



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 – 6th Sunday after Epiphany (resumed)

The Kingdom of Heaven is the goal of our existence. We are created to long for the Lord and that longing is not fulfilled until we reach the heavenly kingdom. The Lord provides us with abundant graces to satisfy the thirst that is in us for His Heavenly Kingdom. The Lord speaks in Saint Matthew's Gospel of various ways to describe the Kingdom of Heaven: a grain of mustard seed that, when fully grown, supports all the birds who come and nest there even though it began small and unassuming; the kingdom is leaven that full rises and satisfy all who feed upon it. He reveals these things to us in parables to keep our minds and hearts attuned to Him and the power of His words. So too, St. Paul reminds the Thessalonians of the power of the word to transform society and culture through not only that which is spoken but also the manner in which we live lives of charity and obedience to Him alone. Now more than ever we will need to work to build the kingdom here as we long for its fulfillment in Christ. Through small and unassuming acts of charity, striving for authentic harmony and peace in God in Christ, we make manifest the living God in our daily lives. Consequently, let us hold fast and sure to that which God has promised – a kingdom of peace, mercy, and love abounding for those who listen to the Master's voice and follow Him. We are not complete until we see God face to face. Let us strive now in this life for true joy that is found only in the Lord!

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COFFEE HOUR RETURNS TODAY

As the weather begins to turn colder, we are beginning Coffee Hour again which will be held in Saint Joseph Hall (basement of the rectory) twice a month: **2nd Sunday of the Month – after 8am Mass; 4th Sunday of the Month – after 11:30 Mass**

As our community continues to grow, it is a great opportunity for us to have time to get to know one another. So too, the increased numbers require extra hands to assist with the coffee hour. If you would like to assist with set up or clean up, please sign up using the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DA5AD29A1F4C25-coffee>

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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.

As we begin this important enhancement of our common prayer life, 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).

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Immaculate Conception will be celebrated this year on Wednesday, 8 December 2021. In addition to the normal evening Holy Mass at 6:30 pm, there will also be a Holy Mass celebrated at 12:15 pm that day. So too, in addition to confessions at 5:00 pm, they will also be available at 11:00 am. There will be **NO** Adoration on this day.

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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 5:30 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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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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SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY – 26 FEBRUARY 2022

The Knights of Columbus is hosting a Trivia Night on 26 February 2022 to raise money for the council in order to perform more charitable works for the community and to support the Oratory. Be on the lookout for an email in the coming weeks to secure your table! If you would like to sponsor a round or otherwise help with the trivia night, please email oratoryevents@gmail.com.

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

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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 TABLE WITHOUT THE EXPLICIT PERMISSION OF THE RECTOR.

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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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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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*
- Wednesday, 8 December: **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** (No Adoration)
- Saturday, 11 December: Rorate Caeli Mass @ 6:30 am

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- Saturday, 11 December: Advent by Candlelight @ 5:30 pm
- Wednesday, 15 December: *Adoration – 9 am to 6 pm*
- Thursday, 16 December: Knights of Columbus Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- Saturday, 18 December: Church Cleaning @ 9:30 am (Altar & Rosary Society/Knights of Columbus)
- Wednesday, 22 December: *Adoration – 9 am to 6 pm*
- Saturday, 25 December: **CHRISTMAS DAY**
- Wednesday, 29 December: *Adoration – 9 am to 6 pm*

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PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE/ 2021-2022

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| 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 saalexa@sbcglobal.net TO BE ADDED OR TAKEN OFF THE PILGRIM STATUE SCHEDULE. NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

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MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday, 15 November – *St. Albert the Great*
12:15 pm: Christopher Richard Maret (d)
- Tuesday, 16 November – *St. Gertrude the Great, Virgin*
7:00 am: Christopher Richard Maret (d)
- Weds., 17 November – *St. Gregory Thaumaturgus*
6:30 pm: Christopher Richard Maret (d)
- Thursday, 18 November – *Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul*
7:00 am: Christopher Richard Maret (d)
- Friday, 19 November – *St. Elizabeth of Hungary*
12:15 pm: Christopher Richard Maret (d)
- Sunday, 21 November – *24th (Last) Sunday after Pentecost*
6:45 am: Pro Populo
8:00 am: Christopher Richard Maret (d)
11:30 am: Scott Schicker (d)

~ 11/07/2021 ~

ACTUAL

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| Weekly Collection Total | \$ 6,758.42 |
| Online Giving | \$ 4,010.00 |
| Total | \$ 10,768.42 |
| Needed | \$ 8,692.00 (\$2,076.42) |
| Year to Date Total | \$ 198,322.62 |

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

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.

Over the past several years, the Oratory has celebrated 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. In order to prepare for a return to this great and ancient form of prayer to our Oratory life, these series of three presentations will provide an orientation to praying the Divine Office.

These three evenings 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 7:00pm and end by 8:30pm. We invite everyone to join us and hope as many as possible will be able to attend.

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:

- Tuesday 9 November: The Divine Office: an introduction
- Tuesday 16 November: The Divine Office: the calendar
- Tuesday 23 November: The Divine Office: the structure

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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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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