



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

CONFESSION

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

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FROM THE RECTOR – Sunday in the Octave/St. Stephen Protomartyr

It is not uncommon for some to question why there are several martyrs celebrated during the Octave of Christmas. The sorrow of martyrdom appears to contradict the joy of Christmas creating an unpleasant juxtaposition of realities. However, Our Mother, the Church is ever wise, and She properly instructs us as to the fullness of the mystery of the Incarnation. There is a profound sense of rightness about celebrating St. Stephen immediately after welcoming the Christ child into the world. The baby we adore, celebrate and rejoice in will grow to be the man who sheds His blood for us. Moreover, the cross is not a stumbling to the joy of Christmas, but the true gateway to enter more deeply into the mystery of the God dwelling among us. We cannot accept the joy and peace of the Incarnation unless we are also prepared to accept the joy and peace of the Crucifixion. Sacred Scripture speaks of the radiance of the face of Saint Stephen as he stood on the precipice of martyrdom. That measure of peace in the face of so much suffering and sacrifice can only be achieved through a profound love of God and a confidence in His Divine Providence. Developing that love, confidence and trust begins with kneeling before a helpless child and proclaiming Him King of kings and Lord of lords. St. Stephen serves as a worthy instructor teaching us how to respond to the Christ-child with every aspect of our lives. The St. Andrew Missal provides the following insight: *“Stephen is the first of the witnesses of Christ, it is therefore only right that he should appear first in the glorious procession of saints who surround the cradle of the Savior.”* As we contemplate the joy of Christmas throughout this Octave, let us rejoice with St. Stephen and all the martyrs who have shed their blood in service to Christ and along with these great witnesses let our sacrifices envelope the cradle of Our Savior.

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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:

- Sunday, 26 December: **Normal Sunday Schedule**
- Monday, 27 December: **Normal Monday Schedule**
- Tuesday, 28 December: Holy Mass @ 12:15 pm; (confessions @ 11 am) **in lieu of the 7:00am Holy Mass**
- Wednesday, 29 December: **Normal Wednesday Schedule**
- Thursday, 30 December: Holy Mass @ 12:15 pm; (confessions @ 11 am) **in lieu of the 7:00am Holy Mass**
- Friday, 31 December: **Normal Friday Schedule**
- Saturday, 1 January: Holy Mass @ 8:15 am (confessions @ 7 am)

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OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS – OFFICES CLOSED

The Office of the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine will be CLOSED during the Octave of Christmas allowing the completion of year-end information. The Office will resume normal hours on Monday, 3 January 2022. Have a blessed Christmas!

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FIRST FRIDAY/SATURDAY IN JANUARY 2022

The First Saturday in January is 1 January 2022 which is the Feast of the Circumcision and the Octave Day of Christmas. Confessions will be heard at 7:00 am and Holy Mass will be celebrated at 8:15 am. First Friday is 7 January 2022, and we will have the normal schedule for First Friday.

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EPIPHANY 2022

The Vigil Mass for The Epiphany of Our Lord will be celebrated on Wednesday, 5 January 2022. At the conclusion of Holy Mass, water and salt will be blessed as is our tradition here at the Oratory. In order to better facilitate the blessing of Epiphany water, no outside containers will be allowed this year. Enough water and salt will be blessed and made available to the faithful after Holy Mass and for as long as the water remains. For the Feast of the Epiphany in addition to the normal 7 am Holy Mass, we will also celebrate High Mass at 12:15 pm with confessions heard at 11 am.

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WEDDING BANS

The Oratory announces the intention to enter into the sacrament of matrimony of Rachel Morgan and Conor Martin.

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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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YEAR-END UPDATES

If you are currently enrolled in online giving there is no need to do anything to continue your contributions for 2022. 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 Friday, 31 December in order to be included in your 2021 contribution statement. *Thank you!*

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ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS

Annual Giving statements will be available starting Sunday, 16 January 2021. You will find your statement in the boxes on the back table in the Church vestibule. Please notify the office (*via email please*) immediately if any changes to your contact information need to be made regarding your name or address. This is also an opportunity to notify the office with any changes to phone number, cell number or email address. Again, please make every effort to notify the office of these changes through email. Our email address osgaoffice@gmail.com. In advance thank you for your generosity and attentiveness to these details.

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MISSAL ASSISTANCE/ SUNDAYS IN JANUARY 2022

- 2 January – Holy Name of Jesus (p.45)
- 6 January – Epiphany (p. 51)
- 9 January – The Holy Family (p. 56)
- 16 January – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany (p. 61)
- 23 January – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany (p.65)
- 30 January – 4th Sunday after Epiphany (p.69)

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COFFEE HOUR RESUMES – 9 JANUARY 2022

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.

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>

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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, 26 December: **Normal Sunday Schedule**
- Sunday, 26 December: Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Monday, 27 December: **Normal Monday Schedule**
- Tuesday, 28 December: Holy Mass @ 12:15 pm; (confessions @ 11 am) *in lieu of the 7:00am Holy Mass*
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- Friday, 31 December: **Normal Friday Schedule**
- Saturday, 1 January: Holy Mass @ 8:15 am (confessions @ 7 am)
- Sunday, 2 January: Vespers @ 4:30 pm

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PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE/ 2021-2022

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

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, 27 December— **St. John**

12:15 pm: Carapella Family

Tuesday, 28 December— **Holy Innocents**

12:15 pm: Patty Coffey (d)

Weds., 29 December— **Octave Day of Christmas**

6:30 pm: Grant Leljedal (d)

Thursday, 30 December— **Greater Feria of Advent**

12:15 pm: Albert Huntz (d)

Friday, 31 December— **St. Sylvester**

12:15 pm: Alice Ernst (d)

Saturday, 1 January 2022— **Feast of the Circumcision**

8:15 am: Mary Knollmeyer

Sunday, 2 January— **Most Holy Name of Jesus**

6:45 am: Pro Populo

8:00 am: Christopher Fleming (d)

11:30 am: Albert Huntz (d)

~ 12/12/2021 ~

ACTUAL

Weekly Collection Total	\$ 8,100.58
Online Giving	\$ 2,831.00
Total	\$ 10,931.58
Needed	\$ 8,692.00 (\$ 2,239.58)
Year to Date Total	\$ 269,046.46

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

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earth as it is in
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Father. Be always
my eternal Father. Do
not leave my soul.

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leave me out of Your sight, my Father,
for I am Your child, whom You have
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