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Fridays...... 11:00 -- 11:45 a.m.

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## 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

## November 17, 2019

### FROM THE RECTOR

23rd Sunday after Pentecost – It is the Lord who brings us from life to death. It is that simple and clear. We need to live, reflecting this faith and confidence. The reality of Christ's victory over death and sin is not only something to be experienced at some future day but also in how we go about our daily lives. In our Gospel today, we witness two people whose faith moves them to seek the Lord to assist with illness and death. This manifested faith involves a profound trust that God will answer their prayers according to His will and providence. In both instances the Lord's mercy moves Him to heal the woman and to raise the child from death to life. Christ desires to do the same for each of us, but we must do our part. First, we must live lives of great faith and trust in the Lord to answer our prayers. Second, we must approach the Lord in times of need. It is foolish to trust in our own devices, to ask men to accomplish for us things only God can do. Confronting illness and its suffering or more serious still the sadness and sorrow of death, human comfort can only do so much. Like the healings in the Gospel we seek our Lord first and always and strive to live our faith in the Lord each and every day.

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### HOLY HOUR FOR MEN

The Ss. Gregory and Augustine Knights of Columbus Council is sponsoring a Holy Hour with Confessions for all men of the Oratory. On Thursday, 21 November the Holy Hour begins at 7 pm with Exposition followed by the recitation of the Rosary, an opportunity for confessions and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. The evening will conclude at 8:15 with Benediction followed by fellowship in the St. Joseph Room. No reservations necessary; please join the Knights in spending time with our Eucharistic Lord.

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### THANKSGIVING DAY

The Oratory will celebrate its normal 7:00 am Holy Mass on Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, 28 November 2019). Please come for Holy Mass and offer the most fitting act of thanksgiving, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

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### ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Ladies, you are invited to the Oratory's First Annual Advent by Candlelight on **December 7 at 6:30 PM**. Gather together with women of the Oratory and friends of our community for an evening of prayer, reflection and fellowship. Msgr. Morris will be our speaker for the evening. This is wonderful way to enter into the season of Advent. If you would like to be placed at a table please contact Cory Grizzle at 636-675-3721 or tcgrizzle@charter.net. There are only 13 spots left!

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### **CHURCH CLEANING**

In preparation for the beginning of the new Church year and the celebration of Christmas, the St. Luke's community will be cleaning the Church on **Saturday, 7 December** @ **10:00 am.** We are in need of a great deal of assistance dusting the pews, washing the kneelers, cleaning the sanctuary and the statuary. As the saying goes: "Many hands make light work". Please make every effort to come and spend whatever time you have assisting in the cleaning. This is also First Saturday. Come for Holy Mass and remain to help clean our beautiful Church!

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### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INFORMATION

The regular meeting night will be the <u>3rd Thursday of each month</u>. Rosary at 7:10pm with meeting to follow at 7:30pm. St. Joseph Room.

### THE RORATE CAELI MASS:

### When: 14 December 2019 @ 6:30 am

The Rorate Caeli Mass is a traditional Advent devotion wherein the Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Advent is offered just before dawn.

The Mass takes its title, Rorate Caeli, from the first words of the Introit, which are from Isaiah 45:8:

"Rorate, caeli, desuper, et nubes pluant justum, aperiatur terra, et germinet Salvatorem."

"Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the just: let the earth be opened and bud forth a Saviour."

The Rorate Mass is lit only by candlelight. Because it is a votive Mass in Mary's honor, white vestments are worn instead of Advent violet. In the dimly lit setting, priests and faithful prepare to honor the Light of the world, Who is soon to be born, and offer praise to God for the gift of Our Lady. As the Mass proceeds and sunrise approaches, the church becomes progressively brighter, illumined by the sun as our Faith is illumined by Christ.

The readings and prayers of the Mass foretell the prophecy of the Virgin who would bear a Son called Emmanuel, and call on all to raise the gates of their hearts and their societies to let Christ the King enter; asking for the grace to receive eternal life by the merits of the Incarnation and saving Resurrection of Our Lord.

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## CONFESSIONS – 14 DECEMBER 2019 from 8:00 am until 11:00 am.

The faithful of both the Oratory and St. Luke will have the opportunity for an extended period of confessions on Saturday morning, 14 December 2019 from 8 am until 11 am. Both Msgr. Morris and Fr. Blake will be available for confession during that time. If you have had difficulty getting to confession, this may serve as the perfect opportunity to take advantage of the tribunal of mercy especially in preparation for Christmas.

### **CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

The celebration of the Lord's Birth on Christmas Day will be slightly different from years past. The principal Holy Mass will be at Midnight. This will be High Mass assisted by our choir. On Christmas morning, the Oratory will celebrate Holy Mass at 10:30 am. This will be Low Mass without the presence of the organ. Part of this schedule is determined by the Holy Mass being celebrated by St. Luke at 9 am on Christmas morning.

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### **NEW CHOIR MEMBERS**

Our choir is in need of additional members. Please consider making the gift of your time and talents to glorify our Lord at Holy Mass. Rehearsals are held in the school building on Tuesday evenings, beginning at 7:30 for the Men's Schola and 8 for the full choir. Please contact Mrs. Kenney at <a href="mailto:elisabethrkenney@gmail.com">elisabethrkenney@gmail.com</a> for further details, or leave your contact information on the sheet on the information table in the vestibule.

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### **PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE**

11/10 - 11/17 Hayward	11/17 - 11/24 Fowler
11/24 - 12/1 Houlard	12/1 - 12/8 Catalano
12/8 - 12/22 Kenney	12/22 - 12/29 Raymond
12/29 - 1/5 Flannigan	1/5 - 1/12 Gelhot
1/12 - 1/19 Petrick	1/19 Schuette

### **NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER**

The Oratory has a new telephone number -314/925-8989. This new number allows the community more direct access to both the Rector and the Administrative Assistant and this will provide clarity for those unfamiliar with our unique situation to reach the Oratory more readily. Please begin calling this new number now.

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### **UP COMING EVENTS**

• 21 November: Men's Holy Hour @ 7:00 pm

• 24 November: Coffee Hour after the 11:30 am Mass

• 28 November: Thanksgiving Day – Holy Mass @ 7:00 am

• 1 December: First Sunday of Advent

6 December: First Friday7 December: First Saturday

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### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Tuesday, 19 November – **St. Elizabeth of Hungary, widow** 7:00 am: Maria Hobach & Family

Wednesday, 20 November – **St. Felix of Valois, Confessor** 6:30 pm: Dennis Emge

Thursday, 21 November – *Presentation of the BVM* 7:00 am: Jack Ziggemeier 9:00 am: Wayne Dickburnd

Friday, 22 November – **St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr** 12 Noon: Ken Dames

Sunday, 24 November – 24<sup>th</sup> & Last Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am: Pro Populo 11:30 am: Gene Dames, Jr.

### **SERVERS SCHEDULE**

### November 3<sup>rd</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:00 am: Joseph & Anthony Dixon
- 11:30 am: Cameron Ackerman, Austin Jackson, Tommy Lattenzi, Sebastian Filla, Phillip Petrick

### November 10<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:00 am: John & Eli Colton
- 11:30 am: Gregory Grizzle, Lance Lavery, Luke Lavery, Sebastian Petrick, Damien Filla

### November 17<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:00 am: Joseph & Anthony Dixon
- 11:30 am: Ryan Lavery, Austin Jackson, Phillip Petrick, Simon Wisniewski, Sebastian Petrick

### November 24<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> and Last Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:00 am: Caleb & Eli Colton
- 11:30 am: Cameron Ackerman, John Armstrong, Peter Armstrong, Ben Armstrong, Simon Wisniewski

~ 11/10/2019 ~				
	ACTUAL	NEEDED	DIFFERENCE	
Weekly Collection Total	\$ 3,075.56			
Online Giving	\$ 1,926.01			
Total	\$ 5,001.57	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 1,251.57	
Year to Date Total	\$ 92,898.18	\$ 71,250.00	\$ 21,648.18	

Our Lady of Walsingham, intercede for us who have recourse to thee!

Ss. Gregory and Augustine, pray for us!