the city of the people of God.

The canonical Hour of Vespers has been selected as the most appropriate time for this solemn supplication to our Savior, because, as the Church sings in one of her hymns, it was in the evening of the world (*vergente mundi vespere*) that the Messiah came amongst us. These antiphons are sung at the *Magnificat*, to show us that the Savior whom we expect is to come to us by Mary. They are sung twice, once before and once after the canticle, as on double feasts, and this to show their great solemnity. In some Churches it was formerly the practice to sing them thrice; that is, before the canticle, before the *Gloria Patri*, and after the *Sicut erat*. Lastly, these admirable antiphons, which contain the whole pith of the Advent liturgy, are accompanied by a chant replete with melodious gravity, and by ceremonies of great expressiveness, though in these latter, there is no uniform practice followed. Let us enter into the spirit of the Church; let us reflect on the great day which is coming; that thus we may take our share in these the last and most earnest solicitations of the Church imploring her Spouse to come, to which He at length yields.

Dec. 17 O WISDOM, Who proceedest from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from end to end mightily and disposing all things sweetly, come and teach us the way of prudence.

Dec. 18 O ADONAI, and Leader of the house of Israel, Who appeared to Moses in the fire of the flaming bush and gavest him the law on Sinai, come and redeem us by Thy outstretched arm.

Dec. 19 O ROOT OF JESSE, Who standest as an ensign of the people, before whom kings shall not open their lips, to whom the nations shall pray, come and deliver us, tarry now no more.

Dec. 20 O KEY OF DAVID, and scepter of the house of Israel, who openest and no man shutteth, who shuttest and no man openeth, come and lead the captive from prison, sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Dec. 21 O ORIENT, Splendor of Eternal Light and Sun of Justice, come and enlighten them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Dec. 22 O KING OF NATIONS, and their Desired One, the Cornerstone that makes both one, come and save man whom Thou formed out of the slime of the earth.

Dec. 23 O EMMANUEL, our King and Lawgiver, the Expectation and Savior of the nations, come and save us, O Lord our God.

Dec. 24 When the sun shall have risen in the heavens, ye shall see the King of Kings coming from the Father, as a Bridegroom from his bride chamber.