

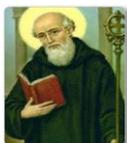
# St. Benedict's Traditional Catholic Church

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](http://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.

<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.

**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 3, 2016**

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

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Sun, January 3, 10:00 a.m. – Holy Name of Jesus**

RIP Poor Souls (Anonymous)

**Mon, January 4, 8:30 a.m. – Feria**

Aurora Krebsbach (Tom & Carol Girardi)

**Tues, January 5, 8:30 a.m. – Feria (St. Telesphorus)**

Glen Diehl (Tom & Carol Girardi)

**Wed, January 6, 8:30 a.m. – Epiphany of Our Lord**

Tony & Clara House Anniversary Intentions (Knight)

**Thurs, January 7, MASS IN LOUISIANA – Feria**

Bentley Hines (Knight)

**Fri, January 8, MASS IN LOUISIANA – Feria**

Bentley Hines (Knight)

**Sat, January 9, 10:00 a.m. – BVM Saturday**

Tim & Chris Knight (Knight)

**Sun, January 10, – Holy Family Sunday**

**10:00 a.m. Alabama** Skyler Knight (Knight)

**6:30 p.m. Kentucky** RIP Margaret Kearney Riordan (Peggy Riordan Mead)

“We believe in the love of God for us. To believe in love is everything. It is not enough to believe in the Truth. We must believe in Love and Love is our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. That is the faith that makes our Lord loved. Ask for this pure and simple faith in the Eucharist. Men will teach you; but only Jesus will give you the grace to believe in Him. You have the Eucharist. What more do you want?” *Blessed Peter Julian Eymard (1811 – 1868).*

### **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION SIGN-UP**

I will try to have Bishop Pivarunas come sometime this year to give Confirmation if he can. Those who need Confirmation need to sign-up on the sheet in the parish hall, as when I find out the date if the Bishop can come we will need to have some classes of catechism before that. Those who may need Confirmation might include:

1. Those who have never been Confirmed before
2. Those who had been Confirmed in the Novus Ordo
3. Those who had been Confirmed post 1968 in the new rite

### **THIS SUNDAY -BLESSING OF INFANTS**

In keeping with the spirit of this joyous season, the Blessing of Infants (as contained in the Roman Ritual) will be given after Mass this Sunday, January 3. Parents are welcome to bring their children to the Communion rail for this special blessing after Mass.

### **FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY**

January 6, the feast of the Epiphany, is one of the greatest in the Church year, in which we honor the memory of the Magi coming from the East to adore the newborn Savior. The Roman Ritual provides a special blessing for this day for gold, incense, and myrrh, so if you have any suitable items you would like to have blessed (e.g. gold cross, incense, wedding ring, etc.), please bring them to the Communion Rail after Mass that day. There will also be the blessing of chalk, also from the Roman Ritual, so that you may mark the lintel of your doors with the inscription honoring the Magi Sts. Gaspar, Melchior, and Balthasar as follows G + 20 + M + 16 + B (The 20 and 16 are for the New Year 2016).

### **CATECHISM RETURNS!**

No catechism this week. Next catechism class is on Wednesday, Jan. 13 at 6:00 p.m.

### **FATHER'S TRAVELS**

**Jan. 7 – Jan. 8** Louisiana Mass & Sacraments

**Jan. 10 – Jan. 11** Kentucky Mass & Sacraments

**Jan. 17 – Jan. 18** Mississippi Mass & Sacraments

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

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

No Holy Hour this week. Next Holy Hour is on Wednesday, Jan. 13 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.

## **Jesus All Great (Fr. Alexander Gallerani, S.J., 1910)** **Jesus Great in His Incarnation and Nativity (continued)**

O great God! Is this Thine only begotten Son? Is this the expectation of the ages, foretold by the Prophets? Is this the King of glory, the Prince of Peace? How has He chosen to enter the world in such lowly state? For two reasons which reveal the depth of His Wisdom: to win our love, and to teach us a salutary lesson.

And first to win our love, for after the sin of Adam there remained in his heart, and in that of all his posterity a trembling fear of God. Ever since Adam,

conscious of his guilt, fled trembling to hide himself from the Face of God, all his children are filled with the like terror.

So the Israelites in the desert turn in fear to Moses saying: "Speak thou to us, and we will hear: let not the Lord speak to us, lest we die" (Exod. 20, 19) Manue, the father of Samson, exclaims in fear: "We shall certainly die, because we have seen God." (Judges 13, 22.) And Jacob, when he awaked out of the sleep in which he had seen the mystic ladder, and had heard the Lord speaking to him, said with fear: "Indeed the Lord is in this place! This is no other but the house of God and the gate of Heaven." (Gen. 28, 16-17.)

Now, what does Christ do that He may be loved by man? He veils the Majesty that dazzles man, and disarms the anger that terrifies him, coming to him under the form of a man. He hides His greatness, His Divinity, and His glory. "And the Word was made Flesh and dwelt among us." (John 1, 14.)

And how did He become Man? By being born in the state of infancy that He might thus show forth more clearly His Divine Benignity. Would it not have been more seemly, had He come into the world like the first Adam, a perfect man, rather than as He did, a helpless babe? It would seem so indeed. Had He done so however, where would have been the ineffable tenderness of His infancy which has taken our hearts captive? You may go through all the mysteries of the life of Jesus, you will not find one more lovely, more tenderly touching, than the one which shows Him to your love as a helpless babe. What delight to contemplate Him in the arms of His gentle Virgin-Mother! His little rosebud mouth draws from her pure breast, the nectar of Paradise: while the angels look on with wondering joy and adoration.

But at least He might have been born in the riches and splendors of a kingly palace. Human prudence might even have thought such a course the wisest and have arranged that great monarchs should have been present at His birth, assembled from all parts of the world to do Him service and honor as His courtiers and attendants.

How far are the designs of men from the wisdom of God's counsels! Had Jesus been born in splendor and glory, He might assuredly have been feared and honored, but that was not what He principally sought. "I am come to cast fire on the earth," He said, "and what will I, but that it be kindled?" (Luke 12, 49.) He came not to extort from man a timid servile adoration. What He desires is a heartfelt love. He came not to call the rich and the powerful only, but also the poor and the needy, that they might approach Him with confidence. He chose to be born, not in a splendid city, but rather in a poor village; not in a palace, but in a stable: His throne, the manger, His royal mantle, a few poor swaddling clothes, His courtiers, the ox and the ass, "that know their master's crib." Simple shepherds, tending their flocks by night, laborers, beggars, the poorest and the lowliest will go to His cradle.

Let me come too, my sweetest Lord, with these simple souls. Thou wilt receive me and treat me kindly, and we shall love each other in all homeliness. He thus shows us the greatness of His love. His great wisdom could find no better way to satisfy His love of us. **(continued next Sunday)**

### **Closing Hymn after Mass:**

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.

### **Angels We Have Heard On High**

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.