

St. Benedict's Traditional Catholic Church

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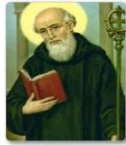
Laceys Spring, Alabama 35754

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.

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| PENANCE: | Sunday | 9:00 a.m. – 9:55 a.m. |
| | Wednesday | 7:25 p.m. – 7:50 p.m. catechism OR 7:00 p.m. – 7:20 p.m. no catechism |
| | Saturday | 9:30 a.m. – 9:55 a.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 23, 2018 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 23rd

Sun, December 23, 10:00 a.m. – 4th Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. Alabama Bishop Pivarunas (Dorothy Maguire)

6:00 p.m. Columbus, Mississippi Private intention (Fr. Oswalt)

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

Bill Bunch & Holy Souls (Whitey & Barbara Norell)

Blessing of bread after Mass

11:30 p.m. Choir Christmas hymns

Tues, December 25, – Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

Midnight RIP names submitted for memorial poinsettias; Pro Populo

10:00 a.m. Alabama The special needs of James & Judy Russell (Nathan & Cassandra Russell)

Wed, December 26, MASS IN TENNESSEE – St. Stephen

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

Thurs, December 27, 8:30 a.m. – St. John

Kate & Kim Johnson & Holy Souls (Whitey & Barbara Norell)

Blessing of wine after Mass

Fri, December 28, 8:30 a.m. – Holy Innocents

RIP Teresa Marie Funke (The Thomeys)

Sat, December 29, 10:00 a.m. – St. Thomas Beckett

For the conversion of those in all true chapels who cause division and persecute priests; for peace and unity in all true chapels (Fr. Oswalt)

Sun, December 30, 10:00 a.m. – Sunday within the Octave of the Nativity

10:00 a.m. Alabama W.B. Norell & Holy Souls (Whitey & Barbara Norell)

6:00 p.m. Mississippi Private intention (Fr. Oswalt)

CHRISTMAS EVE

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.

CHILDREN'S CATECHISM AFTER SUNDAY MASS

Sunday, Dec. 23 – Fr. Oswalt teacher

Sunday, Dec. 30 – Fr. Oswalt teacher

Sunday, Jan. 6

Sunday, Jan. 13 Fr. Oswalt teacher

Sunday, Jan. 20

Sunday, Jan. 27 Fr. Oswalt teacher

APPRECIATION DINNER

For those who are a member of St. Anthony's Dog Guild, Food Bags for Father, and anyone I speak to personally, there will be an appreciation dinner on Thursday, Dec. 27 at a location to be announced. This is in thanksgiving for your direct help in my being able to work the missions, which are helping so many souls that would not have had access to the True Mass and Sacraments without your help. It is a way of me and those souls to say thank you along with all the graces and merits you receive from our Lord for your help and generosity. I will be asking you to RSVP soon. Thank you! May God continue to bless your generosity!

NOTA BENE

- After the morning Mass on Dec. 24 there will be blessing of bread for those who want
- Christmas Masses are Midnight, 10:00 a.m.
- Confessions from 11 p.m. – 11:45 p.m. Christmas Eve
- Confessions from 9 a.m. – 9:55 a.m. Christmas Day
- Dec. 27, Feast of St. John, blessing of wine after Mass

DAILY ADVENT PRAYER (this may also be begun on the feast of St. Andrew, Nov. 30) Hail and blessed be the hour and the moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, O my God! to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen. (Imprimatur, Michael Augustine Corrigan, Archbishop of New York, Feb. 6, 1897)

HOLY HOUR

The next Holy Hour will be **January 2, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.**

FATHER'S TRAVELS

December 23 – December 24 Columbus, Mississippi Mass and Sacraments

December 26 Tennessee Mass & Baptism

December 30 – December 31 Mississippi Mass and Sacraments

January 6 Georgia Mass & Sacraments

January 8 – January 10 Louisiana Mass & Sacraments

January 13 Tennessee Mass & Sacraments

January 20 – January 22 Kentucky Mass & Sacraments

January 27 – January 28 Mississippi Mass & Sacraments

Half-Hours with the Saints and Servants of God (1882) (The love of Jesus for Men)

(Laurent Juillard du Jarry) My brethren, let us gaze upon the Son of God in the poverty of His birth. What does He not say to us there ? Let us enter in spirit into the stable ; we shall hear a voice issuing therefrom, saying —

Blush at having beautiful houses like unto palaces, such grand furniture, so much useless apparel, whilst I have only a crib instead of a bed, and two vile animals for company. Blush in those magnificent rooms wherein you try to be sheltered from the least inconveniences of the season, whilst a half-exposed stable leaves Me a prey to all the hardships of a cold season.

Blush at the aversion you have for every kind of humiliation, at the precautions you take to continue in a condition that flatters your vanity, at the artifices you employ to conceal a poverty you ought to be proud of, at the contempt you display to all, who are not within the pale of your society.

Blush to bear perchance the insignia of the poverty and humiliations of Jesus Christ in your state of life, and yet try to aspire to the pomp and luxury of the world shining around

Let us contemplate this scene as faith points out ; let us enter this manger in spirit ; let us see this hidden Deity who, in the darkness of night, when all creatures are silent—in want of every necessary, and is made poor to enrich us.

This Child is born in an empty stable, deserted by every one ; it is the God who created them, and whom they obey; it is the everlasting Wisdom which assists at all the councils of God, and which it has possessed from the beginning of time.

This divine wisdom, hidden in the limbs of an infant, was begotten in the brightness of the saints.

Ungrateful, deluded man, you who have not wished to know this divine wisdom in the richness of His beauty, see Him now in the poverty of a stable! Laden as you have been with so many benefits and blessings, you have not recognised the hand which has spread them over you with such profusion ; you have closed your ears to that striking voice which appeals to you with as many mouths as there are creatures: O man, adore thy God! His ingenious love has suggested another voice to persuade you : He teaches you through the poverty of the crib : " Now therefore, my children, hear me" (Prov. viii.)

Ah, my brethren ! what does not this divine Child say, that eternal Word which is now so silent ?

No occasion to seek for rules of piety to lead us on, for we learn all that we need know and practise in this adorable book. All the prophets, all the doctors, all the apostles speak through the mouth of Him who has opened theirs. The stable at Bethlehem is the school where all Christians ought to study the science of salvation. All the ways to heaven, every path of virtue, begin and finish through Him who is the Alpha and the Omega, and being the way, the truth, and the life, He has opened the way to heaven to all.

Providence of my God, exclaims St. Bernard, how wonderful art thou! Carnal and animal creatures have no conception of the works of God. Even wisdom itself is made flesh to make it intelligible to men of flesh.

It is no longer through men, full of a holy fear, that God proclaims His oracles ; mysterious messages in shrouded language, no longer issue from the mountain top amidst thunder and lightning; these are heard no 'more. It is from the farther end of a grotto, it is from the height of a crib, it is in the silence of night, it is the mouth of a Child wrapped in swaddling-clothes that the Incarnate Wisdom exclaims, "Behold to thee, wisdom is manifested in the flesh."

Come, ye profound philosophers, ye refined politicians, ye clever men—enter into the stable; there is your lyceum, your academy, deposit your proud learning, your studied lessons, your captious rhetoric at the feet of this adorable Doctor who exposes the vanity, errors, and littleness of everything.

Closing Hymn after Mass:

On Jordan's Bank