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THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS
SUNDAY MASS:8:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
DAILY MASS:

Tuesday7:00 a.m.
 Wednesday6:30 p.m.
 Thursday7:00 a.m.
 FridayNoon

FIRST FRIDAY AND SATURDAY:
First Friday of each month:7:00 p.m.
First Saturday of each month:8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Sundays7:00 -- 7:45 a.m.
 Wednesdays.....5:30 -- 6:15 p.m.
 Fridays11:00 -- 11:45 a.m.

Feast of the Holy Family

January 12, 2020

FROM THE RECTOR – the Feast of the Holy Family

It is fitting to celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family precisely because this celebration reinforces our faith in the Incarnation and further expands on the implications of God becoming man. The Lord’s presence in the flesh serves not only to reconcile us to the Father but also to restore mankind’s dignity. As a consequence, every aspect of human life presents an opportunity to make manifest the glory of God. The human condition and all its aspects no longer need be drudgery and toil. Family life when it is modeled after that of the Holy Family opens up opportunities to grow in virtue. Our Collect and Lessons today remind us that through the virtues of charity, obedience, mutual help and regard the Holy Family made family life holy. As always, we are presented the chance to practice these same virtues in our own families. Through the intercession of Jesus, Mary and Joseph let us courageously work to redeem family life from the pernicious lies of society and culture. By lives of virtue, let us find joy and peace in our own families and in the family of Holy Mother the Church.

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EPIPHANY WATER/CHALK AND SALT

For those who were not able to be present for the celebration of the Epiphany of Our Lord, there is still blessed water and chalk available. There are also water bottles available for anyone to use. These items may be found on the Oratory table in the vestibule of the Church

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CATECHESIS ON CONFESSION

One of the great graces that has come during my time as rector has been the opportunity to spend time in the confessional and to make the sacrament available to the faithful. A priest friend of mine told me from his own early experience as a pastor, that the more frequently confession is offered, the more frequently the faithful will come. That has been my experience with my life at the Oratory. I want to take this opportunity to offer a few words on the nature of our confessions needing to be entire and complete.

The Catechism of the Council of Trent provides a thorough and complete explication of the Sacrament of Penance. I want to draw particular attention to the exhortation that confession should be complete and entire. The Church teaches us that we are responsible for confessing all of our mortal sins in both number (how often) and kind (nature of the sin itself). As such when we come for confession, we should not only present those sins that are on our hearts or that have easily come to mind but also confess all sins we can recall after a thorough examination of conscience.

If the times for confession do not work well with your schedule, I am always willing to meet you in Church for the sacrament itself. Finally, I encourage everyone to access a thorough and complete guide for examining your conscience. This will assist you in recalling your serious sins as well as venial sins which also work against growing in holiness

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FOSTERING EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

I have been approached about the possibility of having Eucharistic Adoration at the Oratory. I am very excited about the possibilities that exist before us. As the community has continued to grow, we are now able (I believe) to move forward with increasing our devotional life. There are at least two possibilities before us. Option #1: A Holy Hour after the 11:30 am Mass on the First Sunday of the month. Option #2: Extended Eucharistic Adoration from the conclusion of Holy Mass on First Friday until to the evening Mass on First Friday.

Option #2 provides a longer period of time for Adoration which I think would be spiritually profitable for the whole community.

In order for Option #2 to be viable there needs to be enough interest from the faithful to make sure that at least two people are present with Our Eucharistic Lord every half hour during the period of adoration.

In the coming weeks, a survey will be made available to the community to see in which direction we will be able to move. As you wait for the survey please prayerfully consider what time you might be able to make available to be with Our Eucharistic Lord.

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ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS

Annual Giving statements will be available starting Sunday, 19 January 2020. You will find your statement in the boxes on the back table in the Church vestibule. Please notify the office (via email please) immediately if any changes to your contact information need to be made regarding your name or address. This is also an opportunity to notify the office with any changes to phone number, cell number or email address. Again, please make every effort to notify the office of these changes through email. Our email address osgaoffice@gmail.com. In advance thank you for your generosity and attentiveness to these details.

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MONEY COUNTERS

The Oratory is in search of people to assist with the counting of the Sunday collection. Currently, the money counters meet immediately after the conclusion of Holy Mass at 11:30 am. If we receive more interested and willing people to count it will reduce the frequency with which people would be asked to participate. Please consider donating your time to this necessary cause.

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MEN’S CONFERENCE (FEBRUARY)

Catholic Men for Christ: Archdiocese of St. Louis is holding its annual conference on **Saturday, 1 February 2020**. For more information please visit: catholicmenforchrist.org.

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WOMEN’S CONFERENCE (MARCH)

Catholic Women for Christ: Archdiocese of St. Louis is holding its annual conference on **Saturday, 7 March 2020**. For more information please visit: catholicwomenforchrist.org.

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 ~ 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. *Thank you!*

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GREGORIAN MASSES

The practice of Gregorian Masses is an ancient tradition in which it is held in faith 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 Intentions and your patience as you wait for those Masses to be fulfilled. Please continue to pray for All the Poor Souls.

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DIRECTORY UPDATE

The Oratory Directory which was begun long ago is still projected for publication. There have been several factors that have contributed to its delay: time has been spent verifying the addresses in the directory with the those in the database for the Oratory; new parishioner registration has increased, and those names are being added to the directory. It is hoped that a finished product will be available in late January or early February. I am extremely grateful to those who have worked very hard on this project – Mary Agnew, Kip Babbington, Marilyn Lonigro, and Kiera Petrick. I am also grateful for everyone’s patience as we work to complete this project. I am truly blessed by the growth of our community and thank God for the opportunity to serve as the rector.

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- SUNDAYS IN JANUARY/MISSAL ASSISTANCE**
- 5 January – Holy Name of Jesus (p.45)
 - 6 January – Epiphany (p. 51)
 - 12 January – The Holy Family (p. 56)
 - 19 January – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany (p. 61)

- 26 January – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany (p. 65)
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- UP COMING EVENTS**
- 12 January: Coffee Hour after 8 am Holy Mass
 - 26 January: Coffee Hours after 11:30 am Holy Mass
 - 1 February: First Saturday
 - 2 February: Purification of BVM: Candle Blessing
 - 7 February: First Friday
 - 9 February: Septuagesima
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MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, 14 January – ***St. Hilary, Bishop & Doctor***
7:00 am: John Michael Collins

Wednesday, 15 January – ***St. Paul, the First hermit***
6:30 pm: John Michael Collins

Thursday, 16 January – ***St. Marcellus I, Pope & Martyr***
7:00 am: John Michael Collins

Friday, 17 January – ***St. Anthony, Abbot***
12 Noon: John Michael Collins

Sunday, 19 January – ***2nd Sunday after Epiphany***
8:00 am: Pro Populo
11:30 am: John Michael Collins

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- SERVERS SCHEDULE**
- January 5th – **Holy Name of Jesus**
- 8:00 am: Joseph & Anthony Dixon
 - 11:30 am: Austin Jackson, Lance Lavery, Tommy Lattenzi, Simon Wisniewski, Damien Filla
- January 12th – **The Holy Family**
- 8:00 am: John & Eli Colton
 - 11:30 am: Ryan Lavery, Cameron Ackerman, Philip Petrick, Sebastian Petrick, Luke Lavery
- January 19th – **2nd Sunday after Epiphany**
- 8:00 am: Joseph & Anthony Dixon
 - 11:30 am: Cameron Ackerman, Caleb Colton, Peter Armstrong, Ben Armstrong, Sebastian Filla
- January 26th – **3rd Sunday after Epiphany**
- 8:00 am: Caleb & Eli Colton
 - 11:30 am: Gregory Grizzle, Austin Jackson, Philip Petrick, Sebastian Petrick, Luke Laavey

~ 12/29/2019 ~	
	<u>ACTUAL</u>
Weekly Collection Total	\$ 26,952.73
Online Giving	\$ 1,590.00
Total	\$ 28,542.73
Year to Date Total	\$ 147,168.97

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

Ss. Gregory and Augustine, pray for us!