



MASS

Sunday: 6:30, 8:00 & 10:00am
Monday - Friday: 12:15pm
Tuesday & Thursday: 7:00am
Wednesday: 6:30pm
Saturday: 8:15am
First Friday: 7:15pm

ADORATION

Wednesday: 5:00 - 6:00pm

CONFESSION

Sunday: 7:00 - 7:45am and
9:15 - 10:30 am
Monday - Friday: 11am - 12pm
Wednesday: 5:00 - 6:00pm
Saturday: 7:00 - 8:00am
First Friday: 6:00 - 7:00pm

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DIVINE OFFICE

Sunday:
• Prime: 7:20am
• Terce: 9:40am
• Vespers: 2:30pm
Monday:
• Vespers: 6:00pm
Tuesday - Thursday:
• Compline: 7:30pm

Welcome to the Oratory of Saints Gregory and Augustine

The Oratory of Saints Gregory and Augustine is pleased to welcome you. We are an apostolate of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis faithful to the teachings of the Church and striving to grow as a family of faith through the celebration of the Traditional Latin Mass and other Sacraments.

In the First Book of *The Confessions*, the other great St. Augustine (of Hippo) wrote the following: “Thou hast made us for Thyself and our hearts are restless until they find rest in Thee.” Whether you are curious about the traditional Latin Mass and interested in exploring its beauty, searching for a parish community where you and your family will feel at home, or seeking rest for your heart, we hope that the Oratory of Saints Gregory and Augustine can provide that respite for you.

Our bulletin serves to provide information about the weekly activities occurring here at the Oratory. Along with our website (www.stlouislainmass.com), the bulletin is your point of contact with the ever-increasing activities at the Oratory. I hope this will give you some sense of the grace of God, the love of Jesus Christ, and work of the Holy Spirit in our midst. I am delighted that God has brought you here! *Oremus pro invicem!*

—The Very Reverend Monsignor C. Eugene Morris, Rector

MASS AND SACRAMENTS

Sunday Masses

- 6:30 am (Low Mass)
- 8:00 am (Low Mass)
- 10:00 am (High Mass)

Weekday Masses

- Monday thru Friday: 12:15 pm
- Tuesday & Thursday: 7:00 am
- Wednesday: 6:30 pm
- First Friday: 7:15 pm
- Saturday: 8:15 am

Confession

- Monday thru Friday: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Wednesday: 5:00 – 6:00 pm
- First Friday: 6:00 – 7:00 pm
- Saturday: 7:00 – 8:00 am
- Sunday: 7:00 -7:45 am; 9:00 am – 10:30 am

Infant Baptism – Baptisms are normally scheduled on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Saturdays of the month beginning at 10:00 am. Families expecting newborns and anticipating that they will be baptized here at the Oratory should schedule their baptism at the earliest convenience by contacting the Oratory office.

Adult Baptism – If you are interested in becoming Catholic or an adult Catholic not yet confirmed, please contact the Oratory office for more information about adult catechesis.

Matrimony – Please contact the Oratory office at least six months prior to the desired date for the rite of marriage. The date is reserved after consultation and confirmation from the Rector of the Oratory.

Extreme Unction/Visitation of the Sick – Contact the Oratory to arrange the sacrament either at home or in the hospital.

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ADVENT SEMINAR SERIES: the O Antiphons

Join Biblical scholar Stan Metheny and the Oratory Schola for seminars on the famous 'O' Antiphons of Advent vespers. Each seminar will be followed by vespers in which these beautiful antiphons are sung. Attending all sessions is NOT required. Come as you are able.

All seminars will take place in St. Joseph Room and will be followed by vespers in the church.

- Sunday, 17 December, 1:30 p.m. - **Seminar 1** (covers antiphons 1 and 2) followed by vespers at 2:30 p.m.
- Monday, 18 December - Vespers at 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, 19 December, 5:00 p.m. - **Seminar 2** (covers antiphons 3 and 4) followed by vespers at 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, 20 December - Vespers at 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, 21 December, 5:00 p.m. - **Seminar 3** (covers antiphons 5 and 6) followed by vespers at 6:00 p.m.
- Friday, 22 December - Vespers at 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, 23 December, 5:00 p.m. - **Seminar 4** (covers antiphon 7) followed by vespers at 6:00 p.m.

For questions, email: auxiliatrix@oratorysga.org

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WEDDING BANNES

There is a promise of marriage between:

I ~ Mark Kemna & Lara Sabin

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IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE: 17 December 2023

You're invited to a private showing of It's A Wonderful Life on Gaudete Sunday, 17 December 2022 @ 3:30 pm. The venue is a small theater owned by a Catholic proprietor in Washington, MO called Cinema 1 Plus. The cost of a ticket is \$10 per person and the price comes with a small popcorn and 16 oz. drink. If you would like to reserve a seat, please contact Carla Filla by texting @ 636-579-0208 or fillacarla@gmail.com. Prepaid seating is required to attend. Parents are encouraged to use their own discretion in deciding if the movie is right for their children, and check out the movie review on Common Sense Media at <https://www.common Sense Media .org/movie-reviews/its-a-wonderful-life>.

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ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Would you like to gain a deeper understanding of and appreciation for the "Last Gospel?" Join author, speaker, and professor of humanities, Anthony Esolen, Ph.D., as he explains the Semitic poetry underlying the Prologue of John's Gospel. This talk will focus on the way the poetry works, especially on how John binds together such motifs as word, light, name, flesh, truth, and glory. Date and time: Tuesday, 5 December at 7:00 p.m.; webinar opens at 6:30 p.m. and is offered by The Institute of Catholic Culture. For more information and to register for the webinar, go to: <https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/events>. This is a free webinar.

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CHRISTMAS FLOWERS 2023!!!

Christmas flower envelopes are now available in the pews for all who wish to honor a deceased loved one by donating. The names of loved ones included on the envelopes will be shared in an upcoming bulletin. In years past, the St. Luke's community raised funds for Christmas flowers. We now count on the generosity of the Oratory faithful. Thank you and may God reward your generosity.

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TRIVIA KNIGHT:

Mark your calendar for the 3rd Annual Oratory Trivia Knight hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council #17355: Saturday, 3 February 2024 at Boland Hall. Round sponsors, raffle item donations, and table registrations are welcome. Email kofc17355@oratorysga.org for more info.

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BLESSING & IMPOSITION OF THE BROWN SCAPULAR

Twice a year at Advent and Lent, the Oratory invests its faithful in the Brown Scapular. To assist those who desire to have a scapular blessed and imposed on them, **on the First Sunday of Advent, 3 December 2023 after the 8 am Holy Mass**, there will be the blessing and imposition of 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 (rector@oratorysga.org).

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SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Immaculate Conception will be celebrated this year on Friday, 8 December 2023. Holy Masses that day are: 7:00 am (Low Mass); 12:15 pm (Sung Mass); 7:15 pm (Solemn High Mass). Confessions will be available at 11:00 am until 12 Noon; and 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm.

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ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT – 2023

Ladies, mark your calendars for the Oratory's Annual Advent by Candlelight on **16 December 2023 at 6:30 to 9:00 pm**. This year's gathering will be at Boland Hall on the campus of the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis (the New Cathedral on Lindell). This venue allows more women to participate. The Knights of Columbus will be present to assist with any needs. Please come and gather 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 experience 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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THE RORATE CAELI MASS:

When: 9 December 2023 @ 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. After Mass, the Young Adults will be serving breakfast to the community in the St. Joseph Room.

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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CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

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 Solemn High Mass assisted by our choir. On Christmas morning, Holy Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 am and 8:00 am.

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OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

During the Octave of Christmas, the Oratory will celebrate Sung Mass each day @ 12:15 pm with confessions before at 11:00 am. The Saturday and Sunday in the Octave of Christmas are the normal Oratory schedule; 1 January 2024, Holy Mass will be celebrated @ 8:15 am with confessions prior at 7:00 am.

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PLANNING AHEAD: OFFICES CLOSED

The offices of the Oratory will be closed during the Octave of Christmas beginning 22 December 2023. The offices will return to normal business hours on Wednesday, 3 January 2024. In advance, blessings to everyone on the upcoming Holy Days.

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THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH

In the last several weeks steps have been taken to make our Church even more beautiful. One of the primary means of success has been to simply keep things clean. To that end, everyone is asked to be cognizant of picking up trash that they may see, keeping the bathroom clean after personal use, and generally being attentive to being good stewards of this place of worship. **Particularly:** the vestibule of Church should **NOT** be used as a delivery stop for personal goods being passed between individuals or families. So too, there is a basket marked **Lost & Found** which will be emptied every two weeks. Any items left in the vestibule without prior permission from the Rector and not in the **Lost & Found** will be thrown away immediately. In advance, thank you for your attentiveness to this concern.

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BLESSED ITEMS

If you wish to have items blessed, please drop them off at the rectory (Mon-Fri, 9am-2pm) and include your name and telephone number. Please make sure all items are clearly marked. Once Msgr. Morris or Fr. Rennie have blessed the items Donna Mueller, Administrative Assistant to the Rector, will call you to let you know the items are ready for pick up (from the rectory office, Mon-Fri, 9am-2pm). **The rectory offices should be accessed through the front door on Dale Avenue, across from the field parking lot.**

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SUNDAY CONFESSIONS

Confessions will be heard from 7:00 am until 7:45 am and then from 9:15 am until they are completed. I want to express my deep gratitude to Msgr. Michael Witt, former Rector of the Oratory, for his generous service to us. Grateful that Msgr. Witt will be available on Sundays, be aware that confessions are everyday of the week from 11:00 am until 12 Noon and on Wednesday evenings from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm and Saturday mornings from 7:00 am until 8:00 am.

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ROSARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Currently, we have only four people volunteering to lead the rosary for our 12:15 Monday and Friday Masses. Expanding to the

other 12:15 Masses, including First Saturday, is our goal, though a more robust list of volunteers is needed first. If you are able to offer yourself as a volunteer or a backup person, or would like more info, please contact Erin Turntine at (call/text) (314) 856-5340 or altarandrosary@oratorysga.org.

"No prayer is more meritorious for the soul and more glorious for Jesus and Mary than a well recited Rosary. " - St. Louis de Montfort

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NEW FAMILIES for NOVEMBER (alphabetical order):

A warm welcome to our new parishioners!

- The Briesacher Family ~ Chad & Meghan
- The Crosby Family ~ John & Annie
- Haley Eschbacher
- Rebecca Hicks
- The Hylla Family ~ Brennan & Lily, Pandora, Bryce, Lorelei, and Katerina
- John LaRico
- The Madden Family ~ Tom & Page
- The Morris Family ~ Marion & Regina
- Paul Rhodes
- The Samson Family ~ Kristopher, Grayce, Josiah, Hadley, Eoghan, and Finnegan

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ALTAR SERVERS

Dates for server training for the 1st semester: 4 December; 18 December (Christmas Party). Please mark your calendars accordingly.

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DRINK BREVIARY COFFEE & SUPPORT THE ORATORY

Breviary Coffee is for sale at all coffee hours. Our coffee is locally roasted specifically for us in small batches from a single-origin, fair trade source. 100% of the profits go to support the Oratory and fund our coffee hours. If you would like to purchase a 1-lb bag, the cost is \$16 and our coffee hour volunteers will be happy to assist you with the purchase. We can sell both ground and whole-bean. The roast is a medium-light roast and the cup of coffee that results is well-balanced and easy to drink, with notes of citrus but still sweet with a clean taste.

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PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

- Anthony DeStefano, uncle of Emily Lund
- Mary Machain, grandmother of Kiera Petrick
- Donald Sunbury, uncle of Terri Fowler

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

In your charity, please pray for the following members of the Oratory who are ill: Steven Balderrama, father of Joseph Balderrama; Jeanmarie DeCoster; Shane Kiser, husband of Maggie Kiser; Siena Koschoff, daughter of Daniel & Katie Koschoff; Dotty Kuhlmann, mother of Donna Mueller; James Frances Mooney, father of Dr. Joseph Mooney; Michael Norfleet, son of Marsha Norfleet; Elizabeth Ryan; and Patrick Schneider.

FROM THE RECTOR

The season of Advent provides us the time to contemplate the glories of the Incarnation. The celebration of the birth of Our Lord in history is met with profound joy as we also prepare ourselves to meet Our Lord in His glory at the end of time. Christ has come, Christ is coming, and Christ is with us now. For us, in the frailty of our human condition, these three realities are separated by time and space; however, through great generosity of our Savior they are bound together and are alive in the mystery of the Most Holy Eucharist. Through the Living God we have contact with His mercy and rightly receive from Him justice and judgement. These days of Advent exhort us to a renewed sense of sorrow and reparation for our sins, a deepened awareness of the Lord's mercy and an intensified expectation of the glories to come. While the penitential character of Advent is less intense than that of Lent, it is still important to make sacrifice, deny ourselves, and to take up our Cross and follow Him. Soon comes our Lord and King; Hasten to adore Him!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, 3 December: Prime @ 7:20 am; Terce @ 9:40 am; and Vespers @ 2:30 pm
- Sunday, 3 December: Coffee Hour after the 8:00 am Holy Mass
- Monday, 4 December: Girls' Guild @ 4:30 – 6:00 pm
- Monday, 4 December: Servers' practice @ 4:30 pm
- Monday, 4 December: Vespers @ 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, 5 December: Choir Practice @ 7:00 – 9:15 pm
- Tuesday, 5 December: Compline @ 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, 6 December: Holy Hour @ 5:00 – 6:00 pm; Compline @ 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, 6 December: CCD @ 6:30 – 7:30 pm
- Thursday, 7 December: Compline @ 7:30 pm
- **Friday, 8 December:** 7:00 am Holy Mass; 12:15 pm Holy Mass (with Confessions @ 11am); 7:15 pm Holy Mass (with Confessions @ 6:00 pm)
- Saturday, 9 December: Rorate Caeli Mass @ 6:30 am
- Saturday, 9 December: Breakfast for the Community @ 8:00 am, served by the Young Adults
- Sunday, 10 December: Prime @ 7:20 am; Terce @ 9:40 am; and Vespers @ 2:30 pm
- Sunday, 10 December: Coffee Hour after the 10:00 am Holy Mass

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PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE 2023

11/19-11/26 Kenney	11/26-12/03 Raymond
12/03-12/10 Hayes	12/10-12/17 Schuette
12/17-12/24 Filla	12/24-12/31 Petrick
12/31-01/07 Stolarski	01/07-01/14 Henry
01/14-01/21 Santschi	01/21-01/28 Kiser
01/28-02/04 Buyle	02/04-02/11 Agnew
02/11-02/18 Leljedal	02/18-02/25 Grizzle
02/25-03/03 Turntine	03/03-03/10 Haulard
03/10-03/17 Kelly	03/17-03/24 Jones

03/24-03/31 Holman	03/31-04/07 Carapella
04/07-04/14 Cook	04/14-04/21 Hayward
04/21-04/28 Fowler	04/28-05/05 Blum
05/05-05/12 Wisniewski	05/12-05/19 Catalano
05/19-05/26 Kenney	05/26-06/02 Raymond
06/02-06/09 Hayes	06/09-06/16 Schuette
06/16-06/23 Filla	06/23-06/30 Petrick

Drop off and pick up the statue at back of church. Place bag on the floor to left of the Oratory table. To join the schedule or be taken off contact Sharon Alexander: saalex@sbcbglobal.net

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MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday, 4 December – **St. Peter Chrysologus**
12:15 pm: Peter Wisniewski (d)
- Tuesday, 5 December – **Feria**
7:00 am: Herman & Theresa Boeckman (d)
12:15 pm: Cassie Elie
- Wednesday, 6 December – **St. Nicholas**
12:15 pm: Kayla Nelson
6:30 pm: Alan Landiss (d)
- Thursday, 7 December – **St. Ambrose**
7:00 am: John & Anna Otto (d)
12:15 pm: Grayson Nelson
- Friday, 8 December – **Immaculate Conception of the BVM**
7:00 am: Pro Populo
12:15 pm: Evelyn M. Keller (d)
7:15 pm: Candice Dixon
- Saturday, 9 December – **Octave Day/Immaculate Conception**
6:30 am: Donald John Mueller
- Sunday, 10 December – **2nd Sunday of Advent**
6:30 am: Mary Machain
8:00 am: Maximilian Jude Rheinheimer
10:00 am: Margaret Susovica

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~ 11/26/2023 ~	
<u>ACTUAL</u>	
Weekly Collection Total	\$ 7,652.36
Online Giving	\$ 5,989.70
Total	\$ 13,642.06
Needed	\$ 13,810.00
Year to Date Total	\$ 314,852.79

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

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