

St. Benedict's Traditional Catholic Church

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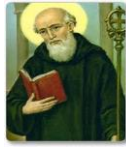
Laceys Spring, Alabama 35754

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.

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.

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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 3rd

Sun, December 3, 10:00 a.m. – First Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. Alabama Souls in Purgatory (Alena Roberts)

6:00 p.m. Georgia Private Intention (Fr. Oswalt)

Mon, December 4, 8:30 a.m. – St. Peter Chrysologus (St. Barbara)

Ernie Laurence (Marguerite Crain)

Tues, December 5, MASS IN AUGUSTA, GEORGIA – Advent Feria (St. Sabbas)

For Mary Tarnowski & her intentions (Tarnowski)

Wed, December 6, 6:00 p.m. – St. Nicholas

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

Thurs, December 7, 8:30 a.m. – St. Ambrose

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

Fri, December 8, – Immaculate Conception BVM (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

8:30 a.m. In honor of the Holy Family & for the needs & intentions of the Wayne Pivarunas family (Wayne Pivarunas)

6:00 p.m. Pro Populo

Sat, December 9, 10:00 a.m. – Advent Feria

RIP Elmer Winter (Victoria Vailancourt)

Sun, December 10, 10:00 a.m. – 2nd Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. Alabama RIP Richard & Evelyn Schroeder (Stephanie Schroeder)

6:00 p.m. Tennessee Private Intention (Fr. Oswalt)

“As every mandate of grace that is sent by a king passes through the palace gates, so does every grace that comes from Heaven to the world pass through the hands of Mary.”
St. Bernard (1090 – 1153)

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. Masses will be at 8:30 a.m. & 6 p.m. This is also the patronal feast of the United States. **The day before, December 7, is a Day of fast (ages 21-59) and complete abstinence from meat (ages 7 and older).** There is no Friday abstinence from meat due to the Holy Day.

ST. NICHOLAS VISIT TO THE CHILDREN

The annual visit of St. Nicholas to the little ones will take place after Mass on the 2nd Sunday of Advent, December 10. Parents, have your children be ready to tell St. Nicholas the good deeds they are doing to prepare their hearts for Jesus' birthday!

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

The faithful who devoutly visit an image of the Virgin Mother of God of Guadalupe exposed in some church or public oratory, on any of the five preceding Sundays before her feast (Dec. 12) can gain a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions, i.e. Confession, Communion, prayer for the intentions of the Church (one Our Father, Hail Mary & Glory be).

APPRECIATION DINNER FOR THE ST. ANTHONY DOG GUILD

There will be an appreciation dinner for those who are in the St. Anthony Dog Guild who have worked so hard in helping me with watching the dogs and contributing to the missionary work of the Church. The dinner will be at Ol' Heidelberg restaurant on Thursday, Dec. 28. Please RSVP soon to me to set time and make reservations.

FATHER'S TRAVELS

December 3 Georgia Mass & Sacraments

December 5 – December 6 Augusta, GA Mass & Sacraments

December 10 Tennessee Mass & Sacraments

December 12 – December 13 Louisiana Mass & Sacraments

December 17 – December 18 Kentucky Mass & Sacraments

December 19 – December 23 Illinois Mass & Sacraments

December 25 – December 26 Mississippi Mass & Sacraments

NEXT CATECHISM CLASSES

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

Children's catechism – **Sunday, December 3 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.

Meditations on the Mysteries of our Holy Faith (Fr. Louis de Ponte) 1916

MEDITATION II: THE INCARNATION

History: The three divine Persons, seeing the whole surface of the earth covered with wretched and perishing human beings, decree that God the Son shall take flesh for their

salvation, and when the fulness of time has come send the angel Gabriel to our blessed Lady.

Mental Picture: Cast your eyes over the earth peopled by so many different races, and then fix them on Joachim's house at Nazareth, where our Lady is waiting in prayer.

Petition: To know my incarnate God better, that, knowing Him, I may love and follow Him.

FIRST POINT. What is it that moves God to show this wondrous mercy? **1.** Man is God's creature, bearing His own image and likeness. **2.** Man is unspeakably wretched, and, being once fallen, can never rise again of himself. **3.** His ruin was brought about by the deceit of the devil. No such plea could be urged for the rebel angels; for, on the one hand, they had a far clearer knowledge of God's holiness and beauty and, on the other, there was none to tempt them from their allegiance. **4.** Original sin, with all its fearful consequences, has been transmitted as an inheritance to all the children -of Adam and Eve; so that they are not themselves accountable for it. "For behold, I was conceived in iniquities and in sins did my mother conceive me" (Ps. 1. 7).

Therefore in the very act of fulminating the dreadful curse which that sin brought down upon our race the good God promised a Redeemer: "I will put enmities, etc." (Gen. iii. 15.) Thus man's ingratitude has brought God's mercy to light. But for sin the divine compassion would never have been known to us. "The mercies of the Lord I will sing forever" (Ps. lxxxviii. 1). Because with the Lord there is mercy, and with Him plentiful redemption, and He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities" (Ps. cxxix. 7, 8).

SECOND POINT. Why has God chosen to redeem man in this way? **1.** He might of course have condoned the offence without requiring any adequate satisfaction; but, while that would have manifested His mercy in deed, neither His wisdom, His justice, His holiness, nor His mercy itself would have shone forth as they do in the great mystery of the Incarnation. **2.** It was man who had sinned; therefore man ought to atone; but the sin, by reason of the infinite majesty offended, was itself infinite; therefore it demanded an infinite atonement, and, man being finite, such an atonement was out of his reach. But, if God became man, then, as man, He could atone for His fellow men, and His atonement, inasmuch as He was also God, would be of infinite value. **3.** Man had been guilty of pride in wishing to become as God; so God would "empty Himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men and in habit found as a man" (Philipp. ii. 7). **4.** Man had been guilty of disobedience; so God would "humble Himself, becoming obedient unto death, even to the death of the cross" (Philipp. ii. 8). Have we not reason to bless and praise our good God for this most merciful invention of His love?

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.