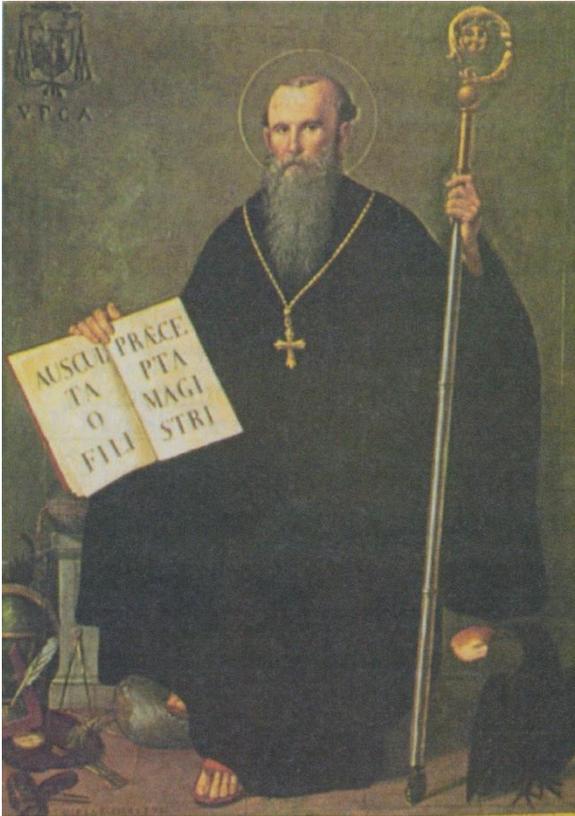


**St. Benedict's
Traditional Catholic Church**

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Traditional Latin Mass



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Mass Schedule for the week of February 15th

Sun, Feb. 15, 10:00 a.m. – Quinquagesima Sunday

Kathleen Plumb, her family & intentions (Mary Tarnowski)

Mon, Feb. 16, 8:30 a.m. – Feria (St. Onesimus)

Special Intention (Patrick & Judy Mason)

Tues, Feb. 17, 8:30 a.m. – Feria (Flight into Egypt)

RIP Robert B. Croker (Don & Kathy Mullan)

Wed, Feb. 18, – Ash Wednesday (St. Simeon)

8:30 a.m. *Solemn blessing & distribution of ashes, High Mass*

RIP Alice Phillips (Don Mullan)

7:00 p.m. *Chaplet of Our Mother of Sorrows, Lenten sermon,
Distribution of ashes*

Thurs, Feb. 19, 8:30 a.m. – Lenten Feria (St. Gabinus)

Hilary Brochu (Susan Chipman)

Fri, Feb. 20, 8:30 a.m. – Lenten Feria (St. Eucherius)

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

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Sat, Feb. 21, 10:00 a.m. – Lenten Feria (St. Severian)

In honor of Our Lady of Sorrows for the spiritual welfare
of the Steven Wertish family (Anonymous)

Sun, Feb. 22, 10:00 a.m. – 1st Sunday of Lent

RIP Poor Souls (Anonymous)

“Follow after Christ and carry your cross for your salvation, as
Christ carried His Cross for your salvation.” --- *St. Anthony of
Padua (1195 -1231)*

ASH WEDNESDAY

8:30 a.m. Blessing & Distribution of Ashes, High Mass

**7:00 p.m. Our Mother of Sorrows Chaplet, Lenten
Sermon, Distribution of Ashes**

This Wednesday begins Lent. Please see the bulletin and the bulletin insert for days and times of Lenten practices including Fast and Abstinence Regulations, Stations of the Cross, Distribution of Ashes.

CHURCH PHONE NUMBER

The Church now has a phone and phone number. It will be listed on the front of the bulletin along with Father's cell phone. One can contact either phone and can now put the Church's number out for public consumption. It is 256-261-8226.

SUMMER CATECHISM

I have requested that some Sisters come down to Alabama for a time this summer (usually a week), to teach catechism to both adults and children. Please pray that this may happen as the Sisters are already spread thin, but that they would be able to visit this parish.

BE INFORMED! CATECHISM CLASS!

No catechism class this Wednesday due to it being Ash Wednesday. Catechism Class will resume on Wednesday Feb. 25 at 6:00 p.m.

HOLY HOUR WITH EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

EVERY WEDNESDAY

No Holy Hour this Wednesday due to it being Ash Wednesday. Holy Hour will resume on Wednesday Feb. 25 at 7:00 p.m.

PARISH SICK

Please pray for these parishioners who are greatly ailing and in need of your prayers: Al Krebsbach, Al & Joyce Stolpa.

Consoling Thoughts of St. Francis de Sales The Cross of the Good Thief

Solomon says that all that passes under the sun is vanity and affliction of spirit. There is no man under the sun who can avoid the cross and sufferings; but the wicked sinners are, contrary to their liking and in spite of their will, fastened to the cross and to tribulations, and by their impatience render their crosses hurtful; they have sentiments of esteem for themselves, like those of the bad thief; by this means they unite their crosses with that of this wicked man, and infallibly their reward will be the same.

The good thief transformed a bad cross into a cross of Jesus Christ. Certainly the fatigues, the injuries, the tribulations that we receive are thieves' crosses, and we have well deserved them; we ought then to say humbly with the good thief: *We receive in our sufferings that which we have deserved by our sins.* It is thus we shall, by our humility, render our thief's cross into the cross of a true Christian. Let us, then, like the good thief, unite our sinner's cross with the cross of Him who has saved us; and by this loving and devout union of our sufferings with the sufferings and cross of Jesus Christ, we shall enter, like so many good thieves, into His friendship and company in Paradise.

Words of Consolation

Blessed Henry Suso wrote the following words of consolation to a certain religious who was tried by many great afflictions:

"It is, indeed, easy to speak of the sufferings, trials, and afflictions of others, but when they come to ourselves it is very difficult to bear them patiently. Sometimes the servants of God find so much pain in their crosses that they are tempted to think that God has forgotten them altogether."

"Like Our Divine Lord on the Cross, they cry out, 'My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me? Hast Thou forgotten that I am in the world? Why art Thou so angry with me that Thy hand is falling so heavily upon me --- Thou Who art so merciful and good?'"

"To these loving complaints Our Lord answers: 'My child, look up to Heaven, and see the multitude of Saints who are there in eternal glory; remember that they were once in the world as you are now, and that they, in imitation of Me, had to endure many trials and afflictions before they entered their heavenly home. Were not my Apostles treated as fools by the world? And the martyrs and confessors, were they not tormented, exiled, and made to endure the most excruciating cruelties that men could invent against them? Take courage, then; in a little time I will come again, and will take you to Myself, that where I am you also may be.'"

"Listen, then, my child, to these words of Jesus Christ," continues Blessed Suso, "and the burning desire you have of seeing God in Heaven, and of possessing the eternal happiness of the Saints, will give you courage to say: 'O my God, heap upon me now crosses, afflictions, pains and sufferings. Do not spare me; for love of Thee, my Jesus, I willingly accept of everything Thou art pleased to send me.'"