



### 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.stlouislatinmass.com](http://www.stlouislatinmass.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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:auxiliatrix@oratorysga.org)  
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**WEDDING BANNES**

There is a promise of marriage between:

*II ~ 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](mailto: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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**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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**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](mailto:kofc17355@oratorysga.org) for more info.

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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](mailto:mjackson4488@gmail.com).

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**A STORY ABOUT OUR BELL**

Christians and secularists alike take for granted the presence of bells in old church bell towers. The Church's use of large bells to summon the faithful to prayer stretches back to the roots of monasticism in third century A.D. However, what many do not know is that bells are not simply a nostalgic remnant from a bygone era, but living sacramentals which bear an important role in spiritual warfare and the sanctification of the world around us.

The blessing of church bells, so sacramentally rich it is often called a Baptism, began as early as the 11<sup>th</sup> century. At a bell's Baptism, which may only be performed by a bishop, it is washed with Holy Water, anointed inside and out with both Chrism and the Oil of the Sick, incensed, and prayed over with the solemn words:

*Let the people's faith and piety wax stronger whenever they hear its melodious peals. At its sound let all evil spirits be driven afar; let thunder and lightning, hail and storm be banished; let the power of your hand put down the evil powers of the air, causing them to tremble at the sound of this bell, and to flee at the sight of the holy cross engraved thereon . . . when the peal of this bell resounds in the clouds may a legion of angels stand watch over the assembly of your Church, the first-fruits of the faithful, and afford your ever-abiding protection to them in body and spirit.*

Thus, even though we do not see our bell up in the tower here at the Oratory, we can be sure that its peals have true spiritual power against the forces of darkness which we see running rampant even here in the very neighborhood of the church.

After spring rains damaged the electrical system which previously rang the Oratory bell, a team of Oratory members conducted a

brief study on how to make our bell ring once again. They determined that the simplest solution was also the most traditional - to restore the bell's manual pull-rope system which had been abandoned sometime in the '60s. The original weathered old rope and great wooden wheel still rest in the corner of the bell tower amidst decades' accumulation of pigeon and squirrel bones.

Now, about fifty feet of new rope runs from the bell's current iron wheel through special holes in the bell tower's two tall stories straight into the side choir loft where it is accessible to the altar boy tasked with the porter's duty of ringing the bell. Manual ringing by rope not only allows the bell to swing as it was designed even as far as 360 degrees around its cradle and thus produce a more beautiful sound, it also bears a greater spiritual beauty. Whether the bell rings in fast "peals" on joyous occasions, or slow "tolls" for days of sorrow, one knows that a member of the faithful, usually a young boy, uses his own hands to ring the bell with prayer and love; it no longer owes its voice to a soulless electrical system installed merely for ease and convenience.

May we faithful of the Oratory thank the Lord for the gift of our bell and keep our hearts ever open to the bountiful graces it brings.

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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](mailto: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: 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 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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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 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
- Monday, 11 December: Vespers @ 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, 12 December: Choir Practice @ 7:00 – 9:15 pm
- Tuesday, 12 December: Compline @ 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, 13 December: Holy Hour @ 5:00 – 6:00 pm; Compline @ 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, 13 December: CCD @ 6:30 – 7:30 pm
- Thursday, 14 December: Compline @ 7:30 pm
- Saturday, 16 December: Advent by Candlelight
- Sunday, 17 December: Prime @ 7:20 am; Terce @ 9:40 am; and Vespers @ 2:30 pm
- Sunday, 17 December: Coffee Hour after the 8:00 am Holy Mass
- Sunday, 17 December: ‘O’ Antiphons Seminar (1&2) @ 1:30 pm
- Monday, 18 December: Servers’ Christmas party @ 4:30 pm
- Monday, 18 December: Vespers @ 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, 19 December: ‘O’ Antiphons Seminar (3&4) @ 5 pm
- Tuesday, 19 December: Vespers @ 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, 19 December: Compline @ 7:30 pm
- Tuesday, 19 December: Choir Practice @ 7:00 – 9:15 pm
- Wednesday, 20 December: Holy Hour @ 5:00 – 6:00 pm; Compline @ 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, 20 December: CCD @ 6:30 – 7:30 pm

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| 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: saalexa@sbcglobal.net*

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Monday, 11 December – *St. Damasus*  
12:15 pm: Robert & Opal (Chappell) Roche (d)
- Tuesday, 12 December – *Octave Day of Immaculate Conception*  
7:00 am: Calvin & Evelyn (Towner) Landiss (d)  
12:15 pm: Linda Brand (d)
- Wednesday, 13 December – *St. Lucy*  
12:15 pm: Nancy Werner (d)  
6:30 pm: Phil & Josephine Sweeney
- Thursday, 14 December – *Octave Day of Immaculate Conception*  
7:00 am: James Silas Sweeney  
12:15 pm: Michelle Haines (d)
- Friday, 15 December – *Octave of Immaculate Conception*  
12:15 pm: E. Michael & Janis Sweeney
- Saturday, 16 December – *St. Eusebius*  
8:15 am: Rick Werner
- Sunday, 17 December – *3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent*  
6:30 am: Pro Populo  
8:00 am: Matthew & Roxana Sweeney  
10:00 am: Ann Morris-Kenney (d)

**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

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~ 12/03/2023 ~	
<b><u>ACTUAL</u></b>	
Weekly Collection Total	\$ 12,610.55
Online Giving	\$ 9,562.61
Total	\$ 22,173.16
Needed	\$ 13,810.00
Year to Date Total	\$ 337,025.95

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



# Advent Seminar Series

## The 'O' Antiphons

Explore the Poetry of Advent Vespers  
with scholar Stan Metheny  
and the Cantores Sancti Ludovici

*Each seminar is followed by sung Vespers*

Date	Seminar in the St. Joseph Room	Vespers in the church
Sun, 17 Dec	1:30 p.m	2:30 p.m.
Mon, 18 Dec	No seminar on this day	6:00 p.m.
Tue, 19 Dec	5:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
Wed, 20 Dec	No seminar on this day	6:00 p.m.
Thur, 21 Dec	5:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.
Fri, 22 Dec	No seminar on this day	6:00 p.m.
Sat, 23 Dec	5:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m.

No RSVP Necessary

Attending all events is not required. Come as you are able.

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