

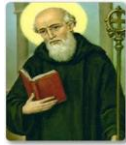
St. Benedict's Traditional Catholic Church

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 31, 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 31st

Sun, January 31, 10:00 a.m. – Sexagesima Sunday

RIP Poor Souls (Lisa Reiss)

Mon, February 1, 8:30 a.m. – St. Ignatius

RIP Stephen Kratz (Mary Kay Kratz)

Tues, February 2, 6:00 p.m. – Purification BVM

RIP Patricia Kratz (Mary Kay Kratz) *Blessing of candles, procession, High Mass*

Wed, February 3, 8:30 a.m. – Feria (St. Blaise)

For priests & vocations to the priesthood (Alter Christus Conf.) *Blessing of throats after Mass*

Thurs, February 4, MASS IN GEORGIA – St. St. Andrew Corsini

For priests & vocations to the priesthood (Alter Christus Conf.)

Fri, February 5, 6:00 p.m. – St. Agatha (FIRST FRIDAY)

For priests & vocations to the priesthood (Alter Christus Conf.)

Sat, February 6, 10:00 a.m. – St. Titus (FIRST SATURDAY)

For priests & vocations to the priesthood (Alter Christus Conf.)

Sun, February 7, 10:00 a.m. – Quinquagesima Sunday

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"Nothing but self-will can separate us from God." *St. Alphonsus de Liguori (1696 – 1787).*

"Whence is all disturbance of mind, if not from following one's own desires?" *St. Bernard (1090 – 1153).*

"He who is his own master is a scholar under a fool." *St. Bernard (1090 – 1153).*

CONGRATULATIONS ON BAPTISM

Congratulations to Curtis and Molly Hines on the Baptism of their son Cooper Benedict last Sunday!

FEAST OF THE PURIFICATION

The great Feast of the Purification, Candelmas Day, will be on Tuesday, Feb. 2. To try to encourage greater attendance, Mass will be at 6:00 p.m. There will be the blessing of candles, procession followed by High Mass.

BLESSING OF THROATS

On the Feast of St. Blasé, Wednesday Feb. 3, there will be the blessing of throats after the 8:30 a.m. Mass. For those who could not attend the Wednesday morning Mass, there will be the blessing of throats after the Mass on Sunday Feb. 7.

FIRST FRIDAY/FIRST SATURDAY

This Friday is First Friday so Mass will be at 6:00 p.m. followed by Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. First Saturday Mass will be at the normal time of 10:00 a.m.

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 today Sunday, Feb. 7.

CATECHISM RETURNS!

Next catechism class is this Wednesday, Feb. 3 at 6:00 p.m.

FATHER'S TRAVELS

Feb. 4 – Feb. 5 Tennessee Catechism & Georgia Mass and Sacraments

Feb. 8 – Feb. 9 Louisiana Mass & Sacraments

Feb. 14 – Feb. 15 Kentucky Mass & Sacraments

Feb. 21 – Feb. 22 Mississippi Mass & Sacraments

HOLY HOUR WITH EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION ON WEDNESDAY'S

Next Holy Hour is this Wednesday, Feb. 3 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**

6. One scandalous companion is enough to corrupt all who treat him as a friend. "Know you not," says St. Paul, "that a little leaven corrupts the whole lump?" I Cor, 6. One of these scandalous sinners is able, by a perverse maxim, to infect all his

companions. They are the false prophets whom Jesus Christ warns us to avoid. "Beware of false prophets," Matt. 7, 15. False prophets deceive, not only by false predictions, but also by false maxims or doctrines, which are productive of the greatest mischief. For, as Seneca says, they leave in the soul certain seeds of iniquity which lead to evil. It is too true that scandalous language, as experience proves, corrupts the morals of those who hear it. "Evil communications," says the Apostle, "corrupt good manners." I Cor. 15, 33. A young man refuses, through the fear of God, to commit a certain sin: an incarnate Devil, a bad companion, comes, and says to him what the serpent said to Eve – "No; you shall not die the death." Gen. 3, 4. What are you afraid of? How many others commit this sin? You are young; God will have pity on your youth. They will, as is written in the book of Wisdom say: "Come, therefore, let us enjoy the good things that are present, ... let us everywhere leave tokens of joy." Wisdom 2; 6,9. Come with us; let us spend our time in amusements and in joy. O cruel friendship of those who say: Let us go and do, etc; it is a shame not to be shameless. He who hears such language is ashamed not to yield to it, and not to be as shameless as they who utter it.

7. When any passion is kindled within us, we must be particularly careful in selecting the persons whom we will consult. For, then the passion itself will incline us to seek counsel from those who will probably give the advice which is most agreeable to the passion. But from such evil counselors, who do not speak according to God, we should fly with greater horror than from an enemy; for their evil counsel, along with the passion which is excited, may precipitate us into horrible excesses. As soon as the passion shall subside, we shall see the error committed, and the delusion into which we have been led by false friends. But the good advice of a friend, who speaks according to Christian truth, doctrine and meekness, preserves us from every disorder, and restores calm to the soul.

8. "Depart from the unjust," says the Lord, "and evils shall depart from thee." Eccl 7, 2. Fly, separate from the wicked companions, and you shall cease to commit sin. "Neither let the way of evil men please thee. Flee from it: pass not by it: go aside and forsake it." Prov 4, 14-15. Avoid the ways in which these vicious friends walk, that you may not even meet them. "Forsake not an old friend; for the new will not be like to him." Eccl 9, 14. Do not leave your first friend, who loved you before you came into the world. "I have loved thee with an everlasting love." Jer 31, 3. Your new friends do not love you; they hate you more than your greatest enemy; they seek not your welfare, as God does, but their own pleasures, and the satisfaction of having companions of their wickedness and perdition. You will, perhaps, say: I feel a repugnance to separate from such a friend, who has been solicitous for my welfare; to break off from him would appear to be an act of ingratitude. What welfare? What ingratitude? God alone wishes your welfare, because He desires your eternal salvation. Your friend wishes your eternal ruin; he wishes you to follow him, but cares not if you be damned, even if he says to you otherwise. It is not ingratitude to abandon a friend who leads you to Hell; but it is ingratitude to forsake God, who has created you, who has died for you on the cross, and who desires your salvation.

9. Fly then from the conversation of these wicked friends. "Hedge in thy ears with thorns, hear not a wicked tongue." Eccl 28, 28. Beware of listening to the language of such friends; their words may bring you to perdition. And when you hear them speak improperly, arm yourself with thorns, and reprove them, not only for the purpose of rebuking, but also of converting them. Listen to a frightful example, and learn the evil which a wicked friend does. Fr. Sabatino relates, in his *Evangelical Light*, that two friends of that kind were one day together. One of them, to please the other, committed a sin; but, after they separated, he died suddenly. The other, who knew nothing of his death, saw, in his sleep, his friend, and according to his custom, ran to embrace him. But the deceased appeared to be surrounded with fire, and began to blaspheme the other, and to upbraid him for being the cause of his damnation. The other awoke, and changed his life. But his unhappy friend was damned; and for his damnation there is not, and shall not be, any remedy for all eternity.

Closing Hymn after Mass: Holy God