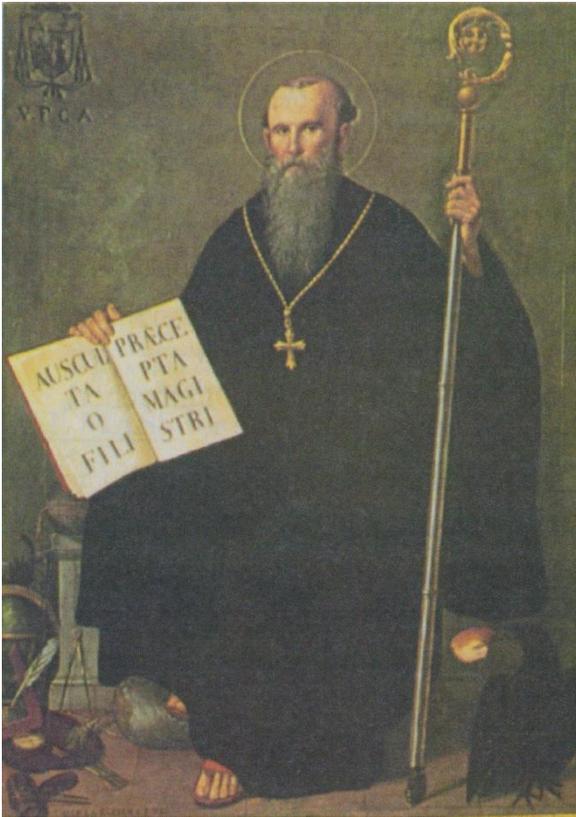


St. Benedict's Traditional Catholic Church

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Traditional Latin Mass



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Mass Schedule for the week of January 18th

Sun, Jan. 18, 10:00 a.m. – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany
Holy Souls (Knight)

Mon, Jan. 19, 8:30 a.m. – Feria (Ss. Marius & Comp.)
Kyle & Kayleigh knight & family (N. Knight)

Tues, Jan. 20, 8:30 a.m. – Ss. Fabian & Sebastian
Tyler & Tamara Knight & family (N. Knight)

Wed, Jan. 21, 8:30 a.m. – St. Agnes
Molly & Curtis Hines & family (N. Knight)

Thurs, Jan. 22, 8:30 a.m. – Ss. Vincent & Anastasius
Intentions of the Altar & Rosary Society (Altar & Rosary)

Fri, Jan. 23, 8:30 a.m. – St. Raymond of Penafort
Nathan & Casey Knight (N. Knight)

Sat, Jan. 24, 10:00 a.m. – St. Timothy
For the intentions of an anonymous benefactor (Fr. Oswalt)

Sun, Jan. 25, 10:00 a.m. – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany
RIP Mabel Higginbotham (Luke Higginbotham)

“The state of marriage is one that requires more virtue and constancy than any other: it is a perpetual exercise of mortification.” --- *St. Francis de Sales (1567 -1622)*

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.

CALENDARS

The traditional Catholic calendar has arrived and available for sale.

BE INFORMED! CLASSES ON THE NOVUS ORDO

Catechism Class is on Wednesday Jan. 21 at 6:00 p.m.

HOLY HOUR WITH EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION EVERY WEDNESDAY

Holy Hour is on Wednesday Jan. 21 at 7:00 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

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

PARISH SICK

Please pray for these parishioners who are greatly ailing and in need of your prayers: Al Krebsbach

GOOD INFORMATION

Some good websites to view for information on the present situation of the Church today:

www.traditionalmass.org

www.novusordowatch.org

www.traditionalcatholicsermons.org

www.dailycatholic.org

The Way of Salvation (St. Alphonsus de Liguori)

The Practice of Patience

St. James say, that patience is the perfect work of a soul: *And let patience have its perfect work.* – James 1, 4. It is by patience that we gain heaven. This earth is a place where we can gain merit; therefore it is not a place of rest, but of labors and sufferings; and it is for this end that God makes us live here, that by patience we may obtain the glory of paradise. Everyone has to suffer in this world; but he who suffers with patience suffers less and saves himself, while he who suffers with impatience suffers more and is damned. Our Lord does not send us crosses that He may see us lost, as some impatient people say, but that we may be thereby saved, and inherit more glory in heaven. Sorrows, contradictions, and all other tribulations, when accepted with patience, become the brightest jewels in our heavenly crown. Whenever, then, we are in affliction, let us console ourselves and thank God for it, since it is a sign that God wishes us to be saved, by chastising us in this life, where the chastisements are cruel and eternal. Woe to the sinner who is prosperous in this life! It is a sign that God has reserved for him eternal punishment.

St. Mary Magdalene of Pazzi said: “All sufferings, however great, become sweet when we look at Jesus on the cross.” And St. Joseph Calasanctius: “He who cannot suffer for Jesus Christ, does not know how to gain Jesus Christ for his own.” He, then, who loves Jesus Christ bears patiently all external crosses – sickness, pains, dishonor, loss of parents and friends; and all interior crosses – afflictions, weariness, temptations, and desolation of spirit, and he bears them all in peace. On the other hand, he who is impatient and angry when he is in tribulation, what does he do? He does but increase his suffering, and adds to his punishments in the next life. St. Teresa says in her writings: “The cross is felt by those who drag it after them by force; but he who embraces it with a good will does not feel it.” Hence St. Phillip Neri also said: “In this world there is no purgatory; it is either heaven or hell: he who bears tribulation with patience is in heaven, but he who does not, is in hell.” Let us proceed to the practice.

First, patience must be practiced in sickness. The time of sickness is a time for testing the devotion of people, whether it is of lead or gold. Some are pious and cheerful when they are in good health; but when they are visited by any illness, they lose their patience, complain of everything, and give themselves up to melancholy, and commit a thousand other faults. Their gold turns out to be lead. St. Joseph Calasanctius said: “If sick people were patient, we should hear no more complaints.” Some complain and say: “But as long as I am in this state, I cannot go to church, nor to Communion, nor to Mass; in short, I can do nothing.” You say you can do nothing. You do everything when you do the will of God. Tell me, why do you want to do those things you have named? Is it to please God? This is the good pleasure of God, that you should embrace with patience all you have to endure, and should leave everything else that you wish to do alone. “God is served,” writes St. Francis de Sales, “more by suffering than any other works we can do.” **(to be continued next Sunday)**