

# 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](http://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.

<b>PENANCE:</b>	Sunday	9:00 a.m. – 9:55 a.m.
	Wednesday	7:25 p.m. – 7:50 p.m. catechism <b>OR</b> 7:00 p.m. – 7:20 p.m. no catechism
	Saturday	9:30 a.m. – 9:55 a.m.
	1 <sup>st</sup> 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 2, 2018** Church Website: [st-benedict-hsv.org](http://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 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Sun, December 2, 10:00 a.m. – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
10:00 a.m. **Alabama** Anne Mitchell (Elberta Phillips)  
6:00 p.m. **Georgia** Private intention (Fr. Oswald)

**Mon, December 3, – St. Francis Xavier**  
No public Mass in Alabama

**Tues, December 4, MASS IN TEXAS – St. Peter Chrysologus**  
Conversion of Jack Miles (Michael Miles)

**Wed, December 5, – Advent Feria**  
No Public Mass in Alabama

**Thurs, December 6, 8:30 a.m. – St. Nicholas**  
John & Rita Dumbacher's intentions & family (C Knight)

**Fri, December 7, 6:00 p.m. – St. Ambrose (Vigil of the Immaculate Conception) (First Friday)**  
RIP Herman Ray Bishop, Sr. (Herman Ray Bishop, Jr.)

**Sat, December 8, 10:00 a.m. – Immaculate Conception BVM**  
RIP Mildred Frances Smith Mead (Jason Mead)

**Sun, December 9, 10:00 a.m. – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
10:00 a.m. **Alabama** RIP Teresa Funke (Ann Roberts)  
6:00 p.m. **Tennessee** Private intention (Fr. Oswald)

“The eyes of the world see no further than this life, as mine see no further than this wall when the church door is shut. The eyes of the Christian see deep into eternity.” *St. John Vianney (1786 – 1859)*

## **THIS FRIDAY IS THE VIGIL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

This Friday is as normal a day of abstinence but in preparation for the Feast, it is also a **day of fast** as well. Please abide by the laws of fast and complete abstinence.

## **FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

This is a Holyday of Obligation, and therefore under pain of sin we must assist at Holy Mass and abstain from unnecessary servile work and commercial activity such as shopping. Mass will be 10:00 a.m. This is also the patronal feast of the United States of America, for, on May 13, 1846, at the Sixth Provincial Council of Baltimore, the twenty-three bishops (at that time) of the United States unanimously adopted a decree choosing the Blessed Virgin Mary conceived without sin as Patroness of the country. This choice was approved by Pope Pius IX on February 7, 1847. According to John Shea, History of the Catholic Church in the United States, NY, pp. 28-30, the bishops' petition for Rome to approve their choice was "to gratify a pious desire pervading the whole United States." May this same desire pervade our hearts, and as Catholic Americans, let us be greatly devoted to Our Lady under this title.

## **CHILDREN'S CATECHISM AFTER SUNDAY MASS**

Sunday, December 2

Sunday, Dec. 9 – Fr. Oswalt teacher

Sunday, Dec. 16

Sunday, Dec. 23 – Fr. Oswalt teacher

Sunday, Dec. 30 – Fr. Oswalt teacher

## **ADVENT**

Although not as strict as Lent, Advent is a penitential season. There is no mandatory fasting and abstinence most days of Advent, but let us voluntarily take upon ourselves works of penance and charity, so that we prepare in the proper spirit for the feast of the Nativity of Our Lord, instead of giving in, as worldlings do, to the dissipation and celebration of the "holiday season." Be sure to have an Advent wreath in the home, lighting the candle(s) daily and saying the prayer for each week (a suitable time would be just before dinner). Parents of small children, be sure to have small crib or manger, where the children can place straws when they are extra good or make extra sacrifices. They will know that they are preparing a soft place for the Infant Jesus in their hearts. Helpful readings and suggestions for Advent may be found at <http://www.liturgicalatina.org/lityear> and <http://www.catholiceducation.org/en/culture/catholic-contributions/catholic-traditions-foradvent-and-christmas.html>.

## **BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH**

(This is done either on the Saturday before Advent begins, or on the First Sunday of Advent) O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth thy blessing upon this wreath, and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from Thee abundant graces. Through Christ our Lord. Amen. (The wreath is sprinkled with holy water by the priest. The father in each home may do this simple ceremonial as well).

**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 **December 19, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.**

## **FATHER'S TRAVELS**

**December 2** Georgia Mass and Sacraments

**December 3 – December 5** Texas Mass and Sacraments

**December 9** Tennessee Mass and Sacraments

**December 11 – December 12** Louisiana Mass and Sacraments

**December 16 – December 18** Kentucky Mass and Sacraments

**December 23 – December 24** Columbus, Mississippi Mass and Sacraments

**December 30 – December 31** Mississippi Mass and Sacraments

## **The Imitation of Christ** **(Thomas a Kempis)**

MY Son, now will I teach thee the way of peace and of true liberty.

2. "Do, O my Lord, as Thou sayest, for this is pleasing unto me to hear."

3. " Strive, My Son, to do another's will rather than thine own. Choose always to have less rather than more. Seek always after the lowest place, and to be subject to all. Wish always and pray that the will of God be fulfilled in thee. Behold, such a man as this entereth into the inheritance of peace and quietness."

4. O my Lord, this Thy short discourse hath in itself much of perfectness. It is short in words but full of meaning, and abundant in fruit. For if it were possible that I should fully keep it, disturbance would not so easily arise within me. For as often as I feel myself disquieted and weighed down. I find myself to have gone back from this teaching. But Thou, Who art Almighty, and always lovest progress in the soul, vouchsafe more grace, that I may be enabled to fulfill Thy exhortation, and work out my salvation.

**Closing Hymn after Mass:**

**Like the Dawning**

1. Like the dawning of the morning  
On the mountains golden heights,  
Like the breaking of the moonbeams  
On the gloom of cloudy nights,  
Like a secret told by angels  
Getting known upon the earth,  
Is the Mother's expectation  
Of Messiah's speedy birth.

2. Thou wert happy blessed Mother,  
With the very bliss of Heav'n,  
Since the angel's salutation  
In thy raptured ear was given;  
Since the Ave of that midnight  
When thou wert anointed Queen,  
Like a river overflowing  
Hath the grace within thee been.