

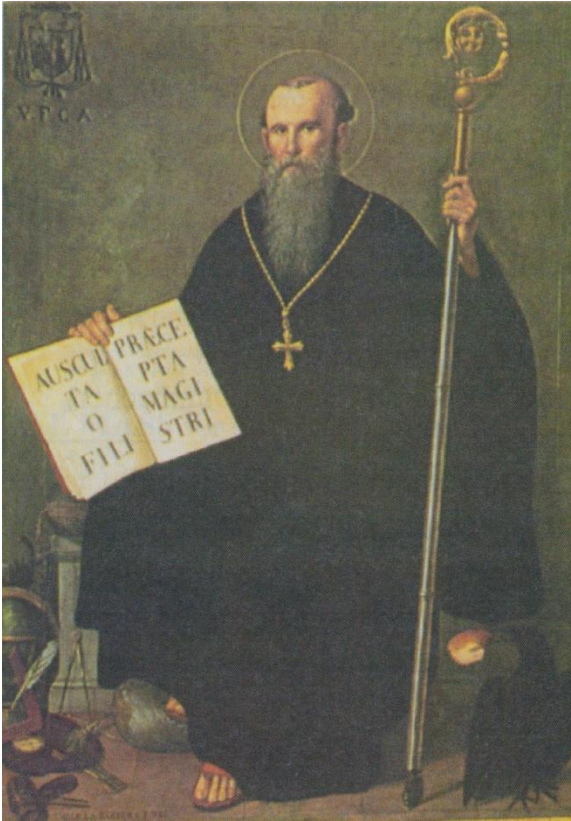
St. Benedict's Traditional Catholic Church

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Roman Catholic

Traditional Latin Mass



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Mass Schedule for the week of February 8th

Sun, Feb. 8, 10:00 a.m. – Sexagesima Sunday

In thanksgiving to St. Joseph & the Blessed Mother
(Steve Osterhaus)

Mon, Feb. 9, 8:30 a.m. – St. Cyril of Alexandria

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

Tues, Feb. 10, 8:30 a.m. – St. Scholastica

RIP Alice Oswald (Steve Osterhaus)

Wed, Feb. 11, 8:30 a.m. – Apparition of Our Lady of Lourdes

Andy House (Knight)

Thurs, Feb. 12, 8:30 a.m. – Seven Holy Servite Founders

Fr. James & Fr. Benedict (Steve Osterhaus)

Fri, Feb. 13, 8:30 a.m. – Feria (St. Catherine of Ricci)

For the Souls in Purgatory (Steve Osterhaus)

Sat, Feb. 14, 10:00 a.m. – BVM Saturday (St. Valentine)

RIP Mabel Higginbotham (Luke Higginbotham)

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

Kathleen Plumb, her family & intentions
(Mary Tarnowski)

“During the course of the day, recollect as often as you can that you stand in the presence of God. Consider what He does and what you are doing. You will find His eyes turned towards you and perpetually fixed on you with an incomparable love.” --- *St. Francis de Sales (1567 -1622)*

BLESSING OF THROATS

After Mass today, there will be the blessing of throats from the feast of St. Blaise on this last Tuesday, Feb. 3. For those who would like their throat blessed, please approach and kneel at the Communion Rail when Father proceeds out of the sacristy in his red stole.

EDUCATIONAL INSERTS IN BULLETIN

As we continue our occasional bulletin inserts on things of doctrine, dogma and spirituality, this week and next week's inserts will be a short meditation on Lent to prepare ourselves for this coming grace filled Lenten Season. It is taken from the book *The Church Year and Home Life* by Fr. Bernard Sause, O.S.B. 1943

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!

Catechism Class is on Wednesday Feb. 11 at 6:00 p.m.

HOLY HOUR WITH EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION EVERY WEDNESDAY

Holy Hour is on Wednesday Feb. 11 at 7:00 p.m.

WANT A ROSARY? NEED ONE FIXED?

Please see Ernie Laurence who makes very nice Rosaries and can repair your old one if you need. There are some Rosaries for sale on one of the counters in the parish hall which you can buy.

PARISH SICK

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

A Part of a Letter Written By Cardinal Merry Del Val (Secretary to Pope St. Pius X) on Struggles & Their Purpose

“... You speak of your path being one of ‘humiliation and solitude’, but ‘very simple and straight’, and you set yourself the question, ‘Why are there any interior struggles?’ Your answer strikes me as somewhat severe, ‘A want of generosity.’ Perhaps that is part of the explanation, for we are rarely generous enough; but I am inclined to think that is not all. First there is the reluctance of our natural weakness to earn our heavenly bread in the sweat of our brow, and inevitable fatigue. Then there is the tendency to seek the abiding city here below and hurry in our desire to reach final and perfect peace. Yet what should we do without these struggles? They are the materials with which we build up our spiritual edifice and our interior life. They are the rounds of the ladder we have to climb: they are the rocks which we must strike to bring forth the waters of divine love. Nor can we hope or wish to avoid them whilst we are in the flesh. Only in eternity, in complete union with God, is there real and unchanging life: only there can we live, that is to say, live fully, without obstacles, without weakness, and hence without struggles. On this side of the grave we can only live imperfectly: there are numberless trammels and unavoidable conflicts from within and from without. Our life must ever be a kind of constant death. If able to say in that sense ‘*quotidie morimur*’, it is a happiness. For in the measure in which we die to the things of this world, to interior and exterior obstacles, in that degree may we be said to live, for we begin to possess something of the perfect life in eternity, God.

We must either die to the world and ourselves or die to God. If we were to die to God, we might perhaps enjoy the world to a certain extent and for a time, but we should enter eternity dead to God and eternal life. Whereas if we die to the world and to ourselves according to our powers, we live to God, and living we shall step into eternity to share the perfect life of God. That is, I take it, what is implied in the mystical death of which the saints have spoken, and it seems to be conveyed in Our Lord’s words, ‘He that loveth his life shall lose it, and he that hateth his life in this world keepeth it unto life eternal.’ But it is hard to die, and struggle there must be. Sudden deaths are not so frequent.”

“... To lose our life for Christ is to give ourselves up entirely to Him; to give oneself up to Him is to love Him, and love is of the will... Our age is one of sentimentality, even in spiritual things. We want the roses of St. Teresa of the Child Jesus, and take no heed of the crucifix she is clasping to her heart. To long for consolation, facility, and sweetness in prayer is to take the wrong road, and one which will lead to nothing stable. To live by faith and to seek only the Will of God is the way to peace, courage, and happiness.”