

# 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 (<u>www.stlouislatinmass.com</u>), 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  $2^{nd}$ ,  $3^{rd}$ , and  $4^{th}$  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.

# **STAFF/ORGANIZATIONS**

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# Sunday in the Octave of Christmas

#### **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.

#### 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.

#### **NATIVITY BENEFACTORS**

The nativity set formerly displayed here at the Oratory belonged to the St. Luke's community and was taken with various other articles by them in the wake of All Things New. Thanks to many generous donors who took part in this year's iGive campaign, we were able to purchase a new nativity set comprised of maple-wood figures, carved, hand-painted, and gilded by Northern Italian artisans. In gratitude to our donors, we have hidden a list of their names underneath the cloth on which the figures of Our Lady, St. Joseph, and the Christ Child will be displayed. May the Holy Family reward these benefactors both known and anonymous.

All Oratory faithful are invited to pray at our Christmas Creche which will be displayed in the Marian transept. Please supervise children at the creche so that our nativity figures last for years to come.

#### EPIPHANY 2024

The Vigil Mass for The Epiphany of Our Lord will be celebrated on Friday, 5 January 2024. Since this is also First Friday, there will be two Holy Masses for the Vigil: Holy Mass will be celebrated at 12:15 pm preceded by confessions @ 11:00 am and the evening Mass @ 7:15 with confessions @ 6:00 pm (this is the normal First Friday schedule). At the conclusion of the 12:15 pm Holy Mass, water and salt will be blessed, as is our tradition. As we did last year, to better facilitate the blessing of Epiphany water, no outside containers will be allowed. Enough water and salt will be blessed and made available to the faithful after Holy Mass and for as long as the water remains. The Feast of the Epiphany (6 January 2024) will follow the normal Saturday schedule: Holy Masses @ 8:15 am with confessions @ 8:00 am.

# SPECIAL SCHEDULE: NEW YEARS DAY & EPHIPHANY

#### <u>January 1:</u>

8:15am: Veni Creator and Mass of the Circumcision of Our Lord

#### <u>January 5:</u>

11:00 am: Confessions
12:15 pm: Epiphany Vigil Mass and blessing of Epiphany Water
6:00 pm: 1<sup>st</sup> Vespers of Epiphany
6:00 pm: Confessions
7:15 pm: Mass of the Sacred Heart

#### <u>January 6:</u>

#### <u>TRIVIA KNIGHT</u>

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.

#### 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.

#### MEN'S CONFERENCE (FEBRUARY 2024)

Catholic Men for Christ: Archdiocese of St. Louis is holding its annual conference on **Saturday**, **17 February 2024**. The conference begins at 8:45 am and concludes at 4:30 pm and is being held at the Si Commons on the campus of St. Louis University High School. For more information please visit: catholicmenforchrist.org.

#### WOMEN'S CONFERENCE (MARCH 2024)

Catholic Women for Christ: Archdiocese of St. Louis is holding its annual conference on **Saturday**, **9 March 2024**. The conference begins at 8:45 am and concludes at 4:30 pm and is being held at the Si Commons on the campus of St. Louis University High School. For more information please visit: catholicwomenforchrist.org.

#### YEAR-END UPDATES

If you are currently enrolled in online giving, there is no need to do anything to continue your contributions for 2024. 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  $\sim$  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 Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup> in order to be included in your 2024 contribution statement. *Thank you*!

#### ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS

Annual Giving statements will be available starting Sunday, 21 January 2024. 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 <u>office@oratorysga.org</u>. In advance thank you for your generosity and attentiveness to these details.

# PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

- Anthony DeStefano, uncle of Emily Lund
- Mary Machain, grandmother of Kiera Petrick

# Sunday in the Octave of Christmas

#### 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; Elizabeth Berwin, cousin of David O'Gorman; 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.

#### **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

# 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

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. Rennier 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.

**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 wholebean. 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.

# Sunday in the Octave of Christmas

## FROM THE RECTOR

This year, this Sunday in the Octave of Christmas is at the end of what has been a beautiful celebration of feasts and saints reminding us of the fullness of the Paschal Mystery revealed in its inception with the Incarnation. These octave days are given to us precisely because the profundity of this great mystery is not sufficiently experienced in just one day or one celebration. Instead, the Church gives us eight days to ponder the glories of the Christ Child and His willingness to become one with His creation. So too, we are never alone in our contemplation but continue to be aided by our Blessed Mother who reveals the necessity of trust and confidence in the Lord even when experiences are beyond our understanding. Moreover, we have the witness of the Holy Innocents and the martyr, Stephen who shed their blood for Christ, one at the beginning of the Incarnation and the other at the beginning of the glorious Resurrection of the Lord. The blood of the martyrs is not in conflict with Christmas joy but rightly situates the power of the Cross and its Triumph over sin and death. This power and triumph have already been made manifest in the baby in the arms of His Mother. The words of St. John the Evangelist in his Prologue give us even further opportunity for meditation as we sit in joy before the Word Made Flesh and rejoice in the generosity, love, and mercy of Our Heavenly Father who gives us the gift of His Son. As we rejoice in Christ our King present among us, let us rededicate ourselves to His service; let us join Our Lady, Simeon, and the prophetess Anna in recognizing that our salvation is now at hand!

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Sunday, 31 December: Prime @ 7:20 am; Terce @ 9:40 am; Vespers @ 2:30 pm
- Monday, 1 January: Holy Mass @ 8:15 am; NO CONFESSIONS
- Tuesday, 2 January: Compline @ 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, 3 January: Holy Hour @ 5:00 6:00 pm; Compline @ 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, 3 January: CCD @ 6:30 7:30 pm
- Thursday, 4 January: Compline @ 7:30 pm
- Friday, 5 January: First Friday; Epiphany Vigil Mass and blessing of Epiphany Water; 1<sup>st</sup> Vespers of Epiphany @ 6:00 pm
- Friday, 5 January: Young Adults gathering @ 8:00 pm
- Saturday, 6 January: Epiphany; (normal schedule)
- Saturday, 6 January: Cleaning Church @ 9:30 am
- Sunday, 7 January: Prime @ 7:20 am; Terce @ 9:40 am; Vespers @ 2:30 pm
- Sunday, 7 January: Coffee Hour after the 8:00 am Holy Mass
- Monday, 8 January: Vespers @ 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, 9 January: Choir Practice @ 7:00 9:15 pm
- Tuesday, 9 January: Compline @ 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, 10 January: Holy Hour @ 5:00 6:00 pm; Compline @ 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, 10 January: CCD @ 6:30 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, 10 January: Young Adults gathering @ 8:00 pm
- Thursday, 11 January: Knights of Columbus Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- Thursday, 11 January: Compline @ 7:30 pm
- Saturday, 13 January: Bingo Night (adults 18+) @ 7:00 pm
- Sunday, 14 January: Prime @ 7:20 am; Terce @ 9:40 am; Vespers @ 2:30 pm
- Sunday, 14 January: Coffee Hour after the 10:00 am Holy Mass
- Monday, 15 January: Vespers @ 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, 16 January: Choir Practice @ 7:00 9:15 pm
- Tuesday, 16 January: Compline @ 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, 17 January: Holy Hour @ 5:00 6:00 pm; Compline @ 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, 17 January: CCD @ 6:30 7:30 pm

# PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE 2023

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: saalexa@sbcglobal.net

#### MASS INTENTIONS

#### Anno Domini 2024 Monday, 1 January – Octave of the Lord's Nativity 8:15 am: Donald John Mueller

Tuesday, 2 January – *Most Holy Name of Jesus* 7:00 am: John & Elsie (Brown) Towner (d) 12:15 pm: Robert & Carol Hurley

Wednesday, 3 January – *In the Octave of St. John the Apostle* 12:15 pm: Robert & Carol Hurley 6:30 pm: Clifford Ziezer (d)

Thursday, 4 January – *In the Octave of the Holy Innocents* 7:00 am: Edward & Susan Roche (d) 12:15 pm: Robert & Carol Hurley

Friday, 5 January – *Vigil of the Epiphany* 12:15 pm: Ann Morris-Kenney (d) 7:15 pm: Frederick & Mary Wesbecher (d)

- Saturday, 6 January *EPIPHANY* 8:15 am: Frank Foran (d)
- Sunday, 7 January *Holy Family* 6:30 am: Pro Populo 8:00 am: Fr. Linus Dolce, OSB 10:00 am: Robert & Carol Hurley



# (HRISTMAS FLOWERS

In your charity, please pray for all those whom our Christmas flowers honor or commemorate.



# In Memory of:

Ed Agnew, Sr. Olympia Aquino Prudencio Aquino Richard Barber, Jr. Shirley Basciano James Bell Shirly Brockmeyer Deken & McGuire Families. deceased Bernard & Mary Dixon George & Ceil Doyle Martha Dromey Samuel Elking Rudi Engelbrecht **Connie Garrett** Lucy Rose Garvey Jane Greiff Jim Griffin Norman & Anne Hacker **Edwin Harding** Emma Harding Frederick Heger, Sr. Jeff Hendersen James Henke Marta Henke Jaquise & Equan Hopson Jerry Johnson Daniel Kalinowski Stella Kalinowski Kristin Kazyak Leo & Gladys Kazyak

Matthew & Clarice Koch Joan Koman Milton Koman Margaret M. Kuhlmann Jim Leonard Marie Liebig Michael McCafferty Dennis & Michael McDonald William & Mary McDonald Alice McGee Sandra McNallv William D. Martin Isadore & Anna Mendel Janice Morgan Paul O. Morris Diane F. Murphy Lyle Murty Michael D. Norfleet, Sr. Frank W. O'Hare Josephine O'Hare John & Dorothy Ochterbeck Edward & Irene Otradovec William Lincoln Owens, Jr. **Gregg Pickert** Raymond J. Pilch **Jack Prawica** Michael Raskob Abb & Dorothy Rhodes William & Loretta Saykes Joseph & Marie Schuette

Ed & Julia Scott Jack Sharpe **Ben Shepatis** Elizabeth M. Smith Kathleen Smith Mary Alice Smith Robert L. Smith Lane Ten Eyck Barbara Vasey William Vize Bernadine Vogt David Wiese Fred & Irma Wiese Gloria Williams Thomas Williams Peter Wisniewski Michael & Ethel Witt

In Honor of:

Mary, the Blessed Virgin Deken & McGuire Families, living Fink Family Griffin Family Carol Grizzle John & Dotty Kuhlmann Mueller Family Chloe, Hanna, Michael, Lily Prawica Ken & Marilyn Weber



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