

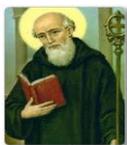
St. Benedict's Traditional Catholic Church

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 20, 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 20th

Sun, December 20, 10:00 a.m. – 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. Oswald (Steve Osterhaus)

Mon, December 21, MASS IN MISSISSIPPI – St. Thomas

RIP Donald Wagner (Wagner family)

Tues, December 22, 8:30 a.m. – St. Francis Xavier Cabrini

In reparation for the crime of abortion (Quincy Alderson)

Wed, December 23, 8:30 a.m. – Advent Feria

Matthew Taylor's intentions (Quincy Alderson)

Thurs, December 24, 8:30 a.m. – Vigil of the Nativity

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

Fri, December 25, – Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ

12:00 Midnight In honor of the Holy Family & the needs & intentions of the Wayne Pivarunas family (Wayne Pivarunas)

10:00 a.m. Pro populo

Sat, December 26, 10:00 a.m. – St. Stephen

RIP Dr. V.P. Hughes (Robert & Mary Ann Fitz)

Sun, December 27, 10:00 a.m. – St. John

RIP Poor Souls (Anonymous)

“Wait upon the Lord: wait upon Him patiently, wait upon Him by avoiding all sin. He will come; doubt it not. To this firm hope, join the practice of virtue, and even in this life you will begin to taste the ineffable joys of Paradise” *St. Bernard (1090 – 1153).*

THURSDAY DECEMBER 24: DAY OF FAST & ABSTINANCE

This Thursday, the Vigil of the Nativity, is a day of Fast and Complete Abstinence. Please try and keep the last day of preparation for the great Feast of Christmas as a day of recollection as much as one is able.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

There will be the singing of Christmas carols prior to the midnight Mass by the choir as further preparation of the joy to come in the Mass. There will be Confessions on Christmas Eve from 10:30 p.m. – 11:45 p.m. ***Also, be aware that since the feast of Christmas falls on a Friday, the abstinence from meat is dispensed!**

RIP +BISHOP ROBERT McKENNA, O.P.

On Wednesday, December 16, His Excellency, Bp. Robert Fidelis McKenna, O.P. died at the age of 88. He was a warrior from the very beginning of the traditional movement and was the last true Dominican Catholic Bishop in the world. Please pray for the repose of his soul.

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.

BLESSING OF WINE NEXT SUNDAY

If anyone would like to have wine blessed on the feast of St. John the Apostle next Sunday, please bring and after Mass I will bless them.

CATECHISM RETURNS!

No catechism this week.

FATHER'S TRAVELS

December 20 – December 21 Mississippi Mass & Sacraments

HOLY HOUR WITH EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION ON WEDNESDAY'S

Next Holy Hour will be this Wednesday December 23 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.

Practical Piety (St. Francis de Sales) **The Feast Of Christmas**

Behold the dear infant Jesus, who brings with Him these approaching feasts. And since He is born to come and visit us on the part of His eternal Father, and since the shepherds and kings will, in their turn, come to visit Him in His cradle, I think you ought to caress Him fondly, show Him hospitality,, sing sweet canticles to Him, and above all adore him fervently and sweetly, and in Him His poverty, His

humility, His obedience, and all His sweetness, in imitation of His most holy mother and of St. Joseph.

Take from Him one of those dear tears, sweet dew of heaven, and place it on your heart, in order that it may never have any sadness, save such as is pleasing to this sweet infant. It is marvelous what healing power those tears have over every sort of ill that can befall the heart. I look upon the whole congregation of our Nuns as simple shepherdesses watching over their flocks, that is to say, over their affections, who, warned by the angel, come to do, homage to the divine infant, and as a token of their eternal servitude, offer to Him the finest of their lambs, which is their love, without any reserve or exception.

Let the little babe of Bethlehem be forever the delight and love of our heart. Alas! How fair He is! I had a hundred times rather see this dear little babe in His crib than to see all the kings of the earth on their thrones. O God, I think Him more glorious on this throne, than Solomon was on his throne of ivory. The great St. Joseph makes us share in his consolation; the sovereign Mother in her love; and the divine Infant will forever to diffuse His merits over our heart.

Repose near Him as sweetly as you can; He will not fail to love your heart, void as you find it of tenderness and feeling. See you not how He inhales the breath of you ox and you ass, which have no feeling or emotion at all? How will He not receive the aspirations of our poor heart, which, though not at this moment tenderly, nevertheless steadily and firmly sacrifices itself at His feet, to be forever the inviolable servant of Him and of His holy Mother? May the joy and consolation of the Son and of the Mother be forever the gladness of our soul. Ah, how well it becomes her to dandle that little babe! But above all I love her charity, which allows whoever will to see, to touch, and to kiss Him. Ask her for Him, she will give Him to you.

O true Jesus, how sweet is this sight! The heavens, as the Church singeth, drop honey on every side; and as for me, I think that those divine angels, who make the air resound with their admirable hymns, are coming to gather this celestial honey on the lilies where it is found on the breast of the most sweet Virgin and of St. Joseph. How sweet to behold the honey suck the milk!

What shall we give to our little King, which we have not received from Him and from His divine liberality? I will give Him, then, our heart. Ah, Savior of our souls, make it all of gold in charity, all of myrrh in mortification, and all of frankincense in prayer; and then receive it into the arms of Thy holy protection, and let Thine heart say to it: I am thy salvation for ever and ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn after Mass:

On Jordan's Bank

1. On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake and hearken for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of Kings.

3. To heal the sick stretch out Thine hand,
And bid the fallen sinner stand;
Shine forth, and let Thy light restore
Earth's own true loveliness once more.

2. Then cleansed be ev'ry heart from sin;
Make straight the way of God within;
Oh, let us all our hearts prepare
For Christ to come and enter there.

4. All praise, eternal Son to Thee,
Whose advent sets Thy people free;
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Ghost forever more.