

# 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](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.

**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 6, 2015**

**Church Website: [st-benedict-hsv.org](http://st-benedict-hsv.org)**

## 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 6<sup>th</sup>

### **Sun, December 6, 10:00 a.m. – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

For my protection, health & for the work our Lord wants me to do (Anthony Bronson)

### **Mon, December 7, 8:30 a.m. – St. Ambrose**

For my protection, health & for the work our Lord wants me to do (Anthony Bronson)

### **Tues, December 8, – Immaculate Conception**

**8:30 a.m.** For my protection, health & for the work our Lord wants me to do (Anthony Bronson)  
**6:00 p.m.** Pro Populo

### **Wed, December 9, MASS IN LOUISIANA – Advent Feria**

For my protection, health & for the work our Lord wants me to do (Anthony Bronson)

### **Thurs, December 10, MASS IN LOUISIANA – Our Lady of Loreto**

For my protection, health & for the work our Lord wants me to do (Anthony Bronson)

### **Fri, December 11, 8:30 a.m. – Advent Feria (St. Damasus)**

For my protection, health & for the work our Lord wants me to do (Anthony Bronson)

### **Sat, December 12, 10:00 a.m. – Our Lady of Guadalupe**

For my protection, health & for the work our Lord wants me to do (Anthony Bronson)

### **Sun, December 13, – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

**10:00 a.m. Alabama** For my protection, health & for the work our Lord wants me to do (Anthony Bronson)  
**6:30 p.m. Kentucky** RIP Howard & Isabelle Earp (Steve Osterhaus)

“God is everywhere ready to hear your prayers.” *St. John Vianney (1786 – 1859).*

### **VISIT OF ST. NICHOLAS THIS SUNDAY**

This Sunday, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent, our little parish will have a visit from St. Nicholas after Mass. Be sure to stay a little while and say hello to St. Nicholas on his Feastday.

### **MONDAY DECEMBER 7, DAY OF FAST AND ABSTINANCE**

In preparation for the great feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8, the Church has us prepare the day before with a day of fast and complete abstinence. Please see your CMRI calendar for the guidelines for fasting and abstinence, or see the explanation sheets in the parish hall.

### **FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, TUESDAY DEC.8**

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. It is also the patronal feast of the United States of America, for, on May 13, 1846, at 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.

### **CATECHISM RETURNS!**

No catechism this week. Next catechism class will be next Wednesday, December 16 at 6:00 p.m.

### **HELP TO REMOVE SOME GARBAGE**

There is some wood loaded with nails and somewhat moldy with some burned insulation, plastic and melted tiles left from the burning of the old shed on the side of the building. If anyone has a truck and a place to properly dispose of these materials, please feel free to take a little here and there until gone. Thank you! God bless you!

### **FATHER'S TRAVELS**

**December 13 – December 14** Kentucky Mass & Sacraments

**December 20 – December 21** Mississippi Mass & Sacraments

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

No Holy Hour this week. Next Holy Hour will be this Wednesday December 16 at 7:00 p.m.

### **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.

## **The Little Catechism of The Cure of Ars (St. John Vianney)** **Catechism on Hope**

My children, we are going to speak of hope: that is what makes the happiness of man on earth. Some people in this world hope too much, and others do not hope enough. Some say, "I am going to commit this sin again. It will not cost me more to confess four than three." It is like a child saying to his father, "I am going to

give you four blows; it will cost me no more than to give you one: I shall only have to ask your pardon.”

That is the way men behave towards the good God. They say, “This year I shall amuse myself again; I shall go to dances and to the alehouse, and next year I will be converted. The good God will be sure to receive me, when I choose to return to Him. He is not so cruel as the priests tell us.” No, the good God is not cruel, but He is just. Do you think He will adapt Himself in everything to your will? Do you think that He will embrace you, after you have despised Him all your life? Oh no, indeed! There is a certain measure of grace and of sin after which God withdraws Himself. What would you say of a father who should treat a good child, and one not so good, in the same manner? You would say: This father is not just. Well! God would not be just if He made no difference between those who serve Him and those who offend Him. My children, there is so little faith now in the world that people either hope too much, or they despair. Some say, “I have done too much evil; the good God cannot pardon me.” My children, this is a great blasphemy; it is putting a limit to the mercy of God, which has no limit – it is infinite. You may have done evil enough to lose the souls of a whole parish, and if you confess, if you are sorry for having done this evil, and resolve not to do it again, the good God will have pardoned you.

A priest was once preaching on hope, and on the mercy of the good God. He reassured others, but he himself despaired. After the sermon, a young man presented himself, saying, “Father, I am come to confess to you.” The priest answered, “I am willing to hear your confession.” The other recounted his sins, after which he added, “Father, I have done much evil; I am lost!” “What do you say, my friend! We must never despair.” The young man rose, saying, “Father, you wish me not to despair, and what do you do?” This was a ray of light; the priest, all astonishment, drove away that thought of despair, became a religious and a great saint. ... The good God had sent him an angel under the form of a young man, to show him that we must never despair. The good God is as prompt to grant us pardon when we ask it of Him as a mother is to snatch her child out of the fire.

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

**1.** On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s cry  
Announces that the Lord is nigh;  
Awake and hearken for he brings  
Glad tidings of the King of Kings.

**2.** Then cleansed be ev’ry heart from sin;  
Make straight the way of God within;  
Oh, let us all our hearts prepare  
For Christ to come and enter there.

### **On Jordan’s Bank**

**3.** To heal the sick stretch out Thine hand,  
And bid the fallen sinner stand;  
Shine forth, and let Thy light restore  
Earth’s own true loveliness once more.

**4.** All praise, eternal Son to Thee,  
Whose advent sets Thy people free;  
Whom with the Father we adore  
And Holy Ghost forever more.