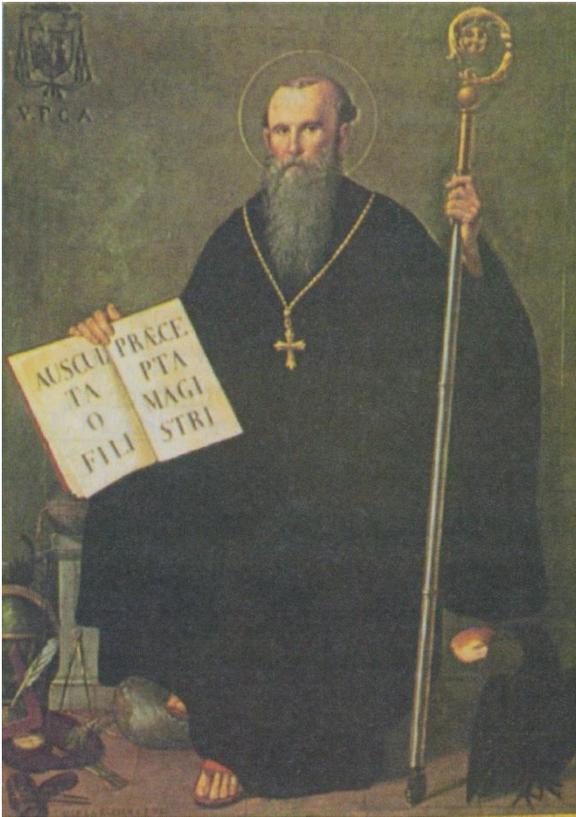


**St. Benedict's
Traditional Catholic Church**

1139 U. S. 231
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Roman Catholic

Traditional Latin Mass



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Mass Schedule for the week of December 7th

Sun, Dec. 7, 10:00 a.m. – 2nd Sunday of Advent

RIP Bernice Laughrin (Vicki Trent)

Mon, Dec. 8, – Immaculate Conception BVM

8:30 a.m. RIP Bernice Laughrin (Vicki Trent)

6:00 p.m. Pro Populo

Tues, Dec. 9, 8:30 a.m. – Advent FERIA

RIP Bernice Laughrin (Vicki Trent)

Wed, Dec. 10, 8:30 a.m. – Our Lady of Loreto

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Thurs, Dec. 11, 8:30 a.m. – Advent FERIA

My intentions & in thanksgiving (Mary Tarnowski)

Fri, Dec. 12, 8:30 a.m. – Our Lady of Guadalupe

Emilee Knight (Knight)

Sat, Dec. 13, 10:00 a.m. – St. Lucy

RIP Bernice Laughrin (Vicki Trent)

Sun, Dec. 14, 10:00 a.m. – 3rd Sunday of Advent(Gaudete)

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“Truly we are passing through disastrous times, when we may well make our own the lamentation of the Prophet: *‘There is no truth, and there is no mercy, and there is no knowledge of God in the land’* (Osee 4:1). Yet in the midst of this tide of evil, the Virgin Most Merciful rises before our eyes like a rainbow, as the arbiter of peace between God and man.” --- *St. Pius X (1835-1914)*

VISIT BY SAINT NICHOLAS

Today, the 2nd 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.

BE INFORMED! CLASSES ON THE NOVUS ORDO

Catechism Class will be this Wednesday, Dec. 10 at 6:00 p.m.

HOLY HOUR WITH EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION EVERY WEDNESDAY

Every Wednesday from 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Confessions and Benediction. This will be a weekly devotion, specifically to pray for the spiritual and physical growth of St. Benedict's and in reparation to Our Lord's Sacred Heart for sin.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Monday, Dec. 8 is the great feast of the Immaculate Conception. It is a Holy Day of obligation which every Catholic is required to attend under pain of mortal sin. There will be two Masses offered on that day, 8:30 a.m. Low Mass and 6:00 p.m. High Mass.

CONFESSIONS

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

KNIGHTS OF THE ALTAR

There will be a meeting of all altar servers this Sunday after the visit of St. Nicholas following Mass.

Prayer For The Second Sunday of Advent

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the ways of Thine only-begotten Son: that through His advent we may be worthy to serve Thee with purified minds; Who livest and reignest, God, forever and ever. Amen.

Practical Piety (St. Francis de Sales)
Maxims for Living Constantly in Piety (con't)

The fourth maxim is that of eternity. Of little consequence is it to be under affliction in these passing moments, provided that I am eternally in the glory of my God. We are going into eternity; we have, as it were, one foot there already. Provided it is a happy eternity for us, what matters it if these short moments are painful? Is it possible that we know our tribulations of three or four moments work for us so many eternal consolations, and yet we are not willing to endure them? In fine, what is not for eternity, can be nothing but vanity.

The fifth maxim is that of the apostle: *God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ*, (Gal. vi, 14) Plant Jesus Christ in your heart, and all the crosses of this world will only seem to you roses. Those who are wounded by the thorns of the crown of our Lord, who is our chief, hardly feel the smart of other thorns.

Practical Piety (St. Frances de Sales)
Of Confidence in Divine Providence

You see how sweet the providence of heaven is towards us, and that it delays not its succor, except to invite our confidence. That child will never perish who remains in the arms of a Father who is almighty. If our God grants us not always that which we ask of Him, it is to keep us near Him, and to give us occasion to urge Him, and to constrain Him with a loving violence, even as He made it apparent at Emmaus to the two disciples who were traveling, with whom he stayed not, except at the end of the journey, and very late, and when they constrained Him.

For the rest, He is gracious and kind: the moment that we humble ourselves under His will, he accommodates Himself to ours. Try, then, to fortify more and more your confidence in this holy providence, and frequently adore it in your spiritual retreats, and by interior regards.

Give into the hands of God's most secret providence whatever you may find painful to you, and firmly believe that He will sweetly conduct you, your life, and all your affairs. Do you know what the shepherds in Arabia do when they behold it thunder and lightning, and the air is charged with sulphurous vapor? They retire under the laurel trees, they and their flocks. When we see that persecutions or contradictions threaten us with some great trouble, we must retire, we and our affections, under the holy cross, with a true confidence that all will end to the advantage of those who love God.

Keep, then, your heart compact and settled; be much on your guard against eagerness; often cast your confidence on the providence of our Lord, and be altogether sure that heaven and earth shall sooner pass away than the Lord be wanting to your protection, so long as you are his obedient child, or at least desirous to obey Him. Twice or thrice a day look to see whether your heart is not disquieted about something; and if you find that it is, take care forthwith to restore it to calm.