

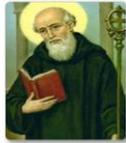
St. Benedict's Traditional Catholic Church

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



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.

PENANCE:	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 st 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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May 15, 2016 Church Website: 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 May 15th

Sun, May 15, 10:00 a.m. – Pentecost Sunday

10:00 a.m. Alabama RIP William Harris (Anonymous)

6:30 p.m. Kentucky For all my benefactors (Fr. Oswald)

Mon, May 16, MASS IN ILLINOIS – Pentecost Monday

RIP William Harris (Anonymous)

Tues, May 17, MASS IN ILLINOIS – Pentecost Tuesday

To honor & thank St. Anthony (Mary Tarnowski)

Wed, May 18, NO MASS OFFERED – Ember Wednesday

Thurs, May 19, NO MASS OFFERED – Pentecost Thursday

Fri, May 20, NO MASS OFFERED – Ember Friday

Sat, May 21, NO MASS OFFERED – Ember Saturday

Sun, May 22, 10:00 a.m. – Trinity Sunday

RIP departed relatives of William Harris (Anonymous)

“She is truly our Mother; not indeed carnally, but spiritually; of our souls and of our salvation. For she, by giving us Jesus, gave us true life; and afterwards, by offering the life of her Son on Calvary for our salvation, she brought us forth to the life of grace.” *St. Alphonsus Liguori (1696– 1787)*

MASS SCHEDULE FOR WEEK

There will be no Masses here in Alabama this week. Masses will resume next Sunday. Any emergencies this week, please call my cell phone immediately.

EMBER DAYS

This Wednesday, Friday and Saturday are Ember days. Fast and abstinence laws apply for these special days of penance and prayer.

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 14th) and Trinity Sunday (May 22nd).

SUNDAY CATECHISM

Next Sunday catechism will be Sunday June 5.

EVENING CATECHISM RETURNS!

Next catechism class is Wednesday, May 25 at 6:00 p.m.

FATHER'S TRAVELS

May 15 Kentucky Mass & Sacrament

May 16 – May 17 Illinois Mass & Sacraments

May 18 – May 20 Visit my family in Illinois

May 29 – May 30 Mississippi Mass & Sacraments

HOLY HOUR WITH EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION ON WEDNESDAY'S

Next Holy Hour is Wednesday, May 25 at 7:00 p.m.

The Bedside Book of Saints (Alovisius Roche) published 1934

The Littleness of the Saints

Familiarity with secular history led the late Lord Acton to say: "Most great men have been bad men." In the splendid careers of the makers of history virtue has a very lean time as a rule; and what disappoints us in the lives of prominent and much applauded personages, is their neglect of what is called 'small behavior'. Wholly intent upon the startling and the grandiose, they, apparently, left to their menials the menial virtues of candor and sincerity and truthfulness and so on. Those who can afford to keep a valet are seldom heroes in the eyes of the valet; and perhaps that is the reason. Rousseau has been charged with claiming, as the reward of his genius and fine writing, an exemption from nearly all the natural virtues. "He borrowed and begged and never repaid. He betrayed his friends, insulted his benefactors, put his children in the workhouse and was guilty of every species of meanness." Frederick said of Voltaire's visit to Germany, "He behaved here like a consummate cheat and scoundrel." It is very clear from the Life of Napoleon that he had no use whatever for the dictum of Holy Writ: "He that ruleth his own spirit is better than he that taketh cities."

Now what made the Saints saints, was neither their exploits nor their miracles, but their virtues; and their virtues were the ordinary commonplace virtues of everyday life. St. John of the Cross is sometimes called the Doctor of Nothingness owing to the stress which he laid not only upon humility but upon the plain and homespun virtues

associated with humble people. The career and the character of St. Augustine were certainly magnificent; yet it is to him that we owe the advice: "Do you wish to be great? Then begin by being humble. Do you desire to construct a lofty fabric? Then think first about the foundation of humility." "Be great in little things," was the motto of St. Francis Xavier – a motto which he had learnt from St. Ignatius. "Attention to little things is a great thing," St. John Chrysostom said. "Nothing is small," said St. Teresa, "if God accepts it." And again: "Nothing is small for a great love." So, her devotion to Holy Mass is well known and she declared that there was enough life in a single rubric to throw the soul into an ecstasy.

Again, St. Francis of Assisi is famous amongst other things for his politeness. St. Francis de Sales was always on his guard against what he called the showy virtues and attracted to those whose practice was frequent, common and ordinary. It was objected to St. John Berchmans that he had worked no miracles and had only kept his rule. : Bring me," said the Pope, "a hundred students who have kept their rule and I shall canonize them all." Certainly, the Saints did not become saints by working miracles; if they worked miracles it was because, in other ways, they had first become saints. And in their zeal for penance and austerity, they did not neglect the lesser although far more important things. Penance is good," one of them said, "but humility is far better." St. Simeon Stylite was prepared to leave his pillar at a sign from authority. "Come down," his superior said; and at once his foot was on the rung of the ladder. The whole lesson of St. Therese's *Little Way* is just this. She confessed that she had not the strength to emulate the great ascetics; that she found it very difficult even to keep awake during meditation; but she consoled herself by leaning with all her weight upon the smaller opportunities which presented themselves. Indeed, the big occasion and the dramatic situation are never really good tests of any virtue. To rescue a drowning person is an act of charity; but being something in the nature of an heroic act, it may be accompanied by a glow of romantic satisfaction which makes it more of a pleasure than anything else. But there is nothing romantic about keeping one's temper; and no one, except God, can possibly applaud us when we repress an uncharitable thought. But there it is: we glow with enthusiasm in reading of the heroic actions of God's servants; then round the corner comes some paltry occasion of practicing the very same virtue in a small way, and we begin to think that virtue is a drab and colorless affair after all. **(to be continued)**

Closing Hymn after Mass: Come Holy Ghost

1. Come Holy Ghost, Creator blest,
And in our hearts take up Thy rest;
Come with Thy grace and heav'nly aid,
To fill the hearts which Thou hast made,
To fill the hearts which Thou hast made.

2. O Comforter, to Thee we cry,
Thou heav'nly Gift of God Most High;
Thou Fount of life and fire of love,
And sweet anointing from above,
And sweet anointing from above.

3. Praise we the Father and the Son,
And Holy Spirit with them One;
And may the Son on us bestow
The gifts that from the Spirit flow,
The gifts that from the Spirit flow.