

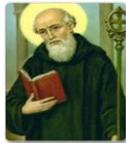
St. Benedict's Traditional Catholic Church

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



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.

PENANCE:	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

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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January 17, 2016

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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.

Mass Schedule for the week of January 17th

Sun, January 17, – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

10:00 a.m. Alabama Matthew Slvedeo (Lisa Reiss)

6:00 p.m. Mississippi RIP Lucy Borland (Bill Caldwell)

Mon, January 18, MASS IN MISSISSIPPI – St. Peter's Chair at Rome

In honor of the Holy Family & the needs & intentions of the Wayne Pivarunas family (Wayne Pivarunas)

Tues, January 19, 8:30 a.m. – Feria (Ss Marius & Comp., St. Canute)

In honor of the Holy Family & the needs & intentions of the Wayne Pivarunas family (Wayne Pivarunas)

Wed, January 20, 8:30 a.m. – Ss. Fabian & Sebastian

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Thurs, January 21, 8:30 a.m. – St. Agnes

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Fri, January 22, 8:30 a.m. – Ss. Vincent & Anastasius

In honor of the Holy Family & the needs & intentions of the Wayne Pivarunas family (Wayne Pivarunas)

Sat, January 23, 10:00 a.m. – BVM Saturday (St. Raymond of Penafort, St. Emerentiana)

In honor of the Holy Family & the needs & intentions of the Wayne Pivarunas family (Wayne Pivarunas)

Sun, January 24, 10:00 a.m. – Septuagesima Sunday (St. Timothy)

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"The man who wishes to have a happy married life ought to consider the sanctity and dignity of the Sacrament of Matrimony." *St. Francis de Sales (1567 – 1622).*

THIS SUNDAY -BLESSING OF EXPECTANT MOTHERS

The blessing of expectant mothers will take place after Mass at the Communion rail.

CRY AREA FOR CHILDREN

Outside the French double doors there will be chairs set up every Sunday for children and their parents if they become fidgety. There is an audio monitor where the parents can hear the Mass and sermon out there as well. You can see the altar which is required to attend Mass. Please use if needed, always keeping in mind that well behaved children and children that are taught to be quite as possible during Mass are not usually a distraction to others but those who are disruptive are a serious distraction. Please do not use those French doors on Sunday's due to the chairs set up there.

SUNDAY CATECHISM

Due to the fact that there are no Sisters in the parish to give catechism, that I give catechism to many different people in different states already, that the parishioners of this parish are so spread far apart from the chapel that meetings are not feasible except on Sunday's for the vast majority; there will be catechism classes for those who are converting to the Faith, those who are studying for any Sacrament, and occasionally altar server meetings on the two Sunday's that I do not travel in the month. The class will begin after Mass in the choir room. Those who attend will need to have a Baltimore Catechism. First class will be on Sunday, Feb. 7.

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.

DONATION TOTALS FOR TAX DEDUCTIONS

Please pick up your envelope if you have one in the parish hall which is available now for your taxes.

CATECHISM RETURNS!

Next catechism class is this Wednesday, Jan. 20 at 6:00 p.m.

FATHER'S TRAVELS

Jan. 17 – Jan. 18 Mississippi Mass & Sacraments

Jan. 25 – Jan. 29 Priest meeting in Spokane, WA

HOLY HOUR WITH EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION ON WEDNESDAY'S

Next Holy Hour is this Wednesday, Jan. 20 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.

Sermons of St. Alphonsus de Liguori On Avoiding Bad Company

In this day's gospel it is related, that ten lepers of a certain town met Jesus Christ, and entreated Him to heal the leprosy under which they labored. The Lord bid them go and present themselves to the priests of the temple; but, before they reached the temple, they were cured. Now, it may be asked, why our Savior, who could heal them in an instant, wished them to go to the priests, and healed them on the way. A certain author (Anthony of Lisbon) says, that Jesus Christ foresaw that, had He cured them on the spot, they, by remaining in the place and conversing with the other lepers, from whom they took the leprosy, should easily relapse into the same disease. Therefore, He first wished them to depart from the place, and then healed them. Whatever may be thought of this reason, let us come to the moral sense which may be deduced from it. The leprosy resembles sin. As the leprosy is a contagious disease, so the bad habits of the wicked infect others who associate with them. Hence, the leper who wishes to be cured, shall never be healed unless he separates from bad companions. He that keeps company with robbers, soon becomes a thief. In this discourse I shall show that, to lead a good life, it is necessary to avoid bad companions.

1. "A friend of fools," says the Holy Ghost, "shall become like them." – Prov. 13, 20. Christians who live in enmity with God, are, Father M. Avila used to say, all fools, who deserve to be shut up in a madhouse. For, what greater madness can be conceived than to believe in Hell, and to live in sin, in heresy, in schism? But the man who contracts an intimacy with these fools, shall soon become like them. Although he should hear all the sermons of the sacred orators, he will continue in vice, according to the celebrated maxim: "*Examples make greater impressions than words.*" Hence the Royal Prophet has said: "With the elect thou wilt be elect, and with the perverse thou wilt be perverted." Ps. 17, 27. St. Augustine says, that familiarity with sinners is as it were a hook, which draws us to communicate in their vices. Let us, said the saint, avoid wicked friends, "lest by their company we may be drawn to a communion of vice." St. Thomas teaches, that to know whom we should avoid, is a great means of saving our souls.

2. "Let their way become dark and slippery, and let the angel of the Lord pursue them." Ps. 34, 6. All men in this life walk in the midst of darkness, and in a slippery way. If, then, a bad angel – that is, a wicked companion, who is worse than any devil – pursue them, and endeavor to drive them into an abyss, who shall be able to escape death? And St. John Chrysostom said, that if we wish to know a man's moral habits, we have only to observe the character of the friends with whom he associates; because friendship finds or makes him like his friends. First, because, to please his friends, a man will endeavor to imitate them; secondly, because, as Seneca says, nature inclines men to do what they see others do. And the Scripture says: "They were mingled among the heathens, and learned their works." Ps. 105, 35. According to St. Basil, as air which comes from pestilential places causes infection, so, by conversation with bad companions, we almost imperceptibly contract their vices. And St. Bernard says, that St. Peter, in consequence of associating with the enemies of Jesus Christ, denied his Master. **(continued next Sunday)**

Closing Hymn after Mass:

Joy to the World