

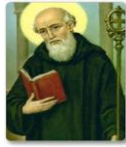
# St. Benedict's Traditional Catholic Church

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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**February 21, 2016**

**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 February 21<sup>st</sup>

**Sun, February 21, 10:00 a.m. – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

**10:00 a.m. Alabama** CMRI Nuns to start a school in Huntsville, AL (Knight)

**6:00 p.m. Mississippi** Pro populo

**Mon, February 22, MASS IN MISSISSIPPI – St. Peter's Chair at Antioch**

CMRI Nuns to start a school in Huntsville, AL (Knight)

**Tues, February 23, 8:30 a.m. – St. Peter Damian**

CMRI Nuns to start a school in Huntsville, AL (Knight)

**Wed, February 24, 8:30 a.m. – Lenten Feria**

CMRI Nuns to start a school in Huntsville, AL (Knight)

**Thurs, February 25, 8:30 a.m. – St. Matthias**

CMRI Nuns to start a school in Huntsville, AL (Knight)

**Fri, February 26, 8:30 a.m. –Lenten Feria**

CMRI Nuns to start a school in Huntsville, AL (Knight)

**7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross**

**Sat, February 27, 10:00 a.m. – Lenten Feria**

CMRI Nuns to start a school in Huntsville, AL (Knight)

**Sun, February 28, 10:00 a.m. – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

CMRI Nuns to start a school in Huntsville, AL (Knight)

"It often happens that we pray God to deliver us from some dangerous temptation, and yet God does not hear us but permits the temptation to continue troubling us. In such a case, let us understand that God permits even this for our greater good. When a soul in temptation recommends itself to God, and by His aid resists, O how it then advances in perfection." *St. Alphonsus Liguori (1696 – 1787)*

## **SUNDAY CATECHISM**

Next Sunday Catechism will be **next** Sunday, Feb. 28 for those who are studying to be Catholic or who are studying for the Sacraments of Confession and Eucharist. After Mass the class will take place in the choir room. Those who will be Confirmed when the Bishop comes, classes will begin in June.

## **OPPORTUNITY FOR AN ACT OF CHARITY**

The Tahoe that I drive for all my mission trips each month has 220,000 miles on it (30,000 which I put on myself since I got it already). It began to have some problems recently and I took it to my mechanic a couple days ago. Because of the wear and tear after so many miles, it seems as though the problem is that the ball joints are all worn, needs new tire rods, suspension work, etc. etc. Basically, it needs major front end work. I told him to begin to fix it as I need it for my mission trips and need to be safe. He gives me some breaks and fairness, but the cost will be between \$1200 - \$1500. So, if anyone would like to make any private donations to help with the cost, please see me privately at some time. God bless you.

## **EVENING CATECHISM RETURNS!**

Next catechism class is this Wednesday, Feb. 24 at 6:00 p.m.

## **FATHER'S TRAVELS**

**Feb. 21 – Feb. 22** Mississippi Mass & Sacraments

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

Next Holy Hour is this Wednesday, Feb. 24 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.

## **Consoling Thoughts of St. Francis de Sales(St. Francis de Sales)** **Consolation In Temptation**

Be not troubled, however great the temptations that assail you. Let the enemy rage at the door; let him stamp, thump, romp, yell; do the worst in his power; we are sure he cannot enter but by the door of our consent. Let us keep it closed, often taking a look to see that it is properly fastened, and there is nothing to fear.

Humble yourself very much, and be not at all surprised. The lilies that grow among the thorns are the whitest. *What does he know who has not been tempted?*

It is a misfortune that you dread temptations so much. Be assured that all the temptations of hell cannot sully a soul which is displeased with them; let them do their worst then. The Apostle St. Paul suffered terrible ones, and God, out of love for him, would not remove them. Come, come, have courage; let this heart belong to Jesus, and let the mastiff bark at the door as long as he pleases. Join the sweet Jesus and His sweet Mother in the midst of darkness, nails, thorns, lances, derelictions. Live for a time in tears, without obtaining anything; God will at length rejoice you, and grant you the desire of your heart. But even if He should not, let us not cease to serve Him, for He does not cease to be our God, and the affection that we owe to Him should be immortal and imperishable.

I observe very distinctly the ant-hill of inclinations that self-love nourishes and spreads over your heart, and I know quite well that the nature of your subtle, delicate, and fertile mind, contributes something thereto; but still, they are only inclinations, and since you are annoyed by

their importunity, there is no reason to suppose that they are accepted by any consent, or at least by any deliberate consent.

No, your dear soul, having conceived the great desire with which God has inspired it to belong to Him, could not easily consent to any contrary design. Your heart may be shaken by its passions; but I think it can rarely sin by consent. *Miserable man that I am*, said the great Apostle, *who will deliver me from this body of death?*

He perceives a regular army, composed of his humors and aversions, natural habits and earthly inclinations, that have determined on his spiritual death; and because he fears them, he testifies that he hates them; and because he hates them, he cannot endure them without grief; and his grief finds expression in this affecting exclamation, to which he replies himself by saying that *the grace of God through Jesus Christ should preserve him*, not from fear, or from terror, or from alarm, or from battle, but from defeat.

“It is true,” you say, “but I have already often taken the knife to cut off and circumcise my passions; I have done all, as appears to me, that I possibly could, employing much time, with very great care and vigilance, yet I still experience the same aversions, disgust, and repugnances.” Ah! My dear soul, do you not that we are not in this world for enjoyment, but for suffering? Wait awhile, until you are in heaven, and then you will possess a full peace and a perfect contentment – exempt from all the irregular motions of a nature vitiated and corrupted by sin – a tranquility and repose unalterable, because it is there we are to enjoy peace, and not in this life, where we must suffer, and must circumcise ourselves. He who would live here without passions would not suffer, but enjoy himself, which cannot be; for as long as we live, we shall have passions, and shall never be free from them before death, according to the opinion of doctors, received by the Church. But why be in trouble, since in combating those passions and motions lies our victory, our triumph, our glory?

To be in this world, and not to feel any emotion of passion, is an inconsistency. The glorious St. Bernard says that it is heresy to assert that we can persevere in one same state here below, inasmuch as the Holy Ghost, speaking by the mouth of Job, concerning man, declares that *he never remains in the same state*. This is an answer to your complaints regarding the levity and inconstancy of your soul; for I believe, without a doubt, that it is continually beaten about by the winds of its passions, and consequently is always in commotion; but I believe as firmly that the grace of God and your good resolutions remain steady in the summit of your soul, where the standard of the cross is firmly planted, and where faith, hope, and charity exclaim aloud: *Live Jesus!*

Take notice of this: so long as the temptation displeases you, there is nothing to fear; for why does it displease you, but because you do not approve it? These importunate temptations come from the malice of the devil; but the pain we feel on their account comes from the mercy of God, who, in opposition to the will and from the wickedness of our enemy, draws a holy tribulation by which He refines the gold intended for His treasury.

I say, then, that your temptations are from the devil and hell, but your afflictions are from God and heaven; the mothers are from Babylon, but the daughters are from Jerusalem. Despise the vain allurements; embrace the precious tribulation.

It is necessary for the soldier to be victorious in war, to be at his ease in peace. Never shall we possess perfect meekness and charity, unless we are exercised in repugnances, aversions, and disgusts. True peace does not consist in never fighting, but is found after victory. The vanquished no longer combat, yet they do not enjoy true peace. We should be exceedingly humbled to see that we are yet so little masters of ourselves, and so much attached to our own ease and repose.

We shall obtain no recompense without victory, no victory without war. Have courage, then, and by converting your pain, which is without remedy, into merit, make a virtue of necessity. Look often to Our Lord, who regards you, poor little creature as you are, amid your labors and distractions. He will send you aid, and will bless your afflictions. You should, on this consideration, take patiently and quietly the tediousness that grieves you, and bear it meekly for the love of Him who only permits it for your good.

Elevate, then, your heart frequently to God, beg His assistance, and let your chief consolation be the happiness of belonging to Him. Every object of displeasure will be of little account when you remember that you have so kind a friend, so great a support, so excellent a refuge.

**Closing Hymn after Mass: I See My Jesus Crucified**