

# 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.
	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.

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**May 14, 2017 Church Website: [st-benedict-hsv.org](http://st-benedict-hsv.org)**

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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 of May 14<sup>th</sup>

**Sun, May 14, 10:00 a.m. – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter (St. Boniface) *MAY CROWNING***  
RIP Elmer H. Winter (Victoria Vaillancourt)

**Mon, May 15, 8:30 a.m. – St. John Baptist de la Salle**  
For the Girardi family (Sam & Alicia Liburdi)

**Tues, May 16, MASS IN LOUISIANA – St. Ubaldu**  
For the Girardi family (Sam & Alicia Liburdi)

**Wed, May 17, MASS IN LOUISIANA – St. Paschal Baylon**  
RIP B. Todd Maguire (Dorothy Maguire)

**Thurs, May 18, 8:30 a.m. – St. Venantius**  
For the Girardi family (Sam & Alicia Liburdi)

**Fri, May 19, 8:30 a.m. – St. Peter Celestine**  
For the Girardi family (Sam & Alicia Liburdi)

**Sat, May 20, 10:00 a.m. – BVM Saturday**  
RIP Elmer H. Winter (Victoria Vaillancourt)

**Sun, May 21, 10:00 a.m. – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter**  
**10:00 a.m. Alabama** For the Girardi family (Sam & Alicia Liburdi)  
**6:30 p.m. Kentucky** Private Intention (Fr. Oswald)

“The great, the special privilege of Mary is, that she is all-powerful with her Son. Therefore let us be certain that as her power with God exceeds that of all the Saints, so is she in the same proportion our most loving advocate and the one who is the most solicitous for our welfare.” *Saint Bonaventure (1221 - 1274)*

## **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 (March 6) and Trinity Sunday (June 11).

## **FATHER'S TRAVELS**

**May 16 – May 17** Louisiana Mass & Sacraments

**May 21 – May 23** Kentucky Mass & Sacraments

**May 28 – May 29** Mississippi Mass & Sacraments

## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT CATECHISM**

Next Catechism class will be on Wednesday, May 24 at **6:00 p.m.**

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

Next Holy Hour will be on Wednesday, May 24 at **7:00 p.m.**

## **PROSPECTIVE CONVERTS**

Anyone who is seeking to convert to the Catholic Church, please see Father to set up personal catechism teachings and begin the Catechumen process.

### **How to be Happy, How to be Holy (Fr. Paul O'Sullivan) 1943** **The Sign of the Cross**

**Cyprian, a wealthy pagan** who wished to marry a Christian lady named Justina, was incensed at her refusal to consider his proposals.

He employed the diabolical machinations of a well-known sorcerer, who assured him of success. However the efforts of this ally of the devil proved to be unavailing.

Cyprian upbraided him for his failure, where-upon the sorcerer confessed in self-defense that Justina was accustomed to make the Sign of the Cross, which frustrated all his diabolical efforts.

Cyprian, profoundly impressed by this confession, replied, "Your master, the devil, must indeed be weak and Christ very strong, therefore in future I will pay my allegiance to Christ, the Lord."

Faithful to his word he became a Christian and a great saint.

**A cripple cured by the Sign of the Cross.** The holy Bishop, St. Bonnet, was once asked by a poor cripple to place his hand on his suffering members, hoping that the touch of the holy man would restore his limbs to their pristine health and strength.

"I will gladly do what you ask," replied the Bishop, "but it will avail you nothing."

He touched the poor, withered legs of the disabled man, but his touch produced no result, much to the disappointment of the infirm man.

Moved to compassion, St. Bonnet then said, "I will now do something which will give you back your strength." Stretching forth his hand, he made with it the Sign of the Cross and lo, in an instant the lame man was completely restored to health!

**Julian the Apostate.** The impious emperor Julian the Apostate did not hesitate to hold communications with the devil.

On one occasion, accompanied by a noted magician, he entered a dark, subterranean cavern where the devil was wont to be honored.

Horrible noises greeted his affrighted ears. Hideous figures became visible in the gloom, so that the Emperor was terrified.

Mindful of the power of the Sign of the Cross, which he had so often made as a child, he now instinctively signed himself with this holy Sign.

Instantly the horrible noises ceased, the dreadful figures disappeared and all was peace.

The impious emperor, regaining his lost courage, once more attempted to perform the devilish rites, whereupon the devils again appeared and struck terror into his heart. Again, filled with fear, he made this holy Sign and the devils fled headlong from the cavern.

This episode is related both by St. Gregory and St. Augustine.

**The Saints and the Sign of the Cross.** In the lives of the Saints we find other innumerable proofs of the power of the Sign of the Cross. St. Dominic raised the dead to life by the holy Sign.

St. Vincent Ferrer worked hundreds of miracles by this blessed Sign.

Tertullian relates that the Christians in the first centuries began everything with the Sign of the Cross. When they left their homes or reentered them, they blessed themselves. Arising in the morning or going to rest at night, they made the Sign of the Cross with great devotion. In all dangers and temptations they made the same holy Sign.

St. Patrick made the Sign of the Cross 400 times a day.

All good Christians should strive to make the Sign of the Cross as frequently as possible. By this blessed Sign, devoutly made, we give immense glory to God, for we offer to Him the infinite merits of the death of Jesus Christ.

But never, never should a Christian make the Sign of the Cross hastily or irreverently.

**How should we make the Sign of the Cross? The following explanations are of great importance:**

*Firstly*, we should make the Sign of the Cross with the intention of renewing the Passion of Jesus Christ, of offering to the Eternal Father the infinite merits of the death of His Son – and this **in union with the Masses actually being said all over the world.**

The Mass is nothing else than the repetition, the renewal of Calvary. Therefore, when we make the Sign of the Cross we should distinctly wish to offer to God all the Masses being said all over the world.

When we make the Sign of the Cross in this manner we give unspeakably great glory to God and obtain, each time, immense graces for ourselves. We actually participate in the Masses being said all over the world!

*Secondly*, we should make the Sign of the Cross **to thank God**, with all our hearts, for having died for us.

How many men never once thank God for having suffered the awful death of Calvary for them! And yet, He died on Calvary for each one of us in particular. On the Cross, He clearly saw each one of us and offered all His pains, sufferings and Precious Blood for each of us!

Oh, then at least when making the Sign of the Cross let us wish with all our hearts to thank God! Otherwise, we are guilty of the blackest ingratitude.

*Thirdly*, we should make the Sign of the Cross with the intention of applying to our souls the Passion of Jesus Christ.

Our Lord died for us, He offered the infinite price of His Precious Blood for us; this is not sufficient unless we, ourselves, apply His merits and Precious Blood to our own souls.

Alas, many Christians never think of doing this!