

# 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. catechism <b>OR</b> 7:00 p.m. – 7:20 p.m. no catechism
	Saturday	9:30 a.m. – 9:55 a.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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**January 6, 2019**

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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 January 6<sup>th</sup>

**Sun, January 6, 10:00 a.m. – Epiphany of Our Lord**

**10:00 a.m. Alabama** RIP Leonard & Theresa Messing (Russ & Liz Messing)

**6:00 p.m. Georgia** Private intention (Fr. Oswalt)

**Mon, January 7, – Feria**

**No public Mass in Alabama**

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

RIP Rita Dumbacher (Joey Phillips)

**Wed, January 9, MASS IN LOUISIANA – Feria**

RIP Rita Dumbacher (Miles)

**Thurs, January 10, – Feria**

**No public Mass in Alabama**

**Fri, January 11, 8:30 a.m. – Feria**

RIP Rita Dumbacher & for John Dumbacher (Aurora Krebsbach)

**Sat, January 12, 10:00 a.m. – BVM Saturday**

For the conversion of those in all true chapels who cause division and persecute priests;  
for peace and unity in all true chapels (Fr. Oswalt)

**Sun, January 13, 10:00 a.m. – Holy Family Sunday (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Epiphany)**

**10:00 a.m. Alabama** RIP Leonard & Theresa Messing (Russ & Liz Messing)

**6:00 p.m. Tennessee** Private intention (Fr. Oswalt)

“Simeon gave back Jesus to His Mother; he was only suffered to keep Him for one moment. But we are far happier than Simeon. We may keep Him always if we will. In Communion He comes not only into our arms but into our hearts.” *St. John Vianney (1786 – 1859)*

### **BLESSING OF CHALK AFTER MASS TODAY**

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 chalk after Mass 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 + 19 + B (The 20 and 19 are for the New Year 2019).

### **CHILDREN'S CATECHISM AFTER SUNDAY MASS**

Sunday, Jan. 6

Sunday, Jan. 13 Fr. Oswalt teacher

Sunday, Jan. 20

Sunday, Jan. 27 Fr. Oswalt teacher

### **HOLY HOUR**

The next Holy Hour will be **January 16, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.**

### **FATHER'S TRAVELS**

**January 6** Georgia Mass & Sacraments

**January 8 – January 10** Louisiana Mass & Sacraments

**January 13** Tennessee Mass & Sacraments

**January 20 – January 22** Kentucky Mass & Sacraments

**January 27 – January 28** Mississippi Mass & Sacraments

## **Half-Hours with the Saints and Servants of God (1882)** **(The Epiphany of Our Lord)**

(**St. Augustine**) It will readily be admitted that the lights and graces which the Magi received, were immense and extraordinary, since they were enlightened, outwardly as well as inwardly.

But, truly, could less have been done to convince the Gentiles, or to draw them to the knowledge of a God-man whom they had not as yet seen command the waves of the sea, or raise the dead, or restore sight to the blind— a God who only visibly showed Himself as an ordinary child, silent, poor, and weak ?

Nevertheless, if the Magi had had the same indifference which the majority of Christians have for heavenly things, they would have perhaps looked upon the star only as a curiosity, and they would have perchance to seek for natural causes to account for its appearance. They would not have hastened to set out on so long a journey ; and in delaying to obey the secret order which impelled them onwards, they would have lost the greatest of blessings.

(**St. John Chrysostom**) God seeing the indifference with which the Jews listened to all the prophecies which promised the birth of the Saviour, He summoned the wise men from the East to seek for the King of the Jews in the midst of the Jews, and He willed that Persia should teach the former what they did not care to learn from the oracles of their prophets ; in order that, if they had amongst them any men of good-will, this visit of the kings might lead them to believe, and if they wished still to be obstinate, no excuse would be of any avail.

For what could they think or say when they witnessed these Magi, guided only by a star, seeking and adoring Him whom they had rejected ?

**(Pere Montmorel)** No obstacle seemed to be too formidable for the Magi to overcome, no difficulty could shake their resolution ; for as soon as they saw the star they felt an inward secret inspiration, and immediately they left their kingdoms and carried with them the offerings they intended to present to Him whom the Scripture calls "The King of kings and the Lord of lords."

They generously faced danger or death by asking for the King of the Jews in the capital of Judea.

Happy Magi ! exclaims one of the Fathers, who, in the presence of a cruel king, boldly proclaimed themselves to be confessors of the faith.

The same grace which our Lord has given to pagans, it may be truly said that He has given to us many and many a time.

For example, the edifying examples we see, the sermons we hear, the good books we read, the holy inspirations we feel, the pious reflections we make, are as so many stars which shine and guide us on our way.

He calls us, says St. Gregory, through the writings of the Fathers, through the voice of pastors, through the illnesses which He sends us, through adversities which well-nigh overwhelm us. See, continues this holy doctor, by how many stars we are invited to go to Jesus Christ!

Now, if we wish to imitate our holy kings in the fidelity which they displayed in corresponding to the grace of God, let us unhesitatingly follow the star that is meant to guide us on our way.

What is this way, if it be not the narrow path which leads to eternal life?

Let us hasten to enter thereon, and when once we are there, let nothing discourage us or tempt us to go back, but let us walk on steadily and perseveringly, until we have found our Saviour Jesus Christ.

But, alas ! we do the reverse of this. Far from paying attention to the workings of grace, far from having our eyes open to perceive the star, far from having the courage to follow its guidance immediately, some shut their eyes on purpose not to see the light, and others put off to another time the carrying out of the good resolutions which it suggests to them.

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

### **We Three Kings of Orient Are**

1. We three kings of Orient are;  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
Following yonder star.

Refrain: O star of wonder, star of night,  
Star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading still proceeding,  
Guide us to Thy perfect light.

2. Glorious now behold Him arise,  
King and God and Sacrifice,  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Earth to the heav'ns replies.