

# 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 7, 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 7<sup>th</sup>

**Sun, May 7, 10:00 a.m. – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Easter (St. Stanislaus)**

**10:00 a.m. Alabama** RIP Tom Girardi (Roberts family)

**6:00 p.m. Tennessee** For the Knight family & their special intentions (Knight)

**Mon, May 8, 8:30 a.m. – Apparition of St. Michael the Archangel**

RIP Tom Girardi (John & Rita Dumbacher)

**Tues, May 9, 8:30 a.m. – St. Gregory Nazianzen**

RIP Tom Girardi (John & Rita Dumbacher)

**Wed, May 10, 8:30 a.m. – Antoninus**

RIP Tom Girardi (John & Rita Dumbacher)

**Thurs, May 11, 8:30 a.m. – Ss. Philip & James**

RIP Tom Girardi (John & Rita Dumbacher)

**Fri, May 12, 8:30 a.m. – Ss. Nereus, Achilleus, Domitilla & Pancras**

RIP Tom Girardi (John & Rita Dumbacher)

**Sat, May 13, 10:00 a.m. – St. Robert Bellarmine**

RIP Elmer H. Winter (Victoria Vaillancourt)

**Sun, May 14, 10:00 a.m. – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter (MOTHER'S DAY) MAY CROWNING**

RIP Elmer H. Winter (Victoria Vaillancourt)

“Let us not esteem worldly prosperity or adversity as things real or of any moment, but let us live elsewhere, and raise all our attention to Heaven; esteeming sin as the only true evil, and nothing truly good, but virtue which unites us to God.” *Saint Gregory Nazianzen (d. 395)*

### **FATIMA ROSARY WALK**

Please join us again on Saturday, May 13 at 6:30 p.m. for the beginning of our Rosary March at Big Spring Park for the summer. We will park at the old Holiday Inn (401 Williams Ave SW – Huntsville) and assemble across the street in the park. All are invited to take part in this powerful prayer and witness to our Faith. Please dress appropriately, i.e. women & girls please wear dresses or skirts; men & boys, no shorts or flip-flops. If anyone would like a ride who wouldn't be able to come otherwise, please see Father for coordination. God bless you and see you there!

### **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 7** Tennessee Mass & Sacraments

**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 10 at **6:00 p.m.**

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

Next Holy Hour will be on Wednesday, May 10 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**

We begin all our prayers with the Sign of the Cross. We must make this blessed Sign with reverence and respect, slowly – not too slowly – but certainly not with the irreverent haste with which many ignorant Christians make it.

It is the most holy and powerful sign man possesses. It drives the devil away, it helps us to banish temptations and protects us from the gravest dangers.

When well made it gives intense pleasure to God; made irreverently it is nothing else than a hideous caricature, an insult to Our Lord.

Well made it obtains for us great graces. Badly made it is a mockery.

From the earliest times we find that the Sign of the Cross was used publicly as a protection against sickness, plagues and epidemics, against dangers of all kinds, in storms and in earthquakes.

All fervent Christians make the Sign of the Cross with the utmost confidence as a shield against every evil.

**The power of the Sign of the Cross.** In the reign of Emperor Phocas, a Persian embassy arrived at the Imperial Court in Constantinople. These ambassadors and their suite were all Mohammedans. The Emperor and the members of the palace remarked that

these Mohammedan princes and their followers had the Sign of the Cross marked on their foreheads.

Surprised at this love and respect for the Sign of the Cross on the part of fanatical Moslems, they inquired the reason.

The Moslems explained that some years previously a terrible epidemic had raged in Persia. The Moslems noted that the Christians signed themselves with the Sign of the Cross and were thus delivered from the plague.

Convinced of the power of the Cross, they themselves did likewise and were also delivered from the awful scourge.

Since then profound respect was shown for this holy Sign, which was considered as a protection and safeguard from sickness and pestilence. One hopes that this was an impetus for their eventual conversion to the True Faith.

Many devout Catholics, when troubled with any pain or sickness, make the Sign of the Cross with their thumb on the part afflicted saying, "By the holy Sign of the Cross deliver us, O Lord, from all evils and sickness."

This holy practice is of the greatest efficacy and should be used by all the faithful

**The Jew and the Sign of the Cross.** The following fact is authenticated by the highest authority.

A Jew was traveling on foot to Rome, and being suddenly overtaken at nightfall by a great storm took refuge in the ruins of a pagan temple. Wearied by his day's journey, he soon fell fast asleep.

At dead of night he was suddenly awakened by horrible noises and a suffocating odor. His horrified glance fell on a number of devils, whose hideous forms filled him with terror. Remembering that the Christians whom he knew used the holy Sign in all dangers, he too, as best he could, made the Sign of the Cross, which at once drove the devils in headlong flight from the temple.

On reaching Rome he recounted this fact, and the Holy Father ordered a rigorous examination of his statements to be made. These were shown to be perfectly true.

**St. Hilarion calms the sea by the Sign of the Cross.** After the death of the Emperor Julian, a fearful earthquake struck terror into the inhabitants of Peloponessus. This was followed by an upheaval of the sea which rose to an immense height and threatened every moment to destroy the city of Epidaurus. St. Hilarion approached the seashore and made the Sign of the Cross, when, at once, the sea sank back to its usual level and became calm and tranquil.

**St. Benedict,** when wicked men tried to kill him by giving him a cup of poisoned wine, made the Sign of the Cross over it and the goblet was at once shattered to pieces.

**St. Louis Bertrand** changed a gun pointed at him by a would-be assassin into a crucifix, by the Sign of the Cross.

## **Closing Hymn after Mass: Praise Ye the Lord**

1. Praise ye the Lord,  
Let joyful anthems ring.  
Beneath the banner of the Cross,  
Rejoice in Christ your King.  
Rejoice, rejoice,  
Let joyful anthems ring.  
Exalt the Cross of Christ your king.

2. Praise Him on high,  
Ye choirs of angels sing.  
In chorus joined, your voices raise  
In praise of Christ your King.  
Rejoice, rejoice,  
In hymns celestial sing.  
Exalt the Cross of Christ your King.