

# 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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## 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 1<sup>st</sup>

**Sun, Jan. 1, 10:00 a.m. – Circumcision of Our Lord**  
RIP Tom O'Malia (John & Rita Dumbacher)

**Mon, Jan. 2, 8:30 a.m. – Holy Name of Jesus**  
In reparation for sins & for suffering souls in Purgatory (A.M. King)

**Tues, Jan. 3, 8:30 a.m. – Feria**  
In reparation for sins & for suffering souls in Purgatory (A.M. King)

**Wed, Jan. 4, 8:30 a.m. – Feria**  
For the Holy Souls, in thanksgiving, & for special intention (A.M. King)

**Thurs, Jan. 5, MASS IN GEORGIA – Feria (St. Telesphorus)**  
Dorothy Maguire & Mike Miles (The Thomey's)

**Fri, Jan. 6, 6:00 p.m. – Epiphany of Our Lord (FIRST FRIDAY)**  
Conversion of Shauna Eastwood (Alena Roberts)

**Sat, Jan. 7, 10:00 a.m. – BVM Saturday (FIRST SATURDAY)**  
Don Wong – return to the Faith (Linda Gardner)

**Sun, Jan. 8 – Holy Family Sunday (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany)**  
**10:00 a.m. Alabama** Don Gardner – return to the Faith (Linda Gardner)  
**6:00 p.m. Tennessee** RIP Francis Larkin (Joey Phillips)

“Ah! How sweet and full of comfort are the moments spent before the Blessed Sacrament! Are you in any trouble? Come and throw yourself at His feet... Do people speak badly of you? Come to Him and you will find a good friend who will never fail you...” *St. John Vianney (1786 – 1859)*

## **FATHER'S TRAVELS**

**January 5 – January 6** Tennessee catechism/Georgia Mass

**January 8** Tennessee Mass and Sacraments

**January 9 – January 11** Florida/Louisiana Mass and Sacraments

**January 15 – January 17** Kentucky Mass & Sacraments & catechism/Illinois catechism

**January 23 – January 27** Priest meeting in Spokane, WA

**January 29 – January 30** Mississippi Mass and Sacraments

## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT CATECHISM**

Next Catechism class will be on Wednesday, Jan. 18 at **6:00 p.m.**

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

Next Holy Hour will be on Wednesday, Jan. 18 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.

## **How to be Happy, How to be Holy (Fr. Paul O'Sullivan) 1943** **The Wonders of Holy Mass**

The Saints never speak so eloquently as when they speak of the Mass. They can never say enough on this sublime subject, for, St. Bonaventure says the wonders of the Mass are as many as there are stars in the heavens and grains of sand on the seashores of the world.

The graces, blessings and favors granted to those who assist at this Divine Sacrifice are beyond all comprehension.

The Mass is the greatest wonder in the world. There is nothing on earth equal to it, and there is nothing in Heaven greater than it.

**The next great wonder** is the indifference and ignorance of Catholics regarding Holy Mass. How is it that so many Catholics do not go to Mass?

The Great Sacrifice of Calvary is offered near to their homes, almost at their very doors, and they are too slothful to assist at it.

The Sacrifice of Calvary! Yes, for the Mass is really and truly the very same as the death of Jesus on the Cross.

Why do not mothers, why do not catechists, why do not teachers instill into the minds and hearts of those in their charge the wonders of the Mass? Priests are bound by the Council of Trent to do so.

Protestants may well ask those Catholics who neglect hearing daily Mass, *if they do really believe* that God is born on the altar, and that God dies on the altar as He did on Calvary? If they do believe, why do they not assist at Mass?

St. Augustine tells us that pagans and Gentiles of his time asked tepid and indifferent Christians with bitter irony if they sincerely believed that the God of all mercy and goodness descended on their altars! "You Christians," they continued, "accuse us of adoring false gods, but, at least, we believe they are gods and we honor them, whereas you despise Him whom you call the True God!"

No intelligent, no enlightened Christian would fail to hear Mass if he only knew what it was.

**St. Louis and the Mass:** King Louis of France, who labored perhaps more strenuously than any man in his kingdom and who was one of the best and most glorious sovereigns who ever ruled over France, found time to hear two or three Masses every day!

Some of his courtiers suggested that he was overtaking himself with so many Masses. The King replied, "If I spent much more time in following the pleasures of the chase,

or in entertaining my friends at rich banquets, or in frequenting for several hours each day theaters and places of amusement, you would not complain that I was devoting too much time to pleasure.”

“You forget, my good friends, that by hearing Mass I not only secure for myself innumerable blessings, but I confer the most important benefits on my kingdom, many more than I could possibly do in any other way.”

This reply of St. Louis may be addressed to those thousands and thousands of apathetic and indifferent Christians who could easily hear daily Mass and do not do so.

Even were they to make a great sacrifice, they would receive blessings and favors above their highest hopes. But, as a matter of fact, many could hear Mass without any sacrifice, or at so trifling a cost that their guilt in neglecting this Divine Sacrifice is indeed incomprehensible. Nothing but lamentable ignorance can explain the reason why so many Catholics neglect to hear daily Mass.

By hearing Mass, the day would become worth a thousand days to them, so wonderful would be the graces and benefits they should receive.

Far from losing time, their business would prosper more and they would reach a degree of happiness that they could never otherwise hope to attain.

**The Angel and the Roses:** A poor farmer was wont to attend daily Mass for many years of his life.

He was crossing the snow-covered fields one cold morning on his way to church. He thought that he heard footsteps behind him, and turning he saw his angel guardian bearing a basket full of beautiful roses which exhaled a delicious perfume. “See,” said the angel, “these roses represent each step you have taken on the way to Mass and each rose represents, too, a glorious reward which awaits you in Heaven. But far, far greater are the merits you have got from the Mass itself.”

**How to make one’s business prosper:** Two businessmen resided in the same French town. Both were engaged in the same line of commerce, but while one was prosperous, the other found it very hard to gain a sufficiency, notwithstanding that he worked harder and rose earlier than his friend.

Reduced to extremities, he resolved to seek advice from his prosperous colleague, hoping to learn the secret of his success.

“My good friend,” replied the wealthy merchant, “I have no secrets, I work just as you work. If there is any difference in our methods it is this. I go to Mass daily. You do not. Follow my sincere advice, hear Mass every morning, and I feel sure that God will bless your work.”

The poorer man did as he was advised and soon, in some unaccountable way, his difficulties ceased and his business prospered beyond all his expectations.

## **Closing Hymn after Mass: Angels We Have Heard on High**

1. Angels we have heard on high,  
Sweetly singing o’er the plains  
And the mountains in reply,  
Echoing their joyous strains.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

2. Shepherds why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heav’nly song?  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.