

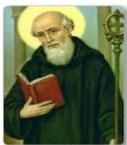
# St. Benedict's Traditional Catholic Church

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](http://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.

<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.

**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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**September 13, 2015**

**Church Website: [st-benedict-hsv.org](http://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 September 13<sup>th</sup>

**Sun, September 13, 10:00 a.m. – 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (St. Eulogius)**  
For the conversion of Edna Chow (Moeller family)

**Mon, September 14, 8:30 a.m. – Exaltation of the Holy Cross**  
For my protection, health & for the work our Lord wants me to do (Anthony Bronson)

**Tues, September 15, 8:30 a.m. – Seven Sorrows of BVM (St. Nicomedes)**  
For the conversion of Charles Franks (Joey Phillips)

**Wed, September 16, MASS IN LOUISIANA – Ember Wednesday**  
John & Rita Dumbacher (Aurora Krebsbach)

**Thurs, September 17, MASS IN LOUISIANA – Stigmata of St. Francis**  
Tom & Carol Girardi (Aurora Krebsbach)

**Fri, September 18, MASS IN LOUISIANA – St. Joseph of Cupertino (EMBER FRIDAY)**  
For the conversion of dying sinners (Jo Torczon)

**Sat, September 19, 10:00 a.m. – Ss. Januarius & Comp. (EMBER SATURDAY)**  
For the conversion of dying sinners (Jo Torczon)

**Sun, September 20, 10:00 a.m. – 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost (St. Eustace & Comp.)**  
Emilee Knight (Knight)

“However great the work that God may achieve by an individual, he must not indulge in self-satisfaction. He ought rather to be all the more humbled, seeing himself merely as a tool which God has made use of.” *St. Vincent de Paul (1580– 1660)*

### **FATIMA ROSARY WALK**

Please join us again today, September 13 at 6:30 p.m. for the parish Rosary March at Big Spring Park. 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!

### **EMBER DAYS THIS WEEK**

This Wednesday, Friday and Saturday are Ember days, set aside by the Church for extra prayers and fasting, especially for the sanctification of priests and more vocations to the priesthood. Wednesday & Saturday are days of partial abstinence and fast (1 full meal with meat, 2 small meatless meals not equal together to the main meal); Friday is of complete abstinence and fast. There are small sheets in parish hall for explanation of fast and abstinence.

### **CATECHISM RETURNS!**

Beginning Wednesday Sept. 23 (a week later than previous mentioned because of Louisiana catechism trip) catechism class will resume. This series of classes will focus on Apologetics (including basic catechism), Church History and the Mass and Sacraments. Format for Wednesday's will be 6:00 – 6:50 catechism class; 7:00 – 8:00 Holy Hour: Exposition, Rosary, Confessions, Benediction, Reposition.

### **FATHER'S TRAVELS**

Sept. 15 – Sept. 18 Louisiana Mass & Catechism trip  
End of September Tennessee and Georgia Mass and Catechism trip  
October 5 – October 10 Colorado (Visit to help Fr. Peter Raleigh in Trinidad and pastoral visits to some Catholics)

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

No Holy Hour this week due to Louisiana catechism trip

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Due to the influx of Mass intentions the soonest opening for any more intentions is not until **MARCH**. Intentions will be written down in the order received.

## **The Little Catechism of the Cure of Ars (St. John Vianney)** **Catechism on Suffering**

If the good God sends us crosses, we resist, we complain, we murmur; we are so averse to whatever contradicts us, that we want to be always in a box of cotton: but we ought to be put into a box of thorns. It is by the Cross that we go to Heaven. Illnesses, temptations, troubles, are so many crosses which take us to Heaven. All this will soon be over....Look at the saints, who have arrived there before us....The good God does not require of us the martyrdom of the body; He requires only the martyrdom of the heart, and of the will....Our Lord is our model; let us take up our cross, and follow Him. Let us do like the soldiers of Napoleon. They had to cross a bridge under the fire of grapeshot; no one dared to pass it. Napoleon took the colors, marched over first, and they all followed. Let us do the same; let us follow Our Lord, who has gone before us.

A soldier was telling me one day that during a battle he had marched for half an hour over dead bodies; there was hardly space to tread upon; the ground was all dyed

with blood. Thus on the road of life we must walk over crosses and troubles to reach our true country. The cross is the ladder to Heaven....How consoling it is to suffer under the eyes of God, and to be able to say in the evening, at our examination of conscience: "Come, my soul! Thou hast had today two or three hours of resemblance to Jesus Christ. Thou hast been scourged, crowned with thorns, crucified with Him!" Oh what a treasure for the hour of death! How sweet it is to die, when we have lived on the cross! We ought to run after crosses as the miser runs after money....Nothing but crosses will reassure us at the Day of Judgment. When that day shall come, we shall be happy in our misfortunes, proud of our humiliations and rich in our sacrifices!

If someone said to you, "I should like to become rich; what must I do?" you would answer him, "You must labor." Well, in order to get to Heaven, we must suffer. Our Lord shows us the way in the person of Simon the Cyrenian; He calls His friends to carry His cross after Him. The good God wishes us never to lose sight of the Cross, therefore it is placed everywhere, by the roadsides, on the heights, in the public squares – in order that at the sight of it we may say, "See how God has loved us!" The Cross embraces the world; it is planted at the four corners of the world; there is a share of it for all. Crosses are on the road to Heaven like a fine bridge of stone over a river, by which to pass it. Christians who do not suffer pass this river by a frail bridge, a bridge of wire, always ready to give way under their feet.

He who does not love the Cross may indeed be saved, but with great difficulty: he will be a little star in the firmament. He who shall have suffered and fought for his God will shine like a beautiful sun. Crosses, transformed by the flames of love, are like a bundle of thorns thrown into the fire, and reduced by the fire to ashes. The thorns are hard, but the ashes are soft. Oh, how much sweetness do souls experience that are all for God in suffering! It is like a mixture onto which one puts a great deal of oil: the vinegar remains vinegar; but the oil corrects its bitterness, and it can scarcely be perceived.

If you put fine grapes into the wine press, there will come out a delicious juice: our soul, in the wine press of the Cross, gives out a juice that nourishes and strengthens it. When we have no crosses, we are arid: if we bear them with resignation, we feel a joy, a happiness, a sweetness!...it is the beginning of Heaven. The good God, the Blessed Virgin, the angels, and the saints, surround us; they are by our side, and see us. The passage to the other life of the good Christian tried by affliction, is like that of a person being carried on a bed of roses. Thorns give out a perfume, and the Cross breathes forth sweetness. But we must squeeze the thorns in our hands, and press the Cross to our heart, that they may give out the juice they contain.

The Cross gave peace to the world; and it must bring peace to our hearts. All our miseries come from not loving it. The fear of crosses increases them. A cross carried simply, and without those returns of self-love which exaggerate troubles, is no longer a cross. Peaceable suffering is no longer suffering. We complain of suffering! We should have much more reason to complain of not suffering, since nothing makes us more like Our Lord than carrying His Cross. Oh, what a beautiful union of the soul with Our Lord Jesus Christ by the love and the virtue of His Cross! I do not understand how a Christian can dislike the Cross, and fly from it! Does he not at the same time fly from Him who has deigned to be fastened to it, and to die for us?

**Closing hymn after Mass:**

**HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE THY NAME**