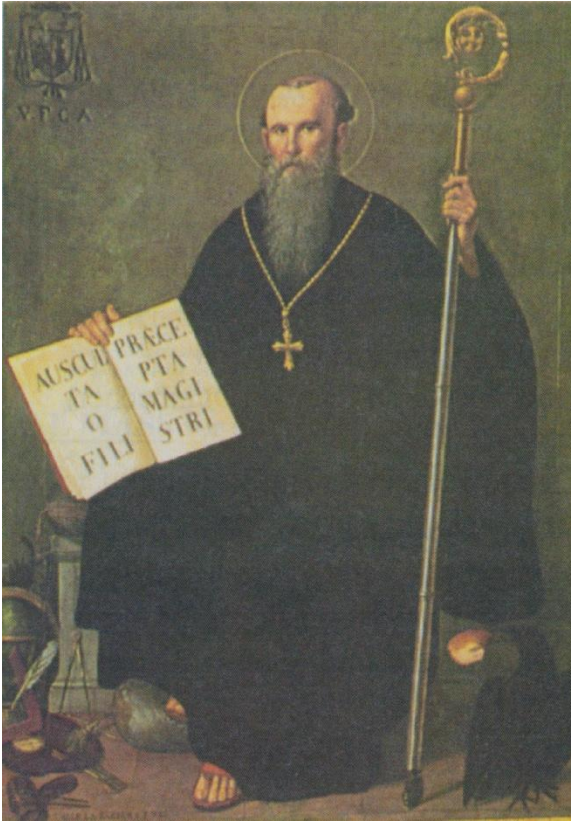


St. Benedict's Traditional Catholic Church

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Roman Catholic

Traditional Latin Mass



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Mass Schedule for the week of March 29th

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

For my Alabama benefactors (Fr. Oswalt)

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

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

Tues, March 31, 8:30 a.m. – Tuesday in Holy Week

RIP Willard & Helene Ackermann & family (Gloria Kovall)

Wed, April 1, 8:30 a.m. – Wednesday in Holy Week

RIP Ethel Toth (Mr. & Mrs. Sam Liburdi)

Thurs, April 2 – Holy Thursday

5:45 p.m. High Mass Clara House (Knight)

All Night Adoration if there is enough adorers. If not, reposition at midnight.

Fri, April 3 – Good Friday

1:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

2:30 p.m. Sacred Liturgy

Sat, April 4 – Holy Saturday

10:15 p.m. Easter Vigil Ceremonies begin

Sun, April 5 – Easter Sunday

Midnight High Mass Pro Populo (Fr. Oswalt)

10:00 a.m. High Mass In honor of the Holy Family & the needs & intentions of the Wayne Pivarunas family (Wayne Pivarunas)

6:00 p.m. Mass in Mississippi Timothy White (TJ White)

SIGN UP SHEETS! PEOPLE NEEDED!!!

Please see sign-up sheets in the parish hall for times for adoration from Holy Thursday to Good Friday Liturgy. If there are not enough people to take hours, reposition of the Blessed Sacrament will happen at midnight. ALSO, 12 men are needed for the Washing of the feet on Holy Thursday. Please sign up. If not enough, the Mandatum will be omitted.

REMINDER

Holy Saturday is a day of Fast and Complete Abstinence. The Lenten Fast ends at midnight on Saturday.

EASTER DUTY

All Catholics are obliged under pain of mortal sin to receive Holy Communion worthily at least once during Easter time. Ideally, this takes place between Palm Sunday and Low Sunday, a two-week span. In the United States, however, concession was made so that the Easter Duty could be fulfilled any time between the 1st Sunday of Lent (February 22nd) and Trinity Sunday (May 31st).

BE INFORMED! CATECHISM CLASS!

Next Catechism Class will be on Wednesday April 15 at 6:00 p.m.

HOLY HOUR WITH EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION ON WEDNESDAY'S

Next Holy Hour will be on Wednesday April 15 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.

SAINT JOSEPH CORDS

With a donation a couple of months ago, I was able to purchase 50 St. Joseph Cords, which I blessed this last Wednesday. These cords are powerful devotions, and strength especially against impurity. For those who would like, after Mass today I will distribute to the first 50 who approach the Communion Rail.

Saint John Vianney
On the Priest

“Marvelous dignity of priests!” exclaims St. Augustine; “in their hands, as in the womb of the blessed Virgin Mary, the Son of God becomes incarnate.” *They are the ministers of Christ and dispensers of the mysteries of God*, St. Paul had said before him. Commenting on these words, the Cure of Ars said, in his turn, “Without the priest the death and passion of our Lord would be no use; the priest has the key of the heavenly treasures; he is God’s steward and the administrator of His goods.” Let us ask the Holy Ghost to give us knowledge of these truths. It will inspire us with a religious veneration for the character of the priest, and a lively gratitude towards our Lord who has invested him with it.

“What is the priest? A man who holds the place of God, a man clothed with all the powers of God. *Go*, our Lord said to the priest, *As my Father hath sent me, I also send you*.

“At the consecration the priest does not say, ‘This is the Body of our Lord.’ He says, ‘*This is my Body.*’

“Behold the power of the priest! The tongue of the priest makes God from a morsel of bread! It is more than creating the world. Someone said, ‘Does St Philomena, then, obey the Cure of Ars?’ Certainly, she may well obey him, since God obeys him. The Blessed Virgin cannot make her divine Son descend into the host. A priest can, however simple he may be.

“How great is the priest! He will only rightly understand himself in heaven... To understand it on earth would make one die, not of fear, but of love...”

“If I were to meet a priest and an angel, I should salute the priest before the angel. The latter is the friend of God, but the priest stands in His place. St. Teresa used to kiss the ground where a priest had passed.

“Great value is attached to objects which have been laid in the porringer of the Blessed Virgin and the child Jesus at Loreto. But the fingers of the priest which have touched the adorable Flesh of Jesus Christ, been dipped in the chalice which has held His Blood, and in the ciborium which has held His Body --- are they not more precious?...’

“When the bell summons you to church, if you were asked: ‘Where are you going?’ you might answer, ‘I am going to feed my soul!’ And if someone pointed to the tabernacle and asked you, ‘What is that gilded door?’ ‘It is the store-cupboard – my soul’s store-cupboard.’ ‘Who has the key? Who provides everything? Who makes ready the feast, and waits at table?’ ‘The priest.’ ‘And the food?’ ‘It is the Precious Body and Blood of our Lord.’... O my God, my God! How Thou hast loved us!”

“The priest is to you as a mother, as a nurse to a baby. She gives him his food; he has only to open his mouth. ‘There, my little one, eat,’ the mother says to her child. ‘Take and eat,’ the priest says to you; ‘this is the Body of Jesus Christ; may it keep you and bring you to eternal life!’ O glorious words!... A child rushes to his mother when he sees her; he struggles with those who hold him back; he opens his little mouth and stretches out his little hands to kiss and clasp her. So in the presence of the priest your soul springs naturally towards him; it runs to meet him, but is held back by the bonds of the flesh in men who give all to the senses and live only for the body.”

“At sight of a spire you may say, ‘What is there? The Body of our Lord. Why is it there? Because a priest has been there and has said Holy Mass.’

“The priest is everything, after God!...Leave a parish for twenty years without a priest, and beasts will be worshipped there.

“If M. le Missionnaire and I were to go away, you would say, ‘What is there to do in that church? There is no more Mass. Our Lord is no longer there; we may just as well pray at home...’ ‘The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus. When you see a priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ.’”