



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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

The words and wisdom of the prophet Isaiah are prominent throughout the whole of the Advent Season, but particularly this Second Sunday of Advent, the voice of the prophet is present throughout the Holy Mass especially in the words of St. Paul to the Romans and the figure of St. John the Baptist spoken of by Our Lord in the Gospel. The prophet Isaiah speaks of the fruit of the root of Jesse, preparing us for the work of Our Lady and the birth of Our Lord. As we hear again the words of the prophet let us realize again that God has fulfilled all the promises He has made and as such is worthy of our fidelity and trust. The journey of Advent is sustained through the realization that God only and always speaks truth to us. Never allow doubt or fear to keep us from accepting the graces of God into our hearts.

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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.

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## ST. NICHOLAS GIFTS

Gifts from St. Nicholas can be found on the back table next to the Oratory's information table. Please allow each child to take a red satchel and an orange home in remembrance of St. Nicholas, the patron saint of children.

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## ADVENT GIVING TREE

The Oratory will join St. Luke the Evangelist for the Giving Tree this year during the Advent Season. Thanks to your generous response, all tags were taken last weekend, but if you did not get one, you can still help. Anyone wishing to still participate in this year's giving can buy baby items which will be given to Birthright families. Most needed items are diapers (newborn), sleeper suits and onesies, crib sheets, blankets, bottles, and baby bath products. Gifts for Birthright need not be wrapped. Please return all items by Sunday, 12 December.

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## CONFESSIONS: 11 DECEMBER from 8:00 to 11:00 am.

The faithful of both the Oratory and St. Luke will have the opportunity for an extended period of confessions on Saturday morning, 11 December 2021 from 8 am until 11 am. Both Msgr. Morris and Fr. Blake will be available for confession during that time. If you have had difficulty getting to confession, this may serve as the perfect opportunity to take advantage of the tribunal of mercy especially in preparation for Christmas.

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## THE RORATE CAELI MASS:

### 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. The event is at capacity so we are no longer accepting reservations. Thank you to everyone who has signed up and to those hosting a table. If you would like to be put on the wait list (in the event of a cancellation) please contact Maggie Kiser at [mjackson4488@gmail.com](mailto:mjackson4488@gmail.com).

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## CHURCH DECORATING: 18 December @ 10:00 am

On Saturday morning, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am, the Church will be decorated for Christmas. This is the normal day for Church cleaning and more hands will be needed to assist the faithful of St. Luke with decorating the Church. If you are able to do so, please come and help both decorate the Church and then clean afterwards if necessary. In advance, thank you for your charity and generosity.

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## ORATORY FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: 18 DECEMBER

Come join fellow Oratory families for an evening together at the movies to see *It's a Wonderful Life* and help support a Catholic business at the same time!

**Date/Time:** December 18<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00pm

**Price:** \$10, includes admission, popcorn and drink (additional concessions will be available for purchase)

**Location:** Cinema 1 Plus Theater, 1900 Phoenix Center Drive, Washington, MO 63090

**RSVP Contact:** Carla Filla, 636-579-0208

**The theater is limited to the first 130 people, so please RSVP quickly.**

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## CHRISTMAS & THE CHRISTMAS OCTAVE

The Oratory will celebrate High Mass every day during the Octave of Christmas. Everyone is encouraged to attend to truly celebrate well the Incarnation of Christ our Savior. The schedule will be as follows:

- Saturday, December 25<sup>th</sup>: 12 Midnight; 6:00 am and 7:30 am
- Sunday, December 26<sup>th</sup>: **Normal Sunday Schedule**
- Monday, December 27<sup>th</sup>: **Normal Monday Schedule**
- Tuesday, December 28<sup>th</sup>: Holy Mass @ 12:15 pm; (confessions @ 11 am) *\*in lieu of the 7:00am Holy Mass\**
- Wednesday, December 29<sup>th</sup>: **Normal Wednesday Schedule**
- Thursday, December 30<sup>th</sup>: Holy Mass @ 12:15 pm; (confessions @ 11 am) *\*in lieu of the 7:00am Holy Mass\**
- Friday, December 31<sup>st</sup>: **Normal Friday Schedule**
- Saturday, January 1<sup>st</sup>: Holy Mass @ 8:15 am (confessions @ 7 am)

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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 Holy Mass; 4th Sunday of the Month - after 11:30 Holy Mass.**

**PLEASE NOTE: NO COFFEE HOUR IN DECEMBER.**

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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## 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](mailto:oratoryevents@gmail.com).

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## NEW FAMILIES for NOVEMBER (alphabetical order):

A warm welcome to our new parishioners!

- The Anderson Family ~ Robert & Dana, Tobias and Jolie
  - The Carnahan Family ~ Michael & Judy
  - The D'Cunha Family ~ Napoleon & Lauren, and Jude
  - The DiCarlo Family ~ Mike & Ann, Emily, Chris, Mary Grace, Peter, Lucy, and Sophia
  - Bill Hohn
  - Genevieve Jones
  - Patrick McGraw
  - Dillon Werner
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## MISSAL ASSISTANCE

In order to assist the faithful with the use of the *St. Edmund Campion Missal and Hymnal*, the bulletin will publish the Sundays for the month and the proper page in the Missal where these Masses may be located. It is hoped that this will assist everyone with use of the Missal.

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## SUNDAYS IN DECEMBER (ADVENT)

- 28 November – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent (Missal, p. 1)
  - 5 December – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent (Missal, p. 5)
  - 8 December – Immaculate Conception (Missal, p. 8)
  - 12 December – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent (Missal, p. 9)
  - 19 December – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent (Missal, p. 13)
  - 25 December – Christmas Day (Missal, p. 22)
  - 26 December – Sunday in the Octave of Christmas (Missal, p. 37)
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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, 5 December: Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Wednesday, 8 December: **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**
- Saturday, 11 December: Rorate Caeli Mass @ 6:30 am
- Saturday, 11 December: Morning of Confessions: 8:00-11:00 am

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- Saturday, 11 December: Advent by Candlelight @ 5:30 pm
- Sunday, 12 December: Vespers @ 4:30 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)
- Saturday, 18 December: Church Decoration @ 10:00 am
- Sunday, 19 December: Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Saturday, 25 December: **CHRISTMAS DAY**
- Sunday, 26 December: Vespers @ 4:30 pm

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## PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE/ 2021-2022

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](mailto: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, 6 December – *St. Nicholas*

12:15 pm: Frank Abatangelo (d)

Tuesday, 7 December – *St. Ambrose*

7:00 am: Paul & Dawn Stammer & Family

Weds., 8 December – *IMMACULATE CONCEPTION*

12:15 pm: Sue Schaefer

6:30 pm: Gary Stammer & Family

Thursday, 9 December – *Feria*

7:00 am: Pearson Family

Friday, 10 December – *Feria*

7:15 pm: Carapella Family

Saturday, 11 December: *Our Lady*

6:30 am: Donald John Mueller

Sunday, 12 December – *Third Sunday of Advent*

6:45 am: Pro Populo

8:00 am: Fr. Gerald Dolan

11:30 am: Marcel & Christine Haulard

~ 11/28/2021 ~

	<u>ACTUAL</u>
Weekly Collection Total	\$ 4,193.86
Online Giving	\$ 4,730.00
Total	\$ 8,923.86
Needed	\$ 8,692.00 (\$ 231.86)
Year to Date Total	\$ 225,828.73

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