

# St. Benedict's Traditional Catholic Church

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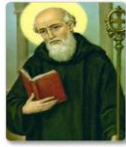
Laceys Spring, Alabama 35754

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.
	Saturday	9:30 a.m. – 9:55 a.m.
		4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.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 31, 2017** 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 31<sup>st</sup>

**Sun, December 31, 10:00 a.m. – Sunday within the Octave of the Nativity (St. Sylvester)**  
Holy Souls (anonymous)  
*Blessing of children after Mass*

**Mon, January 1, 10:00 a.m. – Circumcision of Our Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)**  
For Joey Phillips, in thanksgiving for all his work (Carol Girardi)

**Tues, January 2, 8:30 a.m. – Holy Name of Jesus**  
For Rita & John Dumbacher, in thanksgiving (Carol Girardi)

**Wed, January 3, 8:30 a.m. – Feria**  
For Andrew Winland, for his birthday (Carol Girardi)

**Thurs, January 4, 8:30 A.M. – Feria**  
For Noah Romine (Carol Girardi)

**Fri, January 5, 6:00 p.m. – Feria (FIRST FRIDAY)**  
For Dorothy Maguire and Mike Miles (The Choir)

**Sat, January 6, 10:00 a.m. – Epiphany of Our Lord (FIRST SATURDAY)**  
For Dr. Nick Huschilt & family (Dr. Huschilt)  
*Blessing of gold, incense, myrrh and chalk after Mass*

**Sun, January 7, 10:00 a.m. – Holy Family Sunday (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany)**  
**10:00 a.m. Alabama** For the conversion of Susan & Robert McGowan (Christine Campbell)  
**6:00 p.m. Georgia** Private Intention (Fr. Oswalt)

“One is often carried away over the sins and shortcomings of others. It would be far better to talk *less* about them and to pray *more*.” *St. John Vianney (1786 – 1859)*

### **THANK YOU!!!**

Thank you so very much for the prayers, cards and gifts for myself and for the dogs this Christmas. May the Divine Child reward you abundantly in this glorious Christmas Season!

### **BLESSING OF CHILDREN**

In honor of the feast of the Holy Innocents and of the Nativity of our Lord, there will be the blessing of children after Mass today. After Mass, please bring up the children to the Communion rail for their blessing.

### **FEAST OF THE CIRCUMCISION OF OUR LORD**

Tomorrow, Monday, Jan. 1 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 shopping. Only a serious reason would justify doing otherwise. Mass is at 10:00 a.m.

### **BLESSING OF GOLD, INCENSE, MYRRH, AND CHALK**

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 this day for gold, incense, and myrrh, so if you have any suitable items you would like to have blessed (e.g. gold cross, incense, wedding ring, etc.), please bring them to the Communion Rail after the 10:00 a.m. Mass that day. There will also be the blessing of chalk, also 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 + 18 + B (The 20 and 18 are for the New Year 2018).

### **APPRECIATION DINNER**

There will be an appreciation dinner for all the members of St. Anthony's Dog Guild for all the hard work they have done this last year on Thursday, Jan. 4 at 6:30 p.m. at Ol' Heidelberg Café. Please RSVP to me by Monday.

### **FATHER'S TRAVELS**

**January 7** Georgia Mass and Sacraments

**January 9 – January 10** Louisiana Mass and Sacraments

**January 14** Tennessee Mass and Sacraments

**January 21** Kentucky Mass and Sacraments

**January 22 – January 26** Spokane, WA priest meeting

**January 28 – January 29** Mississippi Mass and Sacraments

### **NEXT CATECHISM CLASSES**

Adult catechism – **Wednesday, January 3 at 6:00 p.m.**

Children's catechism – **Sunday, January 7 after Mass**

### **HOLY HOUR WITH EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION ON WEDNESDAY'S**

Next Holy Hour will be on Wednesday, **Jan. 3 at 7:00 p.m.**

### **PROSPECTIVE CONVERTS**

Anyone who is seeking to convert to the Catholic Church, please see Father to set up personal catechism teachings and begin the Catechumen process.

**Devout Meditations (Fr. Crasset, S.J.) 1882**  
**On the humility of the Infant Jesus**

God was born as man, and united Himself to nothingness. He left the splendor of His greatness, and united Himself to a creature. He made Himself as low as He was before exalted. His humiliation is only equaled by His elevation, which is infinite, substantial, and shall be eternal; and, after He was clothed in our flesh, He bore the signs of His abasement and humiliation. And I, who am only nothingness, am unwilling to lower myself before my God! I wish to elevate myself above all men; I love only honor and praise, and I cannot bear that any one should blame my defects, my vices, my weaknesses.

Why, O my God, didst Thou become man? Why didst Thou subject Thyself to impressions from external agents? Why give Thy creatures power over Thee? Why didst Thou clothe Thyself in our flesh? Why didst Thou become a little child? Why wast Thou born of a woman, and why choose a stable for the place of Thy birth? Ah! It was to subdue my pride; it was to teach me humility; it was in order to gain my heart by Thy likeness to myself.

Alas, I am a sinful and unworthy disciple! I have a God for my master, whose lessons in the science of holiness, are filled with wisdom, and who teaches me, by His example, and yet I learn nothing. I see my nothingness, and I am still proud; I see my poverty, and still covet riches; I see my condition, which humiliates me below all men, and I still wish to elevate myself above all the world. Oh Divine Infant! Thou art great in the heavens, but Thou art of no repute on earth! Thou art honored by angels, but Thou art despised by men! Truly, it is a wonderful spectacle, to see a God thus humiliated; but it is a stranger and more wonderful sight, to see pride stand by and gaze on the Divine Infant, in the manger, at Bethlehem. What remedy is there for my pride, if the humility of my God does not cure it? It is an insupportable thing to see a worm of the dust swelled with pride, since the eternal God has humbled His majesty and abased His power for the sins of men!

Depart from me all pride and haughtiness! My God has humbled Himself for me; I wish to become, like Him, little and humble, that I may become great and glorious, with Him, hereafter.

WORDS FROM SCRIPTURE

“Those who humiliate themselves as this little child, shall be great in the kingdom of heaven.” *Matt. xviii.*

“Behold my God, my Savior, I will deal confidently with him, and will not fear.” *Isaias, xii.*

“He has humiliated himself in taking the form of a servant.” *Philip. ii.*

“Humiliate yourselves under the powerful hand of God, that He may raise you in the time of his visit.” *1 Peter, v.*

**Closing Hymn after Mass: Angels We Have Heard on High**

1. Angels we have heard on high,  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains  
And the mountains in reply,  
Echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

2. Shepherds why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heav'nly song?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.