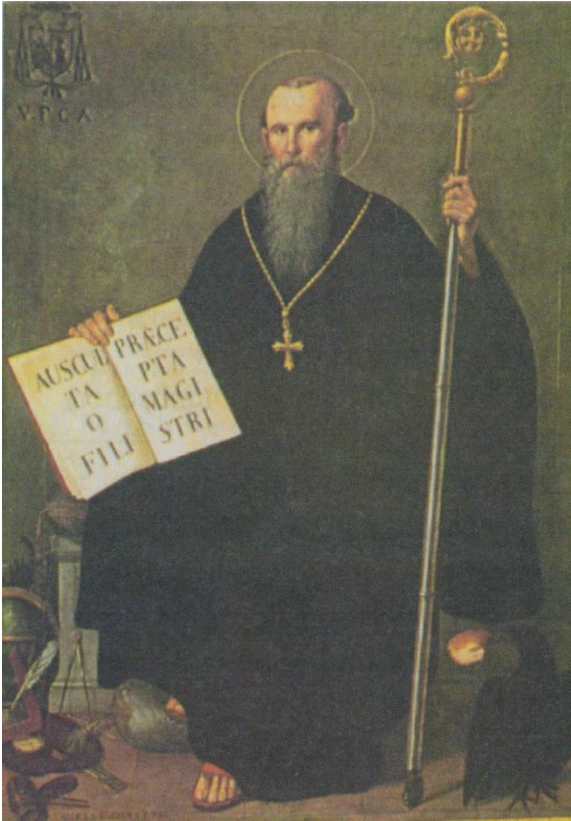


**St. Benedict's
Traditional Catholic Church**

1139 U. S. 231
Laceys Spring, Alabama 35754

Roman Catholic

Traditional Latin Mass



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Mass Schedule for the week of September 14

Sun, Sept. 14, 10:00 a.m. – Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Sister St. Gervase Glackin (Dorothy Maguire)

Mon, Sept. 15, 8:30 a.m. – Seven Sorrows BVM
RIP Kevin Jordan (Dorothy Maguire)

Tues, Sept. 16, 8:30 a.m. – Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian
Special Intention (Dorothy Maguire)

Wed, Sept. 17, 8:30 a.m. – Stigmata of St Francis (Ember Day)
Intentions of the Altar & Rosary Society (Altar & Rosary)

Thurs, Sept. 18, 8:30 a.m. – St. Joseph Cupertino
Special Intention (Linda Gardner)

Fri, Sept. 19, 8:30 a.m. – Ss. Januarius & Companions (Ember Day)
RIP Mabel Higginbotham (Luke Higginbotham)

Sat, Sept. 20, 10:00 a.m. – Ss. Eustace & Companies (Ember Day)
In honor of the Holy Family and the needs & intentions of the Wayne Pivarunas family (Wayne Pivarunas)

Sun, Sept. 21, 10:00 a.m. – St. Matthew
The children of Mark & Marguerite Thomey (Mark & Marguerite Thomey)

“If God cause you to suffer much, it is a sign that He has great designs for you, and that He certainly intends to make you a Saint. And if you wish to become a great Saint, entreat Him yourself to give you much opportunity for suffering; for there is no wood better to kindle the fire of holy love than the wood of the cross, which Christ used for His own sacrifice of boundless charity.” --- *St. Ignatius Loyola (1491-1556)*

PARTY!!!!

Please pick up the direction sheet next to the bulletins for the party next Sunday, Sept. 21.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Hines on the baptism of their son Bentley Joseph who was baptized yesterday. May he grow holy in the sight of the Lord and become a great Saint.

CONFESSIONS

Sunday	9:00 a.m. – 9:55 a.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

MASS INTENTIONS

Mass intentions may be submitted for a stipend of \$20.00. Mass intention envelopes are available in the vestibule. If by check, please make out to Fr. Oswald. Also please mark whether the person is a Catholic or not and living or deceased. If a non-Catholic, by all means we can have a Mass said for them but it will be a private Mass, meaning that the intention will not be made public, so in the bulletin it will say Special Intention.

BE INFORMED!

In these troubled times we live in, we need to not only study our Faith in catechisms and books, but with contemporary commentaries as well. Some good websites to check are: cmri.org, traditionalmass.org, novusordowatch.org, dailycatholic.org, traditionalcatholicsermons.org. A couple of good publications would be: The Four Marks and The Reign of Mary.

DONATIONS

If anyone would like to make private donations for the repairs being made to my truck, please see me (Fr. Oswald). Some major things need to be done to be able to make it safe and reliable as that is the vehicle I will need to use for the parish. Any help is greatly appreciated.

Consoling Thoughts of St. Francis de Sales
The Wood of the True Cross

Happy are those who suffer persecution for justice' sake; this beatitude, the last in order, is the first in Our Lord's esteem, and I often look upon it as the sovereign happiness of the present life. Those who are unjustly persecuted carry the resemblance of the Saviour better, and lead a life hidden with Jesus Christ in God: they appear wicked and they are good, dead and they are living, poor and they are rich, foolish and they are wise, detested before men and in benediction before God. Persecutions are pieces of the cross of Jesus Christ; we must not allow a particle of them to perish.

I saw, some time ago, a little girl carrying a pitcher of water on her head, and in the middle of it she had put a bit of wood. I wished to know why, and she said that it was to prevent the movement of the water, for fear it should be spilled. Then, henceforward, said I, we must put the cross in the middle of our hearts to prevent the movement of our affections in this wood and by this wood, in order that they may not spill over in uneasiness and trouble of mind.

To suffer is almost the only good we can do in this world; for rarely do we perform any good without mixing up some evil along with it. And, besides, Our Lord is never so near us as when we suffer something for His love. He watches over us while we repose in peace upon His bosom, and makes us draw advantage from our tribulations.

On what occasions can we make great acts of the union of our heart with the will of God, of the mortification of our self-love, or the love of our own abjection, in a word, of our crucifixion, unless during these rough and severe trials? Have I not often told you to divest yourself of all creatures in order to clothe yourself with our crucified Lord? Courage, then! It is Our Lord who wishes thus to prove your heart. It is not severity, it is clemency. Have courage: provided that your heart is faithful to Him, He will not load you above your strength, and He will support your burden with you, when He sees that with a good affection you bow down your shoulders beneath the weight He lays upon you.

Blessed are the crucified! In this world our inheritance is the cross, in the next it will be glory. **HAVE COURAGE!**

EMBER DAYS

The Ember Days are set aside four times each year as special days of prayer and penance. Those 21 through 59 years of age are obliged to keep the fast (one main meal only, taken after noon, and two other small meatless meals which together would not equal a regular main meal. Eating between meals is not permitted). Those 7 years of age and older are obliged to observe partial abstinence (meat only at main meal) on Wednesday and Saturday, and complete abstinence on Friday. The purpose of the Ember Days' prayer and penance is (1) To consecrate each of the Four Seasons of the year; (2) To beg of God the preservation of the fruits of the earth; (3) To thank Him for those already given us; (4) And to beseech Him to give good priests to His Church, the usual days for ordaining priests being the Ember Saturdays.

FEED FATHER

I am looking for volunteers to provide a meal for me on Sundays for my dinner as it is difficult for me to cook on Sundays and too expensive for me to eat out much. One could make a plate and bring it to Mass on Sunday and put in the refrigerator for me later. I am not allergic to anything and I eat and enjoy everything. I am looking for someone to be in charge of organizing any volunteers and making a schedule of times to provide food. Please see me if interested in this apostolate. Any dishes will be cleaned and returned.

MODESTY

Next Sunday I will give a sermon on modesty and will insert in the bulletin a booklet that myself and a few of the Sisters put together on the Church's mandatory teaching on modesty. I am looking for anyone who would like to donate to St. Benedict's some shawls or wraps or similar nature to have on hand for those who may need covering when they come to Mass, whether newcomers or other if they are unfamiliar with the requirements. Please see me if you have anything you would like to donate.

