



THE ORATORY OF SAINTS

GREGORY & AUGUSTINE

MASS

Sunday: 6:45, 8:00, 11:30am
Monday & Friday: 12:15pm
Tuesday & Thursday: 7:00am
Wednesday: 6:30pm
First Friday: 7:15pm
First Saturday: 8:15am

ADORATION

Wednesday: 9:00am - 6:00pm
First Friday: 9:00am - 6:00pm

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CONFESSION

Monday & Friday: 11am - 12pm
Wednesday: 5:00 - 6:00pm
First Friday: 6:00 - 7:00pm
First Saturday: 7:00 - 8:00am

FROM THE RECTOR – 5th Sunday after Epiphany (resumed)

The final weeks of the liturgical year turn our minds to a contemplation of the Kingdom of God. There are a great many parables about the Kingdom that Our Lord uses to instruct us about the life of the Church and the Lord's kingdom, desired here on earth and realized in Heaven. As we struggle to cooperate with the victory of the Lord's cross, we are confronted with the reality of the Church composed of both saints and sinners. The juxtaposition of such goodness with the rampant and unchecked nature of evil can often cause confusion and sow doubt about the efficacy of the Kingdom. However, this reveals to us the goodness of God who lovingly desires that all men might be saved. The work of salvation for all mankind is the work of Divine Providence and not according to the timetable of humankind. We want perfection now and while that desire is praiseworthy, the realization of it requires diligence, fidelity, and cooperative industry with the manifold graces the Lord bestows upon us. Moreover, the patience the Lord practices with the sinner leading him toward salvation is certainly a profound and powerful exhortation for us to continue to strive for holiness. After all, as much as we might at times appear to be saints, we are also acutely aware of our sinfulness. We need the mercy of our Heavenly Father as much as the next individual. Let us pray for the strength to use well the gifts given to us so that we might achieve the holiness God desires for all His creation. Let us pray for the graces to seek His mercy when we fall short of this call to holiness. Let us give Him thanksgiving for His mercy, strength, and love!

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PRESENTATIONS ON CELEBRATING THE DIVINE OFFICE

The celebration of the Divine Office is the framework for the Church's daily life of prayer, which culminates in the offering of Holy Mass. In earlier centuries, this prayer cycle was a part of daily parish life. Its popularity waned in the 20th century, despite the regular urging of popes and the Fathers of Vatican II that pastors return it to parish churches.

The last two years we have celebrated in the Oratory various hours of the Divine Office publicly for the feast of St Louis the King, for Christmas, and for Tenebrae, the Office of the Triduum sung during Holy Week. A good number of people were able to join us for these liturgies On Sunday, 7 November we will begin regularly celebrating Sunday Vespers at 4:30 pm, the evening hour of the Office. As we begin this important enhancement of our common prayer life, in November we will offer a series of three presentations in order to provide an orientation to praying the Divine Office.

1. Tuesday 9 November: The Divine Office: an introduction.
2. Tuesday 16 November: The Divine Office: the calendar.
3. Tuesday 23 November: The Divine Office: the structure.

Over these three evenings, we will provide an overview of the history, theology, structure, and spirituality of the Office, and its intimate relationship to Holy Mass. Each presentation will begin at 7:00 pm and end by 8:30pm. We invite everyone to join us and hope as many as possible will be able to attend.

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THANKSGIVING DAY

The Oratory will celebrate its normal 7:00 am Holy Mass on Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, 25 November 2021). Please come for Holy Mass and offer the most fitting act of thanksgiving, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Please note: the Rectory office will be closed Wednesday – Friday, 24-26 November. Please plan accordingly.

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BLESSING & IMPOSITION OF THE BROWN SCAPULAR

Many have approached me regarding the blessing and imposition of the Brown Scapular of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel. In order to assist those who desire to have a scapular blessed and imposed on them, on the First Sunday of Advent, 28 November 2021 after the 8 am Holy Mass, I will bless and impose scapulars on those who present themselves at the communion rail. Please bring your own scapular, have it unwrapped and off your neck if you are already wearing it. As there might a great number of people presenting themselves for this blessing, the only thing that will be blessed this day is the scapular. Any questions, please contact Msgr. Morris directly (msgrmorris@gmail.com).

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INFORMATION TABLE

You will notice that there are several new items on the Oratory Information table located in the vestibule of the Church. All of the information is free, and all are encouraged to take advantage of those things present on the table. Please, however, only take what is needed for you and your family. Also, please make every effort to keep the table clean.

FINAL NOTE: NO ONE IS TO PLACE ANY INFORMATION, LITERATURE, HOLY CARDS, ETC. ON THE TALBE WITHOUT THE EXPLICIT PERMISSION OF THE RECTOR.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP

Any young person between the ages of 21-35 is welcomed to join. As this is a new venture, the intention is to meet monthly for social events. For more information or to assist with planning the various events, please contact Jessie Schrader at jessiemschrader@gmail.com.

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THE RORATE CAELI MASS:

When: 11 December 2021 @ 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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ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Ladies, mark your calendars for the Oratory's Annual Advent by Candlelight on 11 December 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. Also, we are in search of hostesses who would be willing to coordinate a table with 7 friends. If you are interested in hosting a table and/or for more information, please contact Maggie Kiser at 314-565-4679 or mjackson4488@gmail.com.

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NEW FAMILIES for OCTOBER (alphabetical order):

A warm welcome to our new parishioners!

- Agnew Family ~ Mike & Gina, Michael and Matthew
- Cory Conway
- Houser Family ~ Peter & Dani, Peter and Miriam
- Miles Kruzich
- Gretchen Meyers
- Schlappizzi Family ~ Craig & Maddie, Donny, Jude, and Mariella
- Tim Timpone

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION (Plan early)

For the celebration of the Lord's Birth on Christmas Day, the Oratory will have the opportunity to celebrate three Sung Masses. The principal Holy Mass will be at Midnight. This will be High Mass assisted by our choir. On Christmas morning, Holy Mass will be celebrated at 6:00 am and 7:30 am. More information will be coming about Christmas and the Octave of Christmas.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, 7 November: Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Tuesday, 9 November: Presentation from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm; *The Divine Office: an introduction*
- Wednesday, 10 November: *Adoration – 9 am to 6 pm*
- Sunday, 14 November: Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Tuesday, 16 November: Presentation from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm *The Divine Office: the calendar*
- Wednesday, 17 November: *Adoration – 9 am to 6 pm*
- Thursday, 18 November: Knights of Columbus Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- Saturday, 20 November: Church Cleaning @ 9:30 am (Altar & Rosary Society/Knights of Columbus)
- Sunday, 21 November: Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Tuesday, 23 November: Presentation from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm *The Divine Office: the structure*
- Wednesday, 24 November: *Adoration – 9 am to 6 pm*
- Thursday, 25 November: **Thanksgiving Day**
- Sunday, 28 November: **1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT; Vespers @ 4:30 pm**
- Wednesday, 1 December: *Adoration – 9 am to 6 pm*
- Friday, 3 December: *First Friday*
- Saturday, 4 December: *First Saturday*

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PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE/ 2021-2022

10/31-11/7 Leljedal	11/7-11/14 Podesta
11/14-11/21 Grizzle	11/21-11/28 Turntine
11/28-12/5 Kelly	12/5-12/12 Wisniewski

12/12-12/19 Jones	12/19-12/26 Holman
12/26-01/02 Carapella	01/02-01/09 Cook
01/09-01/16 Hayward	01/16-01/21 Fowler
01/21-01/30 Blum	01/30-02/06 Alexander
02/06-02/13 Haulard	02/13/02/20 Catalano
02/20-02/27 Kenney	02/27-03/06 Raymond
03/06/03/13 Flannigan	03/13-03/20 Gelhot
03/20-03/27 Horan	03/27-04/03 Schuette
04/03-04/10 Filla	04/10-04/17 Petrick
04/17-04/24 Buyle	04/24-05/01 Agnew
05/01-05/08 Leljedal	05/08-05/15 Podesta
05/15-05/22 Grizzle	05/22-05/29 Turntine

Drop off and pick-up statue at back of church. Place on the floor to left of the Oratory table. Be in contact with each other to ensure that the statue will transfer on schedule. PLEASE CONTACT SHARON ALEXANDER saalex@sbcbglobal.net TO BE ADDED OR TAKEN OFF THE PILGRIM STATUE SCHEDULE. NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, 8 November – *Octave of All Saints*
12:15 pm: Christopher Richard Maret (d)

Tuesday, 9 November – *Dedication of the Archbasilica of Our Holy Savior*
7:00 am: Christopher Richard Maret (d)

Weds., 10 November – *St. Andrew Avellino*
6:30 pm: Christopher Richard Maret (d)

Thursday, 11 November – *St. Martin of Tours*
7:00 am: Christopher Richard Maret (d)

Friday, 12 November – *St. Martin I, pope & martyr*
12:15 pm: Christopher Richard Maret (d)

Sunday, 14 November – *6th Sunday after Epiphany (Resumed)*
6:45 am: Pro Populo
8:00 am: Fr. Gerald Dolan
11:30 am: Christopher Richard Maret (d)

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~ 10/31/2021 ~

ACTUAL

Weekly Collection Total	\$ 4,653.00
Online Giving	\$ 4,633.00
Total	\$ 9,286.00
Needed	\$ 8,692.00 (\$594.00)
Year to Date Total	\$ 187,554.20

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

ON CELEBRATING THE DIVINE OFFICE:

Allowing our prayers to rise like incense

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WHO: Mr. Stan Metheny: Stan Metheny earned a Master of Arts degree in Theology in 1976 and in the decades since has pursued further post graduate studies in liturgy and Gregorian chant in various universities and in various monasteries of the Solesmes congregation. His primary focus has been on the manuscripts and chants of the Divine Office. He has been a schola director for over 40 years and has led workshops in the US and the UK devoted to teaching the chants of the Office.

WHEN: Tuesday Evenings from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

WHERE: The Church of the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine (this venue will allow us to accommodate large numbers)

TOPICS:

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- Tuesday 16 November: The Divine Office: the calendar
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FURTHER DETAILS: To properly prepare study aids and to reserve a place for these evenings please email the Oratory at oratoryevents@gmail.com with your name and how many are attending.

Besides, there is in the Psalms a certain wonderful power for stimulating zeal in men's minds for all the virtues. For although all our Scripture, both the Old and New, is divinely inspired and useful for doctrine, as it is written, the Book of Psalms, like a paradise containing in itself (the fruits) all the others, gives forth songs, and with them also shows its own songs in psalmody (cantus edit, et proprios insuper cum ipsis inter psallendum exhibet). Such are the words of Athanasius (Epist. Ad Marcell. Op. cit. no. 2), who rightly adds in the same place: "To me it seems that the psalms for him who sings them are as a mirror in which he may contemplate himself and the movements of his soul and, under this influence, recite them" (op. cit. no. 12). Pope St. Pius X, Divino Afflatu

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The Fiat of the Eternal Father, say every morning: My beloved Father, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Be thou my Father. Be always my eternal Father. Do not leave my soul. Do not abandon me. Do not leave me out of Your sight, my Father, for I am Your child, whom You have created to please You, to adore You, to honor You, living my days as You have given me the license to live it. I offer up this Fiat, through Mary, to Jesus, to You, Eternal Father.

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