

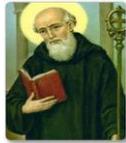
St. Benedict's Traditional Catholic Church

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 27, 2015

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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.

Mass Schedule for the week of December 27th

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

RIP Poor Souls (Anonymous)

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

RIP Steve Keating (Wagner family)

Tues, December 29, 8:30 a.m. – St. Thomas Becket

Mrs. Irene Cram (Anonymous)

Wed, December 30, 8:30 a.m. – Within the Octave

Deceased members of our parish (Sitzenstock)

Thurs, December 31, 8:30 a.m. – St. Sylvester

For priests & vocations to the priesthood (Alter Christus Confraternity)

Fri, January 1, – Circumcision of our Lord (FIRST FRIDAY)

8:30 a.m. For priests & vocations to the priesthood (Alter Christus Conf.)

6:00 p.m. Pro populo

Sat, January 2, 10:00 a.m. – BVM Saturday (FIRST SATURDAY)

For priests & vocations to the priesthood (Alter Christus Confraternity)

Sun, January 3, 10:00 a.m. – Holy Name of Jesus

RIP Poor Souls (Anonymous)

“A saint has compared those who have kept their hearts pure, to the lilies that, rising heavenwards on their tall stems, fill the air with fragrance. The mere sight of them makes us think of purity. Even so the Blessed Virgin inspired with purity all who looked at her.” *St. John Vianney(1786 – 1859).*

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

This Friday Jan. 1. the Feast of our Lord's Circumcision, is an Holy Day of Obligation. All are obliged under pain of sin to assist at Holy Mass and to refrain from unnecessary servile work and commercial activity, such as public shopping. Because this feast falls on a Friday this year, the abstinence from meat is dispensed.

BLESSING OF WINE THIS SUNDAY

If anyone would like to have wine blessed on this feast of St. John the Apostle today, please bring to the Communion rail after Mass.

NEXT SUNDAY -BLESSING OF INFANTS

In keeping with the spirit of this joyous season, the Blessing of Infants (as contained in the Roman Ritual) will be given after Mass on Sunday, January 3. Parents are welcome to bring their children to the Communion rail for this special blessing

CATECHISM RETURNS!

No catechism this week.

FATHER'S TRAVELS

Jan. 7 – Jan. 8 Louisiana Mass & Sacraments

Jan. 10 – Jan. 11 Kentucky Mass & Sacraments

Jan. 17 – Jan. 18 Mississippi Mass & Sacraments

Jan. 25 – Jan. 29 Priest meeting in Spokane, WA

HOLY HOUR WITH EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION ON WEDNESDAY'S

SPECIAL TIME: Next Holy Hour will be this **THURSDAY December 31 at 7:00 p.m.** The special intentions will be in thanksgiving for the blessings of 2015, in reparation for sins committed, and in petition for God's blessings on the New Year of 2016.

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.

Jesus All Great (Fr. Alexander Gallerani, S.J.) **Jesus Great in His Incarnation and Nativity**

After four thousand years of waiting, after all the sighing of the patriarchs, after the long series of types and figures and oracles behold at last the reality which succeeds the types. Darkness gives way to light, figures are replaced by Him Whom they foreshadowed. The expectation of the nations appears at last to the world. *Christus natus est nobis. Venite, adoremus!* Christ is born for us, Come, let us adore!

In order to understand the excellence of the Incarnate Word, we must consider Him first in Himself. You will see that He is the greatest of marvels, the masterpiece of the Almighty, the one adequate effect of the extent and might of the divine principle from which He is derived. All other miracles, although above the forces of nature, are immeasurably below the power of God. According to His good pleasure, He could do miracles a thousand times greater. But a greater miracle than that of the Man-God, the Adorable Person of Jesus Christ, even the Omnipotence of

God can never perform. The divine Person of Christ is the apex to which the power of God can attain: it can go no further, for nothing greater can be made than a Man-God.

Consider for a moment this truth: God was in Heaven, man upon earth. Between them an abyss, that sin was daily making deeper. In order that the abyss should be no longer impassable, in order that the Creator and the creature might bring to fruition the love that attracted them to one another, behold! In one moment there was the Man-God.

Such was the Incarnation, such was the way in which It came about. There was the earth, sad, desolate, fallen, powerless to do without God, yet sighing for Him with a great and passionate yearning, which attracted, I had almost said created, the Man-God.

And it was Heaven which tenderly, mercifully bending down to earth, created with the breath of love the God-Man.

All that is divine in the heart of man is found in the Man-God. All that is human in the heart of God is found in the God-Man.

In Him and by Him Heaven and earth, separated by distance, torn apart by sin, have met and embraced each other in an embrace of infinite love.

Yes! After the Incarnation, man loves God infinitely! Adoration, praise, thanksgiving, and love coming from his heart no longer drag themselves along on the earth, powerless and unavailing. In the Man-God they are raised and borne aloft, taking in Him a new ascent, an infinite flight.

In like manner, after the Incarnation, God loves man infinitely. For the sake of Jesus and by reason of the beauty He has communicated to man, God loves man, not only out of His great goodness and mercy, but also with the tenderness of a father for his son. He loves him with the same love which He loves the Word Incarnate, that is, with an infinite love.

Since the Incarnation there is in Heaven an infinite love for earth, and on earth, an infinite love for Heaven.

Of these two loves equally beautiful, because both are infinite, Jesus Christ is at the same time, both the principal and the product. He is the expansion both of the love of God for man and the love of man for God.

Oh! The beauty of the mysteries of faith! When they are unknown they may be blasphemed; when looked at superficially, they may seem strange and unreal. Study their hidden depths; then see how naturally they spring from the heart of man, and from the heart of God. They raise man to the height of his God. They unite man and God indissolubly. The Word has assumed our human nature, and made Himself visible to our mortal eyes. Let us therefore contemplate this great marvel which He has wrought, saying with the shepherds: "Let us go over to Bethlehem, and let us see this word that is come to pass, which the Lord hath shewed to us." (Luke 2, 15).

And what do we see there? A stable, an artisan, a lowly virgin, a sweet Infant wrapped in swaddling clothes, trembling with cold, lying on the straw of a manger.

O great God! **(to be continued next Sunday)**

Closing Hymn after Mass:

Joy to the World