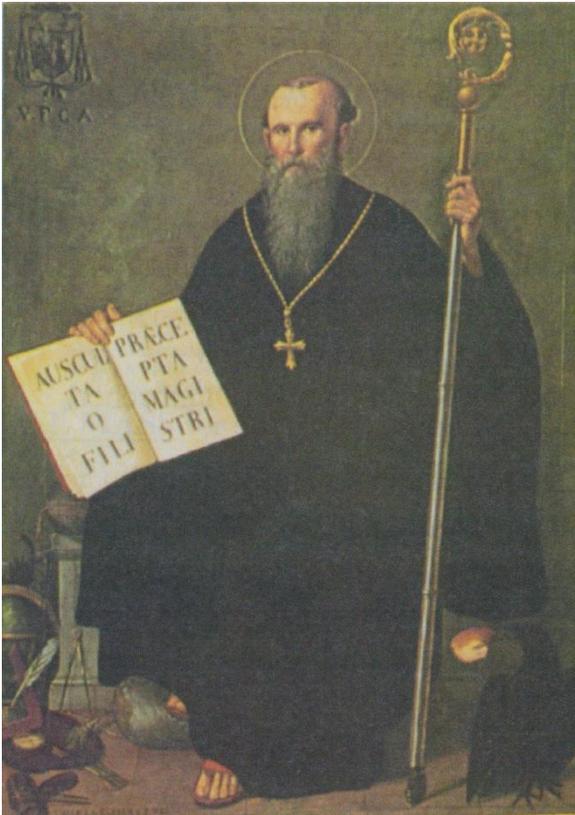


**St. Benedict's
Traditional Catholic Church**

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Roman Catholic

Traditional Latin Mass



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December 21, 2014

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Mass Schedule for the week of December 21st

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

RIP Paul & Florence Bucheger (Margie Brown)

Mon, Dec. 22, 8:30 a.m. – St. Francis Xavier Cabrini

RIP Frank Nash (Knights)

Tues, Dec. 23, 8:30 a.m. – St. Thomas

RIP Mabel Higginbotham (Luke Higginbotham)

Wed, Dec. 24, 8:30 a.m. – Vigil of the Nativity

Christopher Knight (Knight)

Thurs, Dec. 25 – Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ

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

7:00 a.m. Mass at dawn RIP Tony House Sr. (Knight)

10:00 a.m. RIP Mabel Higginbotham (L. Higginbotham)

Fri, Dec. 26, 8:30 a.m. – St. Stephen

RIP Mabel Higginbotham (Luke Higginbotham)

Sat, Dec. 27, 10:00 a.m. – St. John

RIP Fr. Mike Barber (Linda Gardner)

Sun, Dec. 28, 10:00 a.m. – Holy Innocents

RIP Donald Gardner (Linda Gardner)

“One of the most admirable effects of Holy Communion is to preserve souls from falling, and to help those who fall from weakness to rise again. Therefore, it is much more profitable to approach the divine Sacrament frequently, with love, respect, and confidence, than to keep back from an excess of fear.” --- *St. Ignatius Loyola (1491-1556)*

BE INFORMED! CLASSES ON THE NOVUS ORDO

There will be no catechism class this week. Classes will resume on **Wednesday, Jan. 7 at 6:00 p.m.**

HOLY HOUR WITH EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION EVERY WEDNESDAY

There will be no Holy Hour this week or next week due to the Holy Days. The Holy Hour will resume **Wednesday, Jan. 7 at 7:00 p.m.**

HOLY GUILDS MEETING

Today after Mass 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.

CONFESSION TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS

Wednesday, Dec. 24	after the 8:30 a.m. Mass
Wednesday, Dec. 24	10:30 p.m. – 11:45 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 25	9:00 a.m. – 9:55 a.m.

BLESSING OF BREAD

There will be the blessing of bread after the 8:30 morning Vigil of Christmas Mass on Wednesday for those who should bring any.

BLESSING OF WINE

The blessing of any wine the faithful may bring will be on the feast of St. John, Saturday Dec. 27 after the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

CHARITABLE DONATIONS

In this time of many who compete for charitable donations, be sure to keep in mind the Catholic moral principal of giving only to those places who do not use that money to directly promote any immorality, error or heresy. An example is that a Catholic cannot give to the Salvation Army, either their red bucket or thrift store, because they use that money to promote their heresy. It would be the same for giving money to any Protestant sects directly or buying things at functions that they may provide where that money would be support for their sect.

Practical Piety (St. Frances 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 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 as simple shepherds 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 wills 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 yon ox and yon 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 who ever 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.

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 forever and ever. Amen.