



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 – 24<sup>th</sup> (Last) Sunday after Pentecost**

The end of this year of grace and favor reminds us that our citizenship is not here on earth, but in the glories of Heaven. Sadly, contemporary man, within and outside of the Church, have neglected their eternal destiny. Rather, they accept the common understanding of the importance only of this earthly life coupled with a misunderstanding of God's infinite mercy. There is an unhealthy confidence in their own righteousness and if there is any acknowledgement of sin it is joined with a presumption of the Lord's mercy. As St. Augustine reminds us: *God does not create us with our consent, but He will not save us without that consent.* We must cooperate with grace and prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord of Justice by coming to know and be known by the Lord of Mercy. We begin now our future in Heaven. Consequently, what is before us is the opportunity to not only thank God for what we have received this past year, but to also prepare ourselves for the coming year of Grace. How will I live better my Catholic life? What sins will I root out of my life? What relationships must be transformed in order to better live the dignity we've received by baptism? These are not rhetorical questions, but we must ask them with faith and listen attentively to the Lord. The Lord comes with Justice to rule the world. Let us welcome the King of Glory!

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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.

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**COFFEE HOUR RETURNS**

As the weather begins to turn colder, we are beginning again Coffee Hour 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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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**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](mailto:msgrmorris@gmail.com)).

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**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. **For those of you interested in hosting a table – we are almost at capacity.** 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](mailto: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 – FEBRUARY 26, 2022**

The Knights of Columbus is hosting a Trivia Night on February 26, 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](mailto: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 Timponi

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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](mailto:jessiemschrader@gmail.com).

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, 21 November: Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Tuesday, 23 November: Presentation from 7 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: **1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT; Vespers @ 4:30 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 pm
- Thursday, 16 December: Knights of Columbus Meeting @ 7:00 pm

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- Saturday, 18 December: Church Cleaning @ 9:30 am (Altar & Rosary Society/Knights of Columbus)

- Saturday, 25 December: **CHRISTMAS DAY**

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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 [saalex@sbcbglobal.net](mailto: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, 22 November – *St. Cecilia*

12:15 pm: Christopher Richard Maret (d)

Tuesday, 23 November – *St. Clement I*

7:00 am: Christopher Richard Maret (d)

Weds., 24 November – *St. John of the Cross*

6:30 pm: Christopher Richard Maret (d)

Thursday, 25 November – *St. Catherine of Alexandria*

7:00 am: Christopher Richard Maret (d)

Friday, 26 November – *St. Sylvester*

12:15 pm: Christopher Richard Maret (d)

Sunday, 28 November – *First Sunday of Advent*

6:45 am: Pro Populo

8:00 am: Christopher Richard Maret (d)

11:30 am: Suzanne Schicker (d)

~ 11/14/2021 ~

### ACTUAL

|                         |                            |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| Weekly Collection Total | \$ 4,622.15                |
| Online Giving           | \$ 2,848.00                |
| Total                   | \$ 7,470.15                |
| Needed                  | \$ 8,692.00 (\$ -1,221.85) |
| Year to Date Total      | \$ 205,792.77              |

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



21 November 2021

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – SUSPENSION

Over a year ago when we began Eucharistic Adoration, I was aware of the difficulties that we might encounter sustaining both Wednesday and First Friday extended periods of adoration. We must be mindful of the unique situation of the Oratory: the boundaries we encompass take in the whole Archdiocese of Saint Louis. Unlike other parishes where distance is not an issue and close proximity makes being at Church fairly easy, the Oratory does not enjoy that luxury.

I have been deeply edified by the commitments many of the faithful have made to be present and those who have spent time with Our Lord even though their schedules did not permit a recurring commitment. I am particularly grateful to Susan Buchheit who graciously accepted the responsibility of overseeing adoration and the scheduling of adorers.

Unfortunately, we have had an on-going difficulty filling various slots throughout the day. While the Lord has never been left alone during the time of adoration, the same people regularly make multiple commitments to make sure sufficient numbers of people are present before the exposed Blessed Sacrament. Thank you to all those who have acted as a substitute and/or have taken multiple hours making it possible for us to have adoration.

Given the current situation and the difficult of being able to consistently guarantee the people needed for adoration, at this time the decision has been made to suspend Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays and First Fridays until further notice. **This will take effect at the beginning of December. Consequently, the last time for Eucharistic Adoration will be November 24<sup>th</sup> and there will no Adoration on the first Friday of December.** While I am saddened by this development, I don't believe we have failed the Lord; rather, our plan was ambitious and now needs to be rethought to guarantee greater success. I am hopeful that in the coming new year we will be able to have some form of adoration here at the Oratory. At this time, no decisions have been made about what that will be. If you are interested in assisting Susan Buchheit with adoration or you have ideas about Eucharistic Adoration here at the Oratory, please contact me ([msgmorrison@gmail.com](mailto:msgmorrison@gmail.com)).

As the Advent season quickly comes upon us, let us be mindful of the great mystery of the Incarnation and our on-going contact with that mystery through our Lord's Presence in the Blessed Sacrament. Recognizing the great gift of the Most Holy Eucharist, let us be firm in our desire and be diligent in our commitments to spend some time each week, if not each day with our Lord in the tabernacle.

Peace in Christ!

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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  
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