

# THE ORATORY OF SS. GREGORY AND AUGUSTINE-7230 DALE AVENUE, SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI, 63117 TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS AND SACRAMENTS

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#### **CONFESSIONS**

Sundays	7:00 7:45 a.m.
Wednésdays	
Fridays	11:00 11:45 a.m.

### 4th Sunday of Advent

### December 22, 2019

#### FROM THE RECTOR

Our time of deliverance is almost near. It is a great gift in the Liturgical Calendar to be able to celebrate well the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Often, the proximity of Christmas overshadows this last Sunday of the Advent season. Fortunately, this year we are provided another opportunity to contemplate the coming of our Lord in history and His coming at the end of time. So too, we our accompanied in this meditation by Isaias the prophet, St. John the Baptist and most blessedly, Our Lady. With these great companions we cannot help but to be drawn more deeply into the mysteries we celebrate and to allow ourselves to be transported to Bethlehem and Nazareth; to witness the travails of Our Lady and St. Joseph as they seek to find shelter during the great census. Moreover, we pay heed again to the words of the Baptist who calls us to repentance for the remission of our sins, preparing ourselves for the one who comes with fire to transform the world once and for all. The Church is truly a sensitive and diligent Mother, providing Her children chance after chance to think on the things of God, to repent from sins and to live the life to which God calls us. Let us use these remaining days not to get caught up in the secular and profane; rather, through meditation, times of solitude however brief, and prayer to welcome Christ anew into our hearts. A Blessed Christmas to you all!

#### **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 Saint Luke at 9 am on Christmas morning.

#### **PREVENT & PROTECT STL**

formerly known as Protecting God's Children; Safe Environment

The Archdiocese of St. Louis has developed a new system for safe environment compliance called Prevent and Protect STL. Everyone ministering to minors and vulnerable adults (clergy, employees, and volunteers) in the Archdiocese are required and asked to register in the new system before December 31, 2020. This includes those new to service and those who are currently in service. For those who have already attended a Protecting God's Children workshop, your previous training date will transfer to this new system. In addition to attending a live Protecting God's Children workshop, all clergy, volunteers, and employees will register for an updated background screening, view two new online training modules on abuse reporting and the Code of Ethical Conduct, and agree to the updated Code of Ethical Conduct.

Please go to www.preventandprotectstl.org to register and contact your parish Child Safety Coordinator with any questions or for further assistance.

#### SUNDAYS IN DECEMBER/MISSAL ASSISTANCE

- 15 December 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (Missal, p. 9)
- 22 December 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent (Missal, p. 13)
- 25 December Christmas Day (Missal, p. 22)
- 29 December Sunday in the Octave of Christmas (Missal, p. 37)

#### **OPEN HOUSE** at the **RECTORY: 29 December 2019**

Please join Msgr. Morris and Fr. Blake for an Open House at the Rectory on Sunday, 12/29/19. Stop by anytime between 12:30-3:00pm, tour your priests' house decorated for the holidays, and have some refreshments.

#### YEAR-END UPDATES

If you are currently enrolled in online giving there is no need to do anything to continue your contributions for 2020. You can make modifications to your account at any time; if you do nothing, your current elections will continue. If you are still receiving envelopes and you are enrolled in online giving, please contact Donna to have the envelopes discontinued  $\sim$  it helps the Oratory save costs. If you are not enrolled in online giving...you can join at any time! Please call Donna if you need assistance. All contributions must be made by Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> in order to be included in your 2019 contribution statement. Thank you!

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#### **GREGORIAN MASSES**

The practice of Gregorian Masses is an ancient tradition in which it is believed that a continuous series of thirty Masses would release the soul of a deceased person from the punishments of Purgatory. I have been requested to celebrate Gregorian Masses for John Michael Collins II and have accepted this request for the month of January. As such, all of the intentions for the month of January will be for Mr. Collins, I appreciate your generosity in requesting Mass Intention and your patience as you wait for those Masses to be fulfilled. Please continue to pray for All the Poor Souls.

#### PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE

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

#### **CCD INFORMATION**

Today, Sunday, 22 December 2019 is last day for CCD. Let us continue to pray for all our teachers, parents and students.

#### CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The collection at both Midnight Mass and on Christmas Day will be for Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. In advance, thank you for your generosity to our future priests.

#### THE CHRISTMAS OCTAVE

The Oratory will celebrate High Mass every day during the Octave of Christmas. Beginning on 26 December and concluding on 1 January in addition to our normal schedule for Holy Mass there will be celebrated an additional High Mass. We will also have the blessing of several Solemn High Masses during the Octave. The times for Holy Mass are listed below. Everyone is encouraged to attend to truly celebrate well the Incarnation of Christ our Savior.

- Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>: Midnight (NO confessions before Holy Mass)
- Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup>: 7:00 pm (confessions from 6 - 6:45 pm)
- Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup>: 7:00 pm (confessions from 6 6:45 pm)
- Saturday, December 28th: 8:00 am (confessions from 7 -7:45 am)
- Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup>: Normal Sunday Schedule
- Monday, December 30<sup>th</sup>: 7:00 pm (confessions from 6 -6:45 pm)
- Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>: 7:00 pm (confessions from 6 -6:45 pm)

### SERVERS SCHEDULE

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Tuesday, 24 December – *Vigil of Christmas* 7:00 am: Nakita Thompson

Wednesday, 25 December – The Nativity of the Lord 12 Midnight: Josephine & Joseph Alexander 10:30 am: Pro Populo

Thursday, 26 December – St. Stephen, Protomartyr 7:00 am: Matilda Chandler 7:00 pm: Agnes Schoenfeld

Friday, 27 December – St. John the Evangelist 12 Noon: Linda Casper 7:00 pm: Lily Hawkins

Saturday, 28 December – Holy Innocents, Martyrs 8:00 am: Patricia Newman

Sunday, 29 December – Sunday in the Octave of Christmas 8:00 am: Mark Cholick 11:30 am: Pro Populo

• Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>: 10:30 am (NO Confessions schedule this morning) 

#### **UP COMING EVENTS**

- 22 December: Coffee Hour after the 11:30 am Mass
- 25 December: CHRISTMAS DAY Holy Mass at Midnight and 10:30 am
- 26 December: Holy Mass at 7:00 pm
- 27 December: Holy Mass at 7:00 pm
- 28 December: Holy Mass at 8:00 am
- 29 December: Normal Sunday Schedule
- 29 December: Rectory Open House, 12:30 3:00 pm
- 30 December: Holy Mass at 7:00 pm ٠
- 31 December: Holy Mass at 7:00 pm
- 1 January 2020: Holy Mass at 10:30 am
- 3 January: First Friday •
- 4 January: First Saturday

#### December 1<sup>st</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

- 8:00 am: Joseph & Anthony Dixon
- 11:30 am: Gregory Grizzle, Austin Jackson, Phillip Petrick, Sebastian Petrick, Damien Filla

#### December 8<sup>th</sup> – Immaculate Conception

- 8:00 am: John & Eli Colton
- 11:30 am: Cameron Ackerman, Lance Lavery, Luke Lavery, Sebastian Filla, Tommy Lattenzi

#### December 15<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

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

#### December 22<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

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

### Our Lady of Walsingham, intercede for us who have recourse to thee! Ss. Gregory and Augustine, pray for us!