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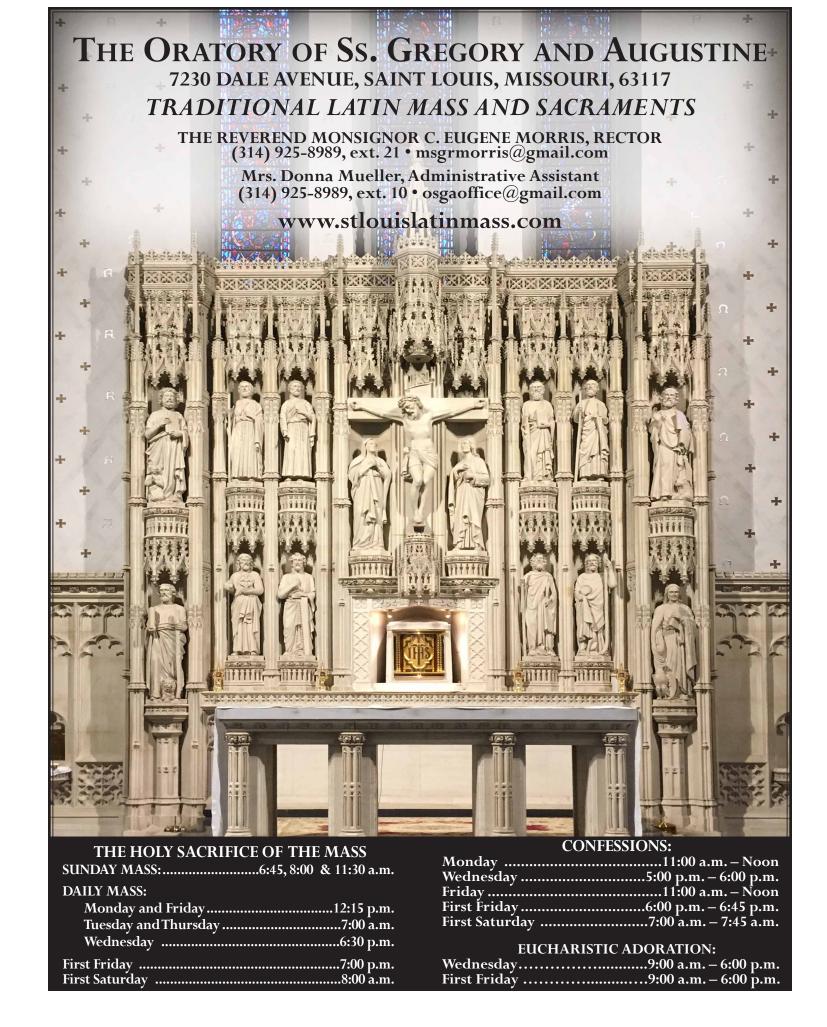






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Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist.

December 27, 2020

FROM THE RECTOR - Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

The Octave of Christmas provides us a wonderful opportunity to contemplate the Incarnation through the lives of the Saints. Today we celebrate Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist. This beloved disciple provides us, in his Gospel, a complete meditation on the Word Made Flesh in the prologue to His Gospel. The prologue provides us the witness of Saint John the Baptist whose humility is manifest in the knowledge that he is not worthy and yet has been chosen. Moreover, the prologue challenges all who hear its proclamation to open their hearts to the mystery before them for we know the Lord comes to His own but they do not know Him. We, too, are sometimes blind to the Lord before us - seeing with the eyes of the world instead of with the eyes of faith. The other saints also give us lens through which we are able to understand and live the Incarnation: the martyrdoms of St. Stephen and St. Thomas Beckett and the great sacrifice of the Holy Innocents. All of these saints are testaments to the proper response before such a great gift and mystery that is the Incarnation. Our contemplation kneeling before the Christ Child should lead us to the resolve needed to continue to strive for holiness at any and all costs. Especially today as we honor Saint John the Evangelist, let us pray for the courage to boldly proclaim the Church so that we might be marked as followers of Christ.

VIGIL OF EPIPHANY - BLESSING OF WATER AND SALT

The Vigil of the Epiphany of Our Lord is Tuesday, 5 January 2021. In addition to our normally scheduled Holy Mass at 7 am the Oratory will also celebrate Holy Mass at 7:00 pm. At the conclusion of Holy Mass, we will celebrate the tradition blessing of water and salt. You are welcome to bring water and salt to be blessed that day. There will also be gallons of water to take home in your own containers. If you choose to bring your own water to be blessed, please make sure that the container is open and large enough so that salt can be poured into it. The water and salt should be brought to Church the evening of the Vigil and can be placed near the altar of Saint Joseph.

LITURGICAL VARIA

You will have noticed during our time at Saint Luke the Evangelist, the Oratory has been exposed to more and more elements from the treasure of the Church's tradition: we have employed the second Confiteor at Holy Mass; the use of the Sanctus candle at Low Mass placed on the altar at the beginning of the Canon; this Advent season there has been the use of the Benedicamus Domino at the conclusion of Holy Mass which is used at Holy Masses where there is no Gloria prescribed.

In addition to these elements, going forward at Sunday Masses and major feasts days there will be several Collects. The reason for this is that the Church desires that saints' days and major feasts always be celebrated either through being the primary celebration of the day or by being commemorated through the recitation of multiple Collects. So too, the Church encourages us to pray to the Blessed Virgin Mary and to offer prayers for the Defense of the Church. As a consequence, on any given Sunday there will be at least 3 Collects prayed at Holy Mass: the Collect for that particular day; the 2nd Collect for our Blessed Mother; the 3rd Collect for the Defense of the Church. There will be occasions when this changes and that would happen based on multiple saints' days needing to be celebrated. The seasonal Collects for Our Lady and the Collect for the Defense of the Church will appear in the bulletin and in the back of the Church in the coming weeks. All effort will be made to keep the community informed and your patience and forbearance are greatly appreciated.

OCTAVE CELEBRATIONS

The Oratory is blessed this year to celebrate both the Octave of Christmas and the Octave of Epiphany. In the history of the Church there have been as many as 16-18 Octaves celebrated throughout the liturgical year some of which would overlap each other. One manner of celebrating the various octaves of the Church is to commemorate only the 8th day of the minor octaves celebrated. The Oratory will begin this custom during the Christmas season. There are several Octaves that begin during the Christmas season: the Octave of St. Stephen, St. John the Evangelist, and the Holy Innocents. The Oratory

will honor these Octaves by commemorating the saint/feast on the 8th day or last day of the Octave.

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THE CHRISTMAS OCTAVE

The Oratory will celebrate High Mass every day during the Octave of Christmas. Beginning 26 December and concluding 1 January in addition to our normal schedule for Holy Mass there will be celebrated an additional High Mass. More information may be found in the flyers located in both the bulletin and the vestibule of the Church.

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WEDDING BANS

There is a promise of marriage between:

III ~ Claire Martin and Daniel Carter

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FACE MASKS

The Oratory has recently been informed that a parishioner from St. Luke has reported us to the Archdiocese for not wearing facemasks into and on the way out of the Church. This is diocesan regulation: facemasks must be worn coming into Church and departing. Once you have arrived at the pew you are free to do as you wish with the mask. I remind everyone again of their need to comply with this regulation. It has been communicated that if we do not comply, we run the risk of being shut down. I understand the conflicting issues regarding individual freedoms and governmental interference in sacred worship. Nevertheless, I am asking for the sake of the good work that is being accomplished, the growth that we continue to experience, and the manifold graces of the traditional Holy Mass that everyone make a concerted effort to weak their masks accordingly. Please contact me directly with any concerns you may have.

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SUNDAYS IN JANUARY/MISSAL ASSISTANCE

From the Campion Missal

- 1 January 2021 Octave Day of Christmas (p. 41)
- 3 January Holy Name of Jesus (p. 45)
- 6 January Epiphany (p. 51)
- 10 January Holy Family (p. 56)
- 17 January 2nd Sunday after Epiphany (p.61)
- 24 January 3rd Sunday after Epiphany (p. 65)
- 31 January Septuagesima (p. 80)
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FIRST FRIDAY/SATURDAY IN JANUARY

The First Friday in January is 1 January 2021 which is the Octave Day of Christmas. There will be one Mass only on that day at 10:30 am. There will be NO Adoration that day, NO evening Mass nor confessions on that day. Please share this information with those who may not have access to the bulletin.

YEAR-END UPDATES

If you are currently enrolled in online giving there is no need to do anything to continue your contributions for 2021. 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. All contributions must be made by Thursday, December 31st in order to be included in your 2020 contribution statement. Thank you!

12/13-12/20 Grizzle	12/20-12/27 Turntine
12/27-01/03 Kelly	01/03-01/10 Wisniewsk
01/10-01/17 Jones	01/17-01/24 Armstrong
01/24-01/31 Carapella	01/31-02/07 Cook
02/07-02/14 Hayward	02/14-02/21 Fowler
02/21-02/28 Haulard	02/28-03/07 Catalano
03/07-03/14 Kenney	03/14-03/21 Raymond
03/21-03/28 Flannigan	03/28-04/04 Gelhot
04/04-04/11 Horan	04/11-04/18 Schuette
04/18-04/25 Filla	04/25-05/02 Petrick
05/02-05/09 Stein	05/09-05/16 Alexander
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SERVERS' SCHEDULE – DECEMBER

Sunday, December 27th

6:45am Low Mass

• Acolyte: Cameron Ackerman

8:00am Low Mass

• Acolyte: Jack Ryan 11:30am High Mass

Master of Ceremonies: Cameron Ackerman

- Thurifer: Ryan Lavery
- Acolyte 1: Luke Lavery
- Acolyte 2: Damien Filla
- Crucifer: Austin Jackson

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PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE

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Drop off and pick up statue at back of church under Oratory table.

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7:00 am: Harry Williams (d) 7:00 pm: Katherine Bianchetto (d)

Thursday, 31 December – St. Sylvester, Pope & Confessor

Choir Master of Ceremonies: Matt Menendez

• Monday, 28 December: Holy Innocents – Holy Mass at 7:00

• Thursday, 31 December: St. Sylvester – Holy Mass at 7:00 pm

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Tuesday, 29 December - St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr

Friday, 1 January 2021: Feast of the Circumcision – Holy Mass

Tuesday, 29 December: St. Thomas Beckett – Holy Mass at

Torchbearers: Sebastian Filla, Philip Petrick

• Wednesday, 30 December: *Adoration – 9 am to 6 pm*

UPCOMING EVENTS

at 10:30 am

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, 28 December – *Holy Innocents*

12:15 pm: Barbara Martin (d)

7:00 pm: Thomas Gardner (d)

7:00 am: Marilyn Gardner (d)

Weds., 30 December – *Octave Day of Christmas*

6:30 pm: Mary Williams (d)

7:00 pm: Glen Seaton (d)

Friday, 1 January – *Feast of the Circumcision* 10:30 am: Pro Populo

Saturday, 2 January – St. Stephen, Deacon & Protomartyr 8:00 am: Ann Morris-Kenney (d)

Sunday, 3 January – Holy Name of Jesus 6:45 am: Pro Populo

8:00 am: Martin & Henrietta Buchheit 11:30 am: Deacon Jerry L. Cato, II (d)

~ 12/20/2020 ~ **ACTUAL** Weekly Collection Total \$ 5,557.97 Online Giving \$ 1,681.88 Total \$ 7,239.85 Needed \$ 5,827.00 (1,412.85) Year to Date Total \$ 186,288.31

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



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Christmas Octave Schedule

December 25 | Midnight Mass

6:30am Mass at Dawn

10:30am Mass during the Day★

December 26 8:00am Mass*

December 27 Regular Sunday Schedule

December 28 7:00pm Mass[★]

December 29 7:00pm Mass*

December 30 Regular Wednesday Schedule

December 31 7:00pm Mass*

January 1 | 10:30am Mass*

A High Mass will be celebrated each day during Christmas and Epiphany at the times listed, in addition to our regular schedule, except where noted.



Epiphany Octave Schedule



★Confessions begin one hour before Mass ★Replaces regular schedule for the day January 5 7:00pm Mass & blessing of water and salt

January 6 Regular Wednesday Schedule

January 7 7:00pm Mass*

January 8 7:00pm Mass*

January 9 8:00am Mass*

January 10 Regular Sunday Schedule

January 11 7:00pm Mass*

January 12 7:00pm Mass**

January 13 Regular Wednesday Schedule

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