THE ORATORY OF SAINTS

GREGORY & QUGUSTINE



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), 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: 6:30 am & 12:15 pm
- First Friday: 6:30 pmSaturday: 8:15 am

Confession

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

Divine Office

- Sunday: Prime @ 7:20 am; Terce @ 9:40 am; Vespers @ 2:30 pm; Compline @ 7 pm
- Monday: Vespers @ 6 pm & Compline @ 7pm
- Tuesday & Thursday: Compline @ 7 pm
- Wednesday: Compline @ 6:30 pm

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 if you are 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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FROM THE RECTOR

In the Gospel from Saint Matthew, the Lord enjoins us to render to Caesar the things of Caesar and the things of God to God. St. Hilary of Poitiers offers this reflection: "How wonderful this answer, and how perfect the fulfilment of the prescribed Divine Law! So beautifully does He here indicate the middle way between not caring for the things of the world, on the one hand, and the offence of injuring Caesar, on the other, that He proves the perfect freedom of minds, however devoted to God, to discharge all human duties by commanding them to render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's." The Saint goes on to exhort us to remember that we are God's first and as such, if we remain with Him, there is no need to give anything over to Caesar. St. Augustine reflects that we are the coins of God and just as Caesar's coin was returned to him, so we should always be returned to the Father. Both of these great saints make clear that as we live in the world, we should never be of the world. Moreover, our detachment from the things of the world is not born of indifference or resignation but rather comes from the desire to allow God to be that which consumes all of us: body and soul. The task before us is to live only and always for God and never run the risk of divided loyalties or conflicted emotions. Be always God's servant and Christ's disciple and the things of this world will never cause you harm.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, 20 October:

- Prime @ 7:20 am
- Coffee Hour @ 9:00 am
- Terce @ 9:40 am
- Vespers @ 2:30 pm
- Compline @ 7:00 pm

Monday, 21 October:

- Server Training @ 4:30 pm
- Girls' Guild @ 4:30 pm
- Vespers @ 6:00 pm
- Troops of St. George @ 6:30 pm
- Compline @ 7:00 pm

Tuesday, 22 October:

- Compline @ 7:00 pm
- Choir practice @ 7:00 pm

Wednesday, 23 October:

- Holy Hour @ 5:00 6:00 pm
- Compline @ 6:30 pm

Thursday, 24 October:

• Compline @ 7:00 pm

Friday, 25 October:

No Events Scheduled

Saturday, 26 October:

- Catholic Latin Study @ 7:00 am
- Knights of Columbus @ 9:00 am
- Ruby Casino Funeral @ 10:30 am

PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE 2024

 10/06-10/13 Holman
 10/13-10/20 Carapella

 10/20-10/27 Cook
 10/27-11/03 Hayward

 11/03-11/10 Fowler
 11/10-11/17 Blum

 11/17-11/24 Wisniewski
 11/24-12/01 Catalano

 12/01-12/08 Kenney
 12/08-12/15 Raymond

 12/15-12/22 Hayes
 12/22-12/29 Schuette

 12/29-01/05 Filla
 01/05-01/12 Petrick

Drop off and pick up the statue in the vestibule (back of church). Place the statue bag on the floor to left of the Oratory table. To join or to quit the schedule contact Sharon Alexander saalexa@sbcglobal.net

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, 21 October - Feria

6:30 am: Elizabeth Berwin (d) 12:15 pm: Joseph Ley (d)

Tuesday, 22 October - Feria

6:30 am: Sharon Koenig (d) 12:15 pm: Lillian Rose Markowski

Wednesday, 23 October - Feria

6:30 am: Nettie Weber (d)

12:15 pm: Luke Patrick Rheinheimer

Thursday, 24 October - St. Raphael the Archangel

6:30 am: Rachel Edwards 12:15 pm: Bill & April Losin

Friday, 25 October - Ss. Chrysanthus & Daria

6:30 am: Elizabeth Berwin (d)

12:15 pm: Br. Macarius of Jesus Christ Crucified

Saturday, 26 October - Vigil of Ss. Simon & Jude (anticipated)

8:15 am: Mark & Donna Mueller Family

Sunday, 27 October - Christ the King

6:30 am: Pro Populo

8:00 am: Katherin Bridget Rheinheimer

10:00 am: Laura Elie

~ 10/20/2024 ~

 Weekly Collection Total
 \$ 4,609.00

 Online Giving
 \$ 8,876.40

 Total
 \$ 13,485.40

 Needed
 \$ 17,869.00

 Year to Date Total
 \$ 221,617.35

20 October 2024

CHRIST THE KING

The celebration of Christ the King is Sunday, 27 October. We will honor Our Lord and King with a Eucharistic Procession, Adoration, and Benediction. The procession begins at the completion of the 10:00 am Holy Mass and upon our return to Church there will be a time for Adoration and conclude with Benediction. The afternoon will conclude with Vespers at 2:30 pm. If you have already come to an earlier Mass, please plan to return for the Procession, Adoration, and Vespers. May Christ the King always reign in our hearts. Also, after all Masses, the community will renew its consecration to the Sacred Heart

Those young people recently confirmed and those who made their First Holy Communion are invited to dress in their communion clothes and participate in the procession.

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ALL SAINTS DAY

For the celebration of the Solemnity of All Saints (Friday, 1 November 2024), the Oratory will have its normal schedule of Holy Masses and Confession for First Friday: Holy Mass (Low) @ 6:30 am; Confessions @ 11 am, Holy Mass (High) @ 12:15 pm; Confessions @ 5:00 pm, Holy Mass (High) @ 6:30 pm.

ALL SOULS DAY

For the Commemoration of All Souls (Saturday, 2 November 2024) the Oratory will celebrate three Holy Masses that day: the normal 8:15 am Mass with confessions at 7:00 am; Holy Mass will also be celebrated at 10:00 am and 12 Noon. Both of these Masses will be High Masses. All are encouraged to attend and to pray for All the Faithful Departed.

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CHILI COOK-OFF!

Come celebrate the changing of seasons with a Chili Cookoff at the Oratory! Top 3 winners are chosen by popular vote. Side dishes and desserts are welcomed and needed. Please drop off your crock pot of chili in the St. Joseph Room before the 10am Mass, Sunday, 17 November.

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CHRISTMAS CARDS? BUT IT'S ONLY OCTOBER!!

The Oratory of Saints Gregory and Augustine Knights of Columbus Council 17355 will be selling Christmas cards personally designed by nationally renowned local Catholic artist Gwyneth Thompson-Briggs. Proceeds raised will be used to help fund the variety of activities and services provided by the Knights for the Oratory.

These cards will be available for purchase after Holy Mass beginning November 24th and extending through December 8th. Price per box of ten is \$15.

More details to follow in the coming weeks. Please consider these beautiful Christmas cards this season!

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact tjconway58@gmail.com

OSGA CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE 2024

The Christmas Giving Tree, sponsored by The Almonry, is a way for the Oratory faithful to receive or contribute to local needs. If you or someone you know could benefit from help

around the Christmas Season, please let us know by emailing almony@oratorysga.org with the following information:

- name of person in need and their contact information for delivery
- specific needs in detail, gift cards are acceptable

Starting Sunday, 1 December, needs will be displayed on ornaments for the faithful to take and fulfill. All names will be kept anonymous and gifts will be distributed prior to Christmas.

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OFFICE OF THE DEAD

The schola would like to announce two opportunities for our parish to pray for the faithful departed in the month of November:

- A triduum of Vespers of the Dead for deceased parishioners of the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine
 - a. November 1 @ 4:30 pm (Following Second Vespers of All Saints @ 4:00 pm)
 - b. November 2 @ 4:00 pm
 - c. November 3 @ 3:00 pm (Following Sunday Vespers @ 2:30pm)
- 2. Offices of the Dead for the month of November for your deceased relatives and friends
 - a. Registration information can be found at scholastl.org

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LATIN COURSE

The Cantores Sancti Ludovici and other Latin instructors are offering an 8-week course in Ecclesiastical (Catholic) Latin designed especially for laity (that began on 5 October). Remaining meeting dates are October 19, 26 and November 2, 9, 16, 23 from 7:00am-8:00am in the St. Joseph Room. The meetings will be largely stand-alone, so it is not necessary to attend them all. While integrating basic Latin grammar and syntax, this course is primarily intended to increase the devotion and piety of the faithful by offering glimpses of the rich theology and history contained in the prayers of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Divine Office, and other Catholic prayers in their original language.

This course is free, but RSVP registration is requested to schola@oratorysga.org. Students must be 12 years of age or older. There is no required textbook, but a list of helpful books will be provided to registrants. We encourage you to join us to learn more about our deep Roman Catholic heritage!

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CCD

Attention parents! The Oratory is pleased to offer the full Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) program this year. Classes began Wednesday, 9 October and will be held every Wednesday evening (with some exceptions) in the school building at Immaculate Heart of Mary, 4092 Blow St, St Louis, MO 63116. Children between the ages of 6 and 18 (as of 2/28/24) may participate. The cost is \$25 per child, \$100 maximum per family; online registration is open:

https://www.osvhub.com/st-louis-latin-mass/giving/funds/ccd-registration-fees.

Contact Jake & Terri Fowler with any questions: ccd@oratorysga.org.

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SARAH'S SUNSHINE FOUNDATION

Sarah's Sunshine Foundation was founded in August 2024 by Stephanie Rheinheimer to support families with babies in the NICU. The foundation was named after **Sarah**, one of Mark and Stephanie's children, and was created to provide emotional and practical support to families during their NICU journey.

The foundation's mission is to ensure that no parent feels alone while navigating the NICU experience. Sarah's Sunshine Foundation aims to eventually provide financial grants to help with expenses like transportation, lodging, and meals, alleviating some of the burdens faced by NICU families.

Sarah's Sunshine Foundation has a series of fundraising events planned, including a garage sale in October 2024, a Panera fundraiser and clothing drive in November 2024, and a holiday craft kit collection in December 2024. The foundation's biggest event, titled 'Shining Together,' is set for May 2025 and will honor NICU mothers around Mother's Day. Please visit our website for an updated events calendar.

The foundation's first major initiative, '12 Weeks of Sunshine,' launched on 23 September 2024. This campaign focuses on raising awareness and gathering donations for NICU families, with weekly efforts like collecting items for care packages.

12-Week Collection Schedule:

- Week 5 (Oct 21-27): Cozy Socks
- · Week 6 (Oct 28-Nov 3): Pack of Thank You Cards
- Week 7 (Nov 4-10): Individually Packaged Chapstick
- Week 8 (Nov 11-17): Individually Packaged Snacks
- Week 9 (Nov 18-24): Box of Tea
- Week 10 (Nov 25-Dec 1): Craft Project
- Week 11 (Dec 2-8): Tumbler
- Week 12 (Dec 9-15): Surprise Item!

How You Can Help:

- Shop our Amazon wish list (https://www.amazon.com/registries/gl/guestview/3GWDRHKM2N27O) and donate items for one or more of the 12 weeks.
- Share our campaign with your friends and family to spread the word.
- Consider making a monetary donation through our website (<u>www.sarahssunshinefoundation.org</u>) to help us reach our goal and build these care packages.

We are so grateful for your support as we kickstart Sarah's Sunshine Foundation! Together, we can turn small acts of kindness into lasting memories of comfort and care for NICU families. Every donation makes a big difference in helping us spread sunshine when it's needed most.

With heartfelt thanks, Stephanie Rheinheimer

VOCATIONS

In the six years the Oratory has been here at the Church of St. Luke the Evangelist, we have been blessed in so many ways: continued growth in our Oratory numbers; financial generosity; greater ownership and involvement from the Oratory community. All of these blessings have happened while we have experienced various hardships.

One of the hidden blessings has been the generosity of our young people in responding to the call of a religious vocation. Two years ago, Br. Peter Mary of the Cross (Colton Marks) departed the Oratory to begin his new life as a Discalced Hermit of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Fairfield, Pennsylvania. He was followed by Br. Matthew of Jesus and Mary (Kevin Murphy). This past Christmas, Br. Macarius of Jesus Christ Crucified (Donald Mueller) joined them at this Carmelite monastery which continues to experience vibrant growth. In addition to these three young men, this past week, Cameron Toal departed the Oratory to begin his formation with the Institute of Christ the King, Sovereign Priest.

In recent months the Oratory has also been blessed with two young women entering consecrated religious life. This past August of 2024, Mary Hampton Hayden entered the Carmelites in Fairfield, Pennsylvania and just this month, Erin Losin entered the Filiae Laboris Mariae Sisters in Fort Scott, Kansas.

In just six years, the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine has fostered six vocations and there are many more who have expressed a desire to follow them. Sadly, there are some parishes in the Archdiocese of St. Louis that have never produced a vocation. We are blessed to have these signs of hope in our midst and should be encouraged to upon this great path of Traditional continue Catholicism. Please pray for the grace of perseverance for our young people already committed to formation. Pray for those who are discerning now their call from the Lord. Parents are exhorted to patience, trust, and confidence in the Lord if their son or daughter expresses an interest in the priesthood or consecrated religious life. And for all of us, let us always strive to keep our eyes on the blessings bestowed upon us; to thank the Lord for those blessings; and radiate joy and hope in this world that desperately needs both.

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VOCATIONS: PART II

The faithful have been asked to pray for the six young people who have entered consecrated religious life or have begun studying for the holy priesthood. Cameron Toal, who is studying with the Institute of Christ the King, has asked for financial assistance during his time of priestly formation. A significant portion of the financial responsibility for their priestly formation rests with each individual candidate. If you are able and so inclined, Cameron would appreciate your assistance. So too, if you have questions about his needs, he will happily respond to any letters he receives. At this juncture, email communication is limited. All donations should be made out to him. In advance, may God bless and reward your generosity.

His address: Cameron Toal, 1828 Jay Street, Detroit, MI 48207

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OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION

The prayers for Perpetual Help Devotion have changed (as of early September) reflecting a more traditional format to the devotion. So too, Perpetual Help will be prayed publicly only after the 12:15 pm Holy Mass. Those who attend the 6:30 am Holy Mass are certainly encouraged to pray the devotion privately.

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OUR NEW GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY IS HERE

Look in your mailbox for our new Guide Book & Directory. They should be arriving in the coming week, if they have not already. The advertisers helped provide this service at no cost to us. We encourage you to think of them in the future as your needs arise. If you are interested in advertising next year, contact amandavogt@guidebookpublishing.com for more information. Please familiarize yourself with the organizations at our church located in the front of the book.

HOMILIES

If you would like to listen to Msgr. Morris's homilies you can find them on our website (see link below). They are usually posted the following week. If you would like to read Fr. Rennier's homilies you can find those on his website (see link below).

Msgr. Morris

https://stlouislatinmass.com/about-us/homilies.

Fr. Rennier:

https://michaelrennier.wordpress.com/author/michaelrennier/

WEEKLY COLLECTION/TITHING

Asking for money is never easy; I am grateful that the generosity of the faithful of the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine, have made it possible for me to limit asking for money. However, as the new budget is submitted to the Archdiocese, it is time again to encourage your continued to support; to ask that everyone prayerfully consider increasing their donation; to ask those who either never give or give little, to consider increasing their donation. I want to specifically encourage those who have not given to share the responsibility of caring for the Oratory along with the other generous members of the community. While the giving of the faithful of the Oratory generally surpasses that of other parish entities, there are still a significant number of registered parishioners who fail to contribute each fiscal year. I realize that the financial situations of each person are unique, and some may not be in a position to give, but I would still ask everyone to contribute something. As I often say when raising money for Covenant Network-Catholic Radio, no amount is too small!

Each year, the needed weekly collection number has increased, and this fiscal year is no different. Beginning 7 July 2024, the targeted weekly collection amount is \$17, 869. The increase reflects the continued growth of the Oratory, more personnel for our liturgical celebrations and the on-going maintenance and improvement of the physical plant itself. Regarding the maintenance and improvement of

the physical plant, part of the work on the electric system is included in this new budget. It is also anticipated that there will be some work done on the parking area near the garage. There is still work to be accomplished on the outside of the Church and Rectory as well as work to be accomplished on the whole parking lot.

I would ask everyone for their continued generosity as we continue to grow. Our fiscal responsibility indicates to the Archdiocese our ability to sustain ourselves and contributes to our longevity and stability. In advance, thank you so much and may God reward your generosity.

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PARKING ON CAMPUS

The Oratory has the happy problem of more faithful than available parking spaces. It is appreciated that for the 8:00 am and 10:00 am Holy Masses finding a spot can be difficult. Please, however, only park in designated areas. Regarding the middle parking lot between the Church and the school building: Park only in those spots that have a parking curb in front of them. **DO NOT** park next to the garage, **DO NOT** park in the spots on the lot east of the garage which are all reserved spots. **DO NOT** park near the trashcans. Your attention to this is appreciated.

BULLETIN DEADLINE (FRIDAYS @ 10AM)

The deadline that LPI has set for our submission of the full bulletin is Tuesdays by 12 Noon each week. Consequently, the new deadline for bulletin submissions from individuals and groups of the Oratory is the prior Friday at 10:00 am.

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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). Please drop off/pick up items at the front door on Dale Avenue, across from the field parking lot.

A warm welcome to our new parishioners!

- The Belken Family ~ Mike & Cyndi, John Paul, and Patrick
- The Consolino Family ~ Vince & Kelly, and Vincent
- The Hacker Family ~ Katherine, Louise, and Virginia
- · Stacy Hayes
- · Anthony Leacock
- The Mack Family ~ Andy & Laura, Dorothy, Roger, and Daphne
- Karl Maurer
- Mark McCord
- · Samuel Porter
- Dan White
- · Tania Zuniga Lara

BAPTISMS (July-September 2024):

(In alphabetical order)

- Stephen Patrick Brennan (Patrick & Margaret)
- Chiara Gabrielle Coursey (Nathanael & Catherine)
- Rhys Owain Davey (Patrick & Katherine)
- Sophia Jane Fisher (Hugh & Rachel)
- · Leah Grace George
- · Liliana Leticia Halferty (Mathew & Diana)
- Frederick George Hayward (Logan & Julie)
- Katerina Callisa Hylla (Brennan & Lily)
- Edwin Gregory Lux (Thomas & Geena)
- Bryce Alexander Newman (Brennan & Lily)
- GeorgeMarcus Phinnegus Sebastian Roberts (Brandon & Anna)
- Maria-Magdalena Sofia Rodriguez (Carlos & Ana)
- Gertrude Kat Stewart (David & Jessica)

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

In your charity, please pray for the following members of the Oratory who are ill: Jeanmarie DeCoster; Mary Gleckler, mother of Cathy Saccente and Mary Nelson; Hannah Green, daughter of Nicholas & Julie Green; Lena Henry, daughter of Toni & Mickey Henry; Shane Kiser, husband of Maggie Kiser; James Frances Mooney, father of Dr. Joseph Mooney; Michael Norfleet, son of Marsha Norfleet; Elizabeth Ryan; Patrick Schneider; Leah & Sylvester Soldinie, Lara Trudell, daughter of Sharon and Jim Alexander, and Renee Weidner.

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

- Elizabeth Berwin, cousin of David O'Gorman
- Anthony DeStefano, uncle of Emily Lund
- Robert Milton Folle, father of Dottie Schwartz
- Sharon Koenig, sister of Dottie Schwartz
- Jeannette Mailloux, grandmother of Danielle Daub
- Thomas McClay, father of Danielle Daub
- Andrew Pumphrey, brother of Katie Keys
- Gerald Saykes, husband of Karen Saykes
- Thomas Schuette, brother of Robert Schuette

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USHERS' SCHEDULE

Sunday, 20 October

6:30 am Jim Alexander*, Ben Schubert

8:00 am Sam Ashlock*, Greg Rheinheimer, Michael Nelson, Kenny Buyle

10:00 am John Simmons*, Mark Scheer, Robert Morgan, Patrick Kelly

Sunday, 27 October

6:30 am Evan Adair*, Ben Schubert

8:00 am Greg Rheinheimer*, Michael Nelson, Kenny Buyle, Ken Catalano

10:00 am Mark Scheer*, Robert Morgan, Patrick Kelly, Gabe Jones

+ Altar Server Schedule: October 2024 +

Date	Time	MC at High Mass /	Thurifer	Acolyte 1	Acolyte 2
		Acolyte at Low Mass			
20 October 2024	6:30	Jack Ryan			
	8:00	Simon Wisniewski			
	10:00	Joseph Blum	Isaac Robeson	Joseph Fowler	Raymond Buyle
27 October 2024	6:30	Michael Norfleet			
	8:00	Joseph Blum			
	10:00	Salvatore Saccente	Matthew Rheinheimer	Michael Blum	Cabhan Ten Eyck

FROM THE WELLSPRING OF TRADITION: THE SUBDEACON IN SOLEMN MASS

A Solemn Mass, which is considered by the Church to be the most fitting liturgy for a Sunday, includes three sacred ministers: the priest, the deacon, and the subdeacon. The three function for a unified purpose. Some commentators think that each of the three ministers can be said to represent the same Jesus Christ in three different states: yesterday, today, and world without end.

The subdeacon represents Jesus Christ "yesterday." What is often not emphasized enough is that the Old Testament *is about Jesus*. When the subdeacon sings a Lesson from the Old Testament, he is proclaiming Jesus Christ. But, of course, the subdeacon sometimes sings a lesson from the New Testament, so when we say he's a representation of the past, this doesn't mean he's purely a visualization of the Old Covenant. He's something slightly different. Something more.

William Durandus, a medieval liturgical commentator, teaches that the subdeacon represents St. John the Baptist. "The Epistle should be read," he writes, "on the right side of the Church because Christ came first to the Jews, who are said to be on His right (i.e. the place of honor)...the Epistle is put before the Gospel, for it designates the office which John exercised before ChristJohn is therefore like the subdeacon, the minister under Him who said about Himself, 'The Son of man came not to be served.' Wherefore, just as the preaching of John went before the preaching of Christ, so the Epistle precedes the Gospel. The Epistle also bears the figure of the Law and Prophecy, which preceded the coming of Christ, as it precedes the Gospel."

He goes on to comment that the subdeacon sings the Lesson facing the altar because he is facing Christ. St. John the Baptist, in his preaching, did the same. He was always looking for Christ, ready to point him out. He always directed those who heard him not to himself, but to Christ. St. John the Baptist occupies a prophetic role that mediates the Old and New Covenants, and we see this beautiful vocation playing out before our eyes in the work of the subdeacon.







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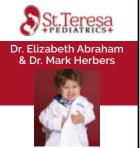


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