

# 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)**

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**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 30, 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 30<sup>th</sup>

**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. Oswald)

**Mon, December 31, MASS IN MISSISSIPPI – St. Sylvester**

Bunch family living & dead (Whitey & Barbara Norell)

**Tues, January 1, – Circumcision of Our Lord (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)**

**10:00 a.m. Alabama** RIP Frank Mead Jr & RIP Edith Smith

**6:00 p.m. Alabama** Pro Populo

**Wed, January 2, 8:30 a.m. – Holy Name of Jesus**

RIP Rita Dumbacher & for John Dumbacher (Carol Girardi)

**Thurs, January 3, 8:30 a.m. – Feria**

RIP Rita Dumbacher (Don & Kathy Mullan)

**Fri, January 4, 6:00 p.m. – Feria**

RIP Rita Dumbacher & for John Dumbacher (Linda Gardner)

**Sat, January 5, 10:00 a.m. – BVM Saturday**

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

**Sun, January 6, 10:00 a.m. – Epiphany of Our Lord**

**10:00 a.m. Alabama** RIP Leonard & Theresa Messing (Russ & Liz Messing)

*Blessing of chalk after Mass*

**6:00 p.m. Georgia** Private intention (Fr. Oswald)

“God loves us more than the best of fathers, and more tenderly than the most devoted of mothers. We have only then to abandon ourselves to His will with the heart of a child.”  
*St. John Vianney (1786 – 1859)*

### **BLESSING OF INFANTS AFTER MASS TODAY**

In keeping with the spirit of this joyous season, the Blessing of Infants (as contained in the Roman Ritual) will be given after Mass today Sunday, December 30. Parents are welcome to bring their children five years of age and younger to the Communion rail for this special blessing.

### **BLESSING OF CHALK NEXT SUNDAY**

January 6, the feast of the Epiphany, is one of the greatest in the Church year, in which we honor the memory of the Magi coming from the East to adore the newborn Savior. The Roman Ritual provides a special blessing for chalk after Mass from the Roman Ritual, so that you may mark the lintel of your doors with the inscription honoring the Magi Sts. Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthasar as follows G + 20 + M + 19 + B (The 20 and 19 are for the New Year 2019).

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

Sunday, Dec. 30 – Fr. Oswalt teacher

Sunday, Jan. 6

Sunday, Jan. 13 Fr. Oswalt teacher

Sunday, Jan. 20

Sunday, Jan. 27 Fr. Oswalt teacher

### **HOLY HOUR**

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

### **FATHER'S TRAVELS**

**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 Circumcision of Our Lord)**

(Bourdaloue) On this, the Feast of the Circumcision, our Savior, the Son of God, teaches us how we should co-operate in the great work of our salvation, and He gives us a means as divine as it is indispensable and necessary, namely, that mysterious but real circumcision of the will and heart— a circumcision for which He frames a law, of which He explains the precept, and of which He facilitates the use.

He proposes the circumcision of the heart, and He makes it necessary ; for though He does abolish the old circumcision, or, to speak more correctly, the ancient circumcision finishes with Him only because He established the new, and, as St. Augustine says, He makes use of the shadow and figure only because He brings forward the light and the truth. Now this light and truth were, that we should all be circumcised of heart, as the Jews were according to the flesh.

Circumcision of the heart, a cutting off of useless and inordinate desires, uneasy and fantastical wishes, immoderate and ill-regulated longings,

carnal and worldly desires, criminal and unlawful wishes—all of which take root in the heart and corrupt it. This is how St Paul understood it ; and because these pernicious desires are excited in us by vain objects which delight us, by false interests which blind us, by dangerous occasions which drag us onward, and pervert us. This circumcision of the heart ought to be an entire separation from such objects, a complete renunciation of those false interests, a wise and wholesome withdrawal from those occasions; for these are what was typified in the Judaic circumcision. This is how God prepared the world, when He compelled Abraham and all his descendants to be circumcised.

Now our Savior proposes this spiritual circumcision as an indispensable and requisite means to procure our salvation ; for what more necessary than to tear away, stifle, mortify, and destroy all that is the beginning and cause of damnation ?

This spiritual circumcision is a circumcision which is not solely exterior, but which penetrates, so to speak, into the innermost recesses of the soul; a circumcision which is no longer from the hand of man, but which is God's work and sanctifies man in the sight of God—a circumcision which no longer consists in the cutting of the flesh, but in the renouncement of the vices and the concupiscence of the flesh—a circumcision, of which the mind and heart are the two principals as well as the two subjects ; the two principals, because it is carried out through them, and the two subjects, because it is within them—that is to say, it is a circumcision of the heart which is made, not only literally, but in the fervor of the will.

These are the animated expressions of the Apostle, who defines what may be called the new circumcision. The man of the world and a religious ought both to be circumcised at heart ; but to compare the wants of the one with the other, this circumcision of the heart is in one sense more indispensably necessary for the man of the world than for the religious, who, by the vows of his profession, has renounced everything ; because the man of the world has stronger passions to fight against than a religious, since he has before him more opportunities of exciting them ; because the man of the world is much more exposed to be tempted than a religious, consequently he ought to watch over himself, and should continually try to deny himself and endeavor to persevere.

After the first step a religious has taken—after that first sacrifice which has deprived him of everything—it would seem that there was nothing more to be done ; but you in the world, what have you hitherto given to God, or what further sacrifices have you not to make and offer to God?

### **Closing Hymn after Mass:**

What Child is this, who, laid to rest  
On Mary's lap, is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King;  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud  
The Babe, the Son of Mary!

### **What Child Is This**

Why lies He in such mean estate,  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear, for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading:  
Nails, spear shall pierce Him through,  
The Cross be borne, for me, for you:  
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh,  
The Babe, the Son of Mary!