

This is the House of the Lord.

Our Monastery is located in a wooded area, northwest of Opelousas, Louisiana, in an area called Plaisance (“Pleasant” in English). The area is known to many as the home of the “Zydeco” festival. The Olivetan Benedictine monks received a gift of 20 acres of woodland in this area in July of 1992. After a few small bequests and much prayer, efforts were made to develop a portion of the property into a suitable place for prayer and contemplation.

A small chapel dedicated to the Holy Spirit was built and served as the heart for the small community. In July 2001 we completed and dedicated a new extension to the chapel, to accommodate eight monks. Although the community grows slowly, we are grateful to God for the six members of our community. At present time, the monks meet in chapel several times daily for the praying of the Divine Office, as well as participating in the Eucharist.

Let all guests be received as Christ

Saint Benedict teaches his monks to see and receive Christ in all who come to the monastery. When you come to our monastery you will find a warm welcome. To implement the Rule of St. Benedict for those guests wishing to stay a few nights, we have completed several guest cottages, which will allow the guests to enter into an atmosphere of prayerful silence and peace.

Directions to the Monastery

From Crowley (I-10), Eunice (U.S. 190), and Prairie Ronde (103/104/3043), Louisiana...

If you are traveling on I-10 take the Crowley exit and go north on Louisiana Highway 13 to Eunice. At Eunice turn right onto U.S. Highway 190 East. Travel eastward to Highway 103. Turn left onto 103 and travel northward to Prairie Ronde. Turn right onto Highway 104 and travel eastward for a short distance. Turn left on La. 3043 and immediately turn left again, this time onto Dupre Road (On Dupre Road the road surface changes from black-top to gravel). Continue traveling on Dupre road to Apple Road. Turn right on Tower Road (at the large red cross), right on Visor Lane (Monaster Entrance), right on Monastery Lane.

From I-49 near Opelousas...

From I-49 take exit 23, travel west on US 167 about 6.2 miles, then turn left on Dupre Road, continue past the first sign for Apple Road, cross railroad tracks (the road surface changes from black-top to gravel), then turn left at the second sign for Apple Road, right on Tower Road (at the large red cross), right on Visor Lane (Monastery Entrance), right on Monastery Lane.



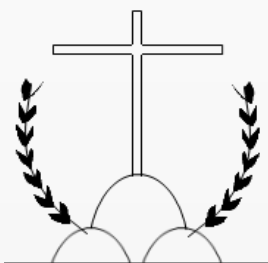
Mother of the Redeemer Monastery



Olivetan Benedictine Monks

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God's **greatest gift to the soul:**

That we may each seek him through the practice of experiencing a retreat so as to deepen our relationship with him.

The Monastery can be the place where we come to listen in silence for the One who loves us.

The silence that we find at the monastery will help us to converse in thought and heartfelt desire with Christ. We bring ourselves to this encounter with the Lord and through our prayer Christ begins to gently reveal himself to us.

The monastery is an ideal place in which to make a fruitful retreat while seeking God

What is a retreat? It is a sacred time set aside for a very personal encounter with God through his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. During the retreat we receive graces to persevere in our love for God. Love is the cause of seeking: seeking is both the fruit and proof of love.

Who are the monks who live in the monastery?

We are called Olivetan Benedictine Monks. Our Founder, Saint Bernard Tolomei began our branch of the Order of Saint Benedict in the year 1319. The charisms of our Congregation are: Life in community, Devotion to the Passion of Christ, and Devotion to Our Lady. The Olivetans wear a white habit in Mary's honor. Having a great admiration for the Benedictine Order, Bernard named his congregation St. Mary of Mount Olivet and placed it under the Rule of St. Benedict. St. Bernard died while ministering to the victims of the Black Plague in Siena. A Benedictine vocation is one of voluntarily offering oneself to God through the practice of public and private prayer, stability in the monastery and our congregation, a conversion of our life (to live as monks), obedience, humility, work, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.

The Monastic Schedule

The guests are most welcome to pray with us. The following is our schedule of prayer:

6:30 am – Vigils and Lauds (Office of Readings and Morning Prayer)
7:45 am – The Eucharist (Mass)
Noon – Midday Prayer
4:30 pm – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
5:00 pm – Vespers (Evening Prayer)
7:30 pm – Compline (Night Prayer)

Saturday: Everything is the same except:
4:30 pm – Rosary and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
5:00 pm – Vespers (Evening Prayer) followed by Compline (Night Prayer)

Sunday:
7:15 am – Office of Readings and Morning Prayer
10:00am–The Eucharist (Mass)
Midday Prayer is Private
5:00 pm – Vespers (Evening Prayer) and Benediction
7:30 pm –Compline (Night Prayer)



The Fee per day and overnight is:

\$45.00 (LUNCH INCLUDED)