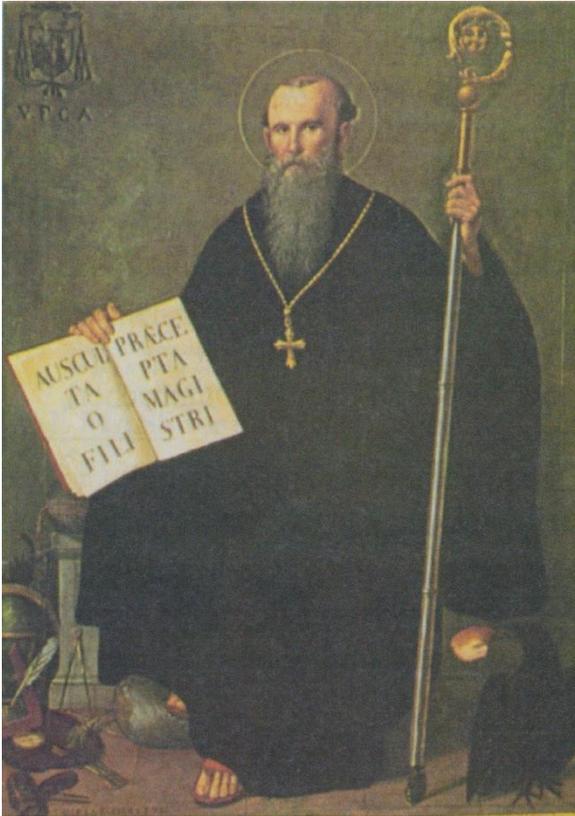


St. Benedict's Traditional Catholic Church

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Traditional Latin Mass



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Mass Schedule for the week of March 22nd

Sun, March 22, 10:00 a.m. – Passion Sunday

RIP Dorothea Ketchum Gerding (Don Mullan)

Mon, March 23, 8:30 a.m. – Monday in Passion Week

Poor Souls (St. Benedict Members)

Tues, March 24, 8:30 a.m. – St. Gabriel the Archangel

RIP Bernice Laughrin (Vicki Trent)

Wed, March 25, 8:30 a.m. – Annunciation BVM

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Thurs, March 26, 8:30 a.m. – Thursday in Passion Week

For my protection, health and for the work our Lord wants me to do (Anthony Bronson)

Fri, March 27, 8:30 a.m. – Seven Sorrows BVM

Steven Wertish family (Patricia Fischer)

- **7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross**

Sat, March 28, 10:00 a.m. – Saturday in Passion Week

Desiree Baert (Zacharia Baert)

Sun, March 29, 10:00 a.m. – Palm Sunday

For my Alabama benefactors (Fr. Oswalt)

“You must ask God to give you power to fight against this sin of pride which is your greatest enemy --- the root of all that is evil, and the failure of all that is good. For God resists the proud.” --- *St. Vincent de Paul (1580 -1660)*

EASTER FLOWERS COLLECTION

If you would like to have an Easter lily placed on the altar or side statues as a memorial to one or more departed loved ones, be sure to include their names along with your donation (PLEASE PRINT!) on sheet of paper. Their names and the donor names will be published in the Easter bulletin. A minimum donation of \$15 is requested for these Easter Lily memorials.

PALM SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday, the beginning of Holy Week. Please be aware there will be the blessing of palms, distribution and procession with a High Mass following. With the reading of the Passion as well, be aware that the Mass will be longer.

CONSOLE OUR BLESSED MOTHER

We have 2 great feasts of Our Mother this week in the Annunciation and her Seven Sorrows. What a wonderful way to console your Mother with attendance at these Masses and asking her to guide your soul through the coming Holy Week in all humility.

BE INFORMED! CATECHISM CLASS!

Next Catechism Class will be on Wednesday March 25 at 6:00 p.m.

HOLY HOUR WITH EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION ON WEDNESDAY'S

Next Holy Hour will be on Wednesday March 25 at 7:00 p.m.

PARISH SICK

Please pray for these parishioners who are greatly ailing and in need of your prayers: Al & Joyce Stolpa.

TIMES FOR HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday --- Mass at 5:45 p.m.

Good Friday --- Stations of the Cross at 1:30 p.m.; Liturgy at 2:30

Easter Vigil --- Easter Vigil Ceremonies at 10:15 p.m.

Easter --- High Mass at Midnight

Mass at 10:00 a.m.

Mass at 6:00 p.m. in Missis

Practical Piety (St. Frances de Sales) Of Temptations Against The Faith

You ask me for remedies against the temptations against the faith which are troubling you. You must deal with such temptations exactly as you would with those against purity. Dispute with them neither much nor little, but do as the children of Israel did with the bones of the paschal lamb, which they never attempted to break, but cast them into the fire. You must never answer nor seem to understand what the enemy says. Let him make as much noise as he pleases at the gate, never once say, Who goes there?

Very true, you will say to me; but he importunes me, and his noise is so loud, that those within cannot hear each other speak. Never mind; patience; they must speak by signs; you must prostrate yourself before God, and remain there at His feet; He will understand by this humble guise that you are on His side, and that you wish for His help, though you cannot speak. But above all, keep yourself fast within, and on no account open the door, either to see who knocks, or to drive away the troublesome applicant. He will at length weary of his noise, and leave you at peace.

Courage, then; provided he does not enter in, it matters nothing. It is, however, a very good sign that the enemy keeps knocking and storming at the gate; for it shows that he has not what he wants. If he had, he would not make any more noise, but enter in, and quietly remain there.

I proceed to give you another remedy. Temptations against the faith assail the intellect directly, in order to attract it to dispute and think about them. Do you know what you ought to do, whilst the enemy is amusing himself with laying siege to the intellect? Make a sally by the gate of the will, and charge him vigorously. I mean, that when the temptation against the faith presents itself to converse with you, and to ask you how such a mystery can be true, or what have you to say to this, or what have you to say to that, instead of disputing with the enemy by reason, your will should act on the offensive against him; and even answering the interior suggestion by uttering an exclamation, cry out: "Ah, traitor! Ah, wretch! thou hast left the church of the angels, and thou wouldst that I should leave that of the saints! Disloyal, faithless, and treacherous one! thou offeredst to Eve the fruit of perdition, and thou wouldst have me eat of it! Begone, Satan! *It is written, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God,* (St. Matt. Iv, 7.) No, I will not dispute to please you. Eve, being ready to dispute, lost herself. Eve saw the fruit, and was overcome. Live, Jesus, in whom I believe. I adhere to holy Church, and will never forsake her." Use such like ardent words. I know not if I make you understand me; what I mean is, that you should get the better of these temptations by the affections, and not by the reason.

Rue it is, that at such seasons the poor will is oppressed with dryness; but so much the better: her blows are so much the more terrible to the enemy, who, seeing that, instead of retarding your progress, he gives you the means of exercising a thousand virtuous feelings, and particularly that of making acts of faith, will at last leave you alone.

It will be good now and then to have recourse to some exterior penance. For there is no doubt that outward suffering diverts the evil, and the inward affection attracts the mercy of God. And that the enemy, seeing that you trouble his ally and confederate, the flesh, is afraid, and takes to flight. But this third remedy must be used with moderation, and according to the profit you may find, in the course of a few days, that you derive from it.

To conclude, these temptations are only afflictions like any others, and you must comfort yourself with these words of Scripture: *Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he hath been proved, he shall receive the crown of life,* (St. James I, 12.) I have seen very few persons who have made any progress without trial. You must, therefore, have patience: our God, after the tempest, will send a calm.