

# St. Benedict's Traditional Catholic Church

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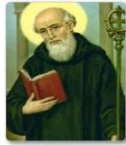
Laceys Spring, Alabama 35754

Roman Catholic

Traditional Latin Mass

**The Religious Congregation of Mary Immaculate Queen (CMRI)**

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**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.

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**January 14, 2018** Church Website: [st-benedict-hsv.org](http://st-benedict-hsv.org)

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## 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.

**ANYONE WHO ADHERES TO THE DOCTRINES OF FR. FEENEY IS BARRED FROM RECEIVING THE SACRAMENTS IN THIS CHAPEL.** In the 1940's, Fr. Leonard Feeney S.J. promoted the heresy that there was no such thing as baptism of blood and baptism of desire. Fr. Feeney's teaching is contrary to the Universal Ordinary Magisterium of the Catholic Church. It was condemned in 1949 by the Holy Office. All Catholics are bound under pain of mortal sin to give assent to the teachings of the Holy Office. A number of lay people mistakenly adhere to this heresy, falsely thinking it is the teaching of the Catholic Church.

## Mass Schedule for the week of January 14<sup>th</sup>

**Sun, January 14, 10:00 a.m. – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany**  
10:00 a.m. **Alabama** Austin Gardner (Linda Gardner)  
6:00 p.m. **Tennessee** Private Intention (Fr. Oswald)

**Mon, January 15, 8:30 a.m. – Our Lady of Prompt Succor**  
Holy Souls (Victoria Vaillancourt)

**Tues, January 16, 8:30 a.m. – St. Marcellus**  
Holy Souls (Victoria Vaillancourt)

**Wed, January 17, 8:30 a.m. – St. Anthony**  
Holy Souls (Victoria Vaillancourt)

**Thurs, January 18, 8:30 A.M. – St. Peter's Chair at Rome**  
Holy Souls (Victoria Vaillancourt)

**Fri, January 19, 8:30 a.m. – Feria**  
Holy Souls (Victoria Vaillancourt)

**Sat, January 20, 10:00 a.m. – Ss. Fabian & Sebastian**  
Holy Souls (Victoria Vaillancourt)

**Sun, January 21, 10:00 a.m. – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany (St. Agnes)**  
10:00 a.m. **Alabama** Holy Souls (Victoria Vaillancourt)  
6:30 p.m. **Kentucky** Private Intention (Fr. Oswald)

“The home must be in accord with the Church, that all harmful influences be withheld from the souls of children. Where there is true piety in the home, purity of morals reigns supreme.” *St. John Vianney (1786 – 1859)*

## **CHAIR OF UNITY OCTAVE**

Every year, from the feast of St Peter's Chair at Rome on January 18, to the feast of the Conversion of St. Paul on January 25, we observe a special week of prayer for the conversion of non-Catholics to the Faith. The official prayers for the octave will be prayed after daily Mass. Please include this all-important intention for unity in your other prayers, sacrifices and good works.

## **SERVERS MEETING**

There will be a meeting for altar servers after Mass on Sunday, January 28 in the chapel. All servers are to attend, as well as those who are in process of learning or want to be a server. There will be some structural changes made as well as a review of some pointers for serving Mass.

## **OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR, JANUARY 15**

The shrine of Our Lady under this title is located in New Orleans, LA, and it has special historical significance for our country. From Wikipedia we read about the miracles attributed to Our Lady under this title: Many miracles have been attributed to the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary under the title of Our Lady of Prompt Succor. Two historical events are especially associated with the Virgin. The first occurred in 1812 during the eruption of a great fire in New Orleans devastating the Vieux Carré. The Ursuline convent was facing imminent destruction as the winds blew the terrible fire toward Jackson Square. An order was given to evacuate the convent, however at that moment, a nun named Sr. St. Anthony (Marthe Delatre, daughter of Antoine Delatre) placed a small statue of Our Lady of Prompt Succor on a window seat and Mother St. Michel began to pray aloud, "Our Lady of Prompt Succor, we are lost unless you hasten to our aid!" Immediately, the wind shifted direction, blowing the flames away from the convent allowing for the fire to be extinguished. The Ursuline convent was one of the few buildings spared from destruction. Upon seeing the inexplicable occurrence, witnesses unanimously cried out, "Our Lady of Prompt Succor has saved us!" The second major miracle occurred in 1815, three years after the disastrous fire. General Andrew Jackson's 6,000 American troops faced 15,000 British soldiers on the plains of Chalmette [during the War of 1812]. It seemed as though the city of New Orleans was doomed. On the eve of the Battle of New Orleans, New Orleans residents joined the Ursuline sisters at their convent in the French Quarter to pray throughout the night, imploring the help of Our Lady of Prompt Succor. On the morning of January 8, the Very Rev. William Dubourg, Vicar General, offered Mass at the altar on which the statue of Our Lady of Prompt Succor had been placed. Cannon fire could be heard from the chapel. The Prioress of the Ursuline convent, Mother Ste. Marie Olivier de Vezin, made a vow to have a Mass of Thanksgiving sung annually should the American forces win. At the very moment of Holy Communion, a courier ran into the chapel to inform all those present that the British had been defeated. They had become confused by a fog and wandered into a swamp. The Mass ended with the singing of the Te Deum. An annual Mass of Thanksgiving has been held Jan. 8 ever since.

## **FATHER'S TRAVELS**

**January 14** Tennessee Mass and Sacraments

**January 21** Kentucky Mass and Sacraments

**January 22 – January 26** Spokane, WA priest meeting

**January 28 – January 29** Mississippi Mass and Sacraments

**February 4** Georgia Mass and Sacraments

**February 11** Tennessee Mass and Sacraments

## **NEXT CATECHISM CLASSES**

Adult catechism – **Wednesday, January 17 at 6:00 p.m.**

Children's catechism – **Sunday, January 14 after Mass**

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

Next Holy Hour will be on Wednesday, **Jan. 17 at 7:00 p.m.**

## **PROSPECTIVE CONVERTS**

Anyone who is seeking to convert to the Catholic Church, please see Father to set up personal catechism teachings and begin the Catechumen process.

## **Letter of St. Athanasius to the faithful remnant Catholics left in his country**

St. Athanasius lived in the 4th century and was the bishop of Alexandria in Egypt for 46 years. Banned from his diocese at least five times, he spent a total of 17 years in exile. The famous convert to the Church, Cardinal John Henry Newman, described him as a "*principal instrument after the Apostles by which the sacred truths of Christianity have been conveyed and secured to the world.*" Often referred to as the Champion of Orthodoxy, St. Athanasius was undoubtedly one of the most courageous defenders of the Faith in the entire history of the Church. If anyone can be singled out as a saint for our times, surely it is St. Athanasius. The following letter of his could, almost word for word, have been written yesterday.

*"May God console you! ...What saddens you ...is the fact that others have occupied the churches by violence, while during this time you are on the outside. It is a fact that they have the premises—but you have the apostolic Faith. They can occupy our churches, but they are outside the true Faith. You remain outside the places of worship, but the Faith dwells within you. Let us consider: what is more important, the place or the Faith? The true Faith, obviously. Who has lost and who has won in this struggle—the one who keeps the premises or the one who keeps the Faith?"*

*True, the premises are good when the apostolic Faith is preached there; they are holy if everything takes place there in a holy way ...You are the ones who are happy: you who remain within the church by your faith, who hold firmly to the foundations of the Faith which has come down to you from apostolic Tradition. And if an execrable jealousy has tried to shake it on a number of occasions, it has not succeeded. They are the ones who have broken away from it in the present crisis.*

*No one, ever, will prevail against your faith, beloved brothers. And we believe that God will give us our churches back some day.*

*Thus, the more violently they try to occupy the places of worship, the more they separate themselves from the Church. They claim that they represent the Church; but in reality, they are the ones who are expelling themselves from it and going astray.*

*Even if Catholics faithful to Tradition are reduced to a handful, they are the ones who are the true Church of Jesus Christ."*

## **Closing Hymn after Mass: Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming**

Lo how a Rose e'er blooming  
From tender stem hath sprung!  
Of Jesse's lineage coming,  
As men of old have sung.  
It came a flow'ret bright,  
Amid the cold of winter,  
When half spent was the night.

Isaiah 'twas foretold it,  
The Rose I have in mind,  
With Mary we behold it,  
The Virgin Mother kind.  
To show God's love aright,  
She bore to men a Savior,  
When half spent was the night.