

THE ORATORY OF SAINTS
GREGORY & AUGUSTINE



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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: 6:30 am & 12:15 pm
- First Friday: 6:30 pm
- Saturday: 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

The season of Advent provides the contemplation of the longing for the mystery 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 the 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. Moreover, this time of Advent shrouded in the darkness of winter provides the grace-filled opportunity to contemplate our own mortality and to prepare ourselves for everlasting life in His kingdom. Soon comes our Lord and King; Hasten to adore Him!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, 1 December:

- Prime @ 7:20 am
- Brown Scapular blessing & imposition after 8am
- Coffee Hour @ 9:00 am
- Terce @ 9:40 am
- Vespers @ 2:30 pm
- Compline @ 7:00 pm

Monday, 2 December:

- 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, 3 December:

- **GIVING TUESDAY**
- Compline @ 7:00 pm
- Choir practice @ 7:00 pm

Wednesday, 4 December:

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

Thursday, 5 December:

- Holy Hour for priests @ 6:00 pm
- Compline @ 7:00 pm

Friday, 6 December:

- **First Friday**
- Church cleaning @ 1:30 pm
- Confessions @ 5:00 pm
- Holy Mass @ 6:30 pm
- Young Adults gathering @ 7:30 pm

Saturday, 7 December:

- **First Saturday**
- Advent by Candlelight @ 6:00 pm

PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE 2024

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 saalex@sbcbglobal.net

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, 2 December – *St. Bibiana*

- 6:30 am: The Means Family
- 12:15 pm: Margaret Susovica

Tuesday, 3 December – *St. Francis Xavier*

- 6:30 am: Br. Macarius of Jesus Christ Crucified
- 12:15 pm: Jack & Bernett Dunn

Wednesday, 4 December – *St. Peter Chrysologus*

- 6:30 am: Jack & Bernett Dunn
- 12:15 pm: Peter Wisniewski (d)

Thursday, 5 December – *Advent FERIA*

- 6:30 am: Poor Souls in Purgatory
- 12:15 pm: Jack & Bernett Dunn

Friday, 6 December – *St. Nicholas*

- 6:30 am: Fr. Nicholas Gregoris (d)
- 12:15 pm: Nicholas Kalinowski
- 6:30 pm: Msgr. John Francis McCarthy (d)

Saturday, 7 December – *St. Ambrose*

- 8:15 am: John & Beverly Sweeney (d)

Sunday, 8 December – *Immaculate Conception*

- 6:30 am: Pro Populo
- 8:00 am: Daniel Albea
- 10:00 am: Matthew Rheinheimer

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~ 11/17/2024 ~	
Weekly Collection Total	\$ 8,070.00
Online Giving	\$ 5,876.00
Total	\$ 13,946.00
Needed	\$ 17,869.00
Year to Date Total	\$ 295,867.94

First Sunday of Advent

1 December 2024

ADVANCED GIVING NOW OPEN FOR GIVING TUESDAY 2024!

The fun and excitement of Giving Tuesday is this Tuesday, and advanced giving has already begun. This year, giving Tuesday falls on 3 December. On this day, parishes and Catholic groups from around the archdiocese will compete in a friendly contest of lighting-speed fundraising for good causes within their organizations. Last year, the Oratory ranked within the top five archdiocesan organizations and within the top 100 at the national level! For being a relatively small group, this is amazing! Here is a review of the 2023 archdiocesan ranking:



- #1 – Duchesne High School – \$205,143
- #2 – Hearts Hands & Homes – \$172,390
- #3 – St. Justin the Martyr Catholic Church – \$49,701
- #4 – Carmelite Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus – \$37,905
- #5 – Oratory of Ss. Gregory & Augustine – \$30,550

Last year, we also, easily beat our personal best, going from earning \$13,505 in 2022 to earning \$31,210 in 2023. This year, our goal is \$40,000. As with last year, our cause is to glorify Our Lord through beauty. Msgr. Morris and Father Rennie have selected several liturgical/artistic items for the service of the liturgy and prayer here at the Oratory. For more information, and to donate, visit: <https://stl.givecatholic.org/organizations/oratory-of-ss-gregory-augustine> Thank you for your generosity, and enjoy the competition!

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OSGA CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE – NOW AVAILABLE

The Christmas Giving Tree, sponsored by The Almonry, is now available in the vestibule (in back of church). Please prayerfully consider taking an ornament which will support families of the Oratory. A specific need is mentioned on the Angel ornament. Please take and return an ornament with the gift **no later than Wednesday, 18 December.**

Gifts should be dropped off at the rectory during business hours OR you can leave them in the breezeway between the rectory and church on SUNDAYS ONLY (before noon). The door nearest the pergola will be unlocked on Sunday mornings. ****PLEASE DO NOT DROP OFF CASH OR GIFT CARDS IN THE BREEZEWAY.**** Please deposit all cash or gift card donations in the collection basket on Sunday (in a clearly marked envelope for Giving Tree) or drop them off at the rectory during business hours. All gifts will be distributed by 21 December. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

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BLESSING & IMPOSITION OF THE BROWN SCAPULAR IS TODAY (12/1/24)!

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, 1 December 2024 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 be 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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SUPPORT A YOUNG ORATORY MEMBER IN VOCATIONAL DISCERNMENT

Mary Grace DiCarlo, a member of our Oratory, hopes to discern religious life with the Little Sisters of the Lamb this coming January. She asks first for prayers from her Oratory family. She is also in need of some assistance in paying off the last of her student loans before entering. Any donation amount is helpful and a sign of God's providence. To ask questions of Mary Grace, please contact her at: themgdicarlo@gmail.com or (314) 570-1958. To donate, please visit her GoFundMe at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/aid-in-clearing-debt-for-discernment-journey> May God bless you through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Divine Providence!



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ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT – 2024

Ladies, mark your calendars for the Oratory's Annual Advent by Candlelight on 7 December 2024 at 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm. This year's gathering will be in the St. Joseph Room. Please come and gather with women of the Oratory and friends of our community for an evening of prayer, reflection, and fellowship. 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 Gina Indelicato at (636) 328-5326 or ginai7117@gmail.com. Space is limited; reservations will be taken in the order they are received. We hope you are able to join us.

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ADVENT HOLY HOUR – 12 DECEMBER

The Knights of Columbus cordially invites the Oratory community to join them for a special Advent Holy Hour on Thursday, 12 December at 7:00 pm. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 7 o'clock and a priest will be available to hear confessions. The Schola will chant Compline at 7:30 pm.

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COAT DRIVE

As a reminder, The Knights of Columbus are collecting donations of coats for local kids. **We are in need of more coats!** Please deposit coats in the large box in the vestibule no later than Sunday, 15 December. Please contact Jack Ryan with any questions: jmryan2023@gmail.com or (314) 677-7754. May God reward your generosity.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2024 CHILI COOKOFF WINNERS!

First Prize: Maggie Kiser; Second Prize: Dan Kenney; and Third Prize: Joe Gardner

A big thank you to Tim and Erin Turntine for facilitating this event.

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1 December 2024

LEARN ABOUT CHRISTMAS MATINS

Prior to Midnight Mass of Christmas, members of the Oratory schola and faithful gather to pray the special Divine Office prayer called Christmas Matins. This prayer, which consists of psalms, responsories, and lessons is one of the most ancient and excellent preparations for the birth of Our Lord. If you would like to learn a bit more about Christmas Matins, join us for reflections and discussion with Mr. Stan Metheny in the St. Joseph Room on Wednesday, 11 December from 7 pm to 9 pm. Refreshments will be served.

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IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

You are invited to the annual private showing of It's A Wonderful Life on Gaudete Sunday, 15 December @ 3:30 pm @Cinema One Plus in Washington, MO. Tickets are \$10 and include a boxed popcorn and small drink. For questions and to reserve your tickets, contact Carla Filla by call/text at 636-579-0208. Payment for your tickets may be done via Venmo, cash, or check to hold your spot. Come join us as we prepare for the coming of the Savior with this movie that holds such a special message for all!

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CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Christmas flower envelopes are now available in the pews and near the bulletins 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. Thank you and may God reward your generosity.

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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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PLANNING AHEAD: OFFICES CLOSED

The offices of the Oratory will be closed during the Octave of Christmas beginning 24 December 2024. The offices will return to normal business hours on Monday, 5 January 2025. In advance, blessings to everyone on the upcoming Holy Days.

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WEDDING BANNES

There is a promise of marriage between:
II ~ Andrew Cox & Perpetua Smith

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SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Immaculate Conception will be celebrated this year on Sunday, 8 December 2024. We will celebrate the normal Sunday schedule for the Oratory. **Please note:** The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (the USCCB) in consultation and receiving clarification from **the Vatican have reminded the faithful that as the Feast of the Immaculate Conception is transferred to Monday, 9 December 2024 in the Novus Ordo, the faithful must attend Holy Mass that Monday to fulfill the obligation of the Holy Day. For the Oratory this means even as we have already celebrated the Immaculate Conception, the**

faithful are obligated to attend Holy Mass that day. To assist the Oratory in fulfilling this obligation, in addition to the normal daily Mass schedule, Holy Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 pm as well (on Monday, 9 December); NO confessions preceding the evening Mass. The office will be closed on Monday as well.

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HOLIDAY PHOTO OPPORTUNITY

Your fellow parishioner, Rebecca Hoven, will be available after the 8 am Masses on 1 Dec. and 15 Dec to take family photos. These will take place outside on the front steps of Church and should take about 5 minutes per family. There is no charge. Take advantage of the already-dressed up children and the conveniently available bribe of donuts!

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CHRISTMAS CARDS

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 24 November and extending through 8 December. Price per box of ten is \$15. Please consider these beautiful Christmas cards this season! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact tjconway58@gmail.com

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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 and makes for a great Christmas gift for family and friends. 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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THE RORATE CAELI MASS

When: 14 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.

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

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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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DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS - PUBLIC VENERATION

Sunday, 15 December 2024 @ Noon-2:00pm in church. An Oratory member has planned for a miraculous image of the Holy Face to visit our Oratory for veneration. All are welcome to come and pray.

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DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS - BOOKS

Please accept a copy of "The Secret of the Holy Face" by Fr. Lawrence Carney as a donation to all parishioners available in the vestibule of the Church today. Given the course of events occurring in our country and within the Church, especially with regard to the current growth of Communism, it is recommended that Catholics understand and pray the Holy Face Devotion. This powerful devotion was given to mankind by our Lord and evolved as a weapon to combat the evils of Communism when it first appeared. Though the devotion became less popular, primarily after Vatican II, many Catholics now believe there is an urgent and renewed need for this prayerful exercise given its promises.

Numerous miracles are associated with this devotion which has the full approval of the Catholic Church. In 1843 the Lord spoke these words Sr. Marie de Saint Pierre, a Carmelite nun, in Tours:

"The earth is covered with crimes. The violation of the first three Commandments of God has irritated My Father. The Holy Name of God blasphemed, and the Holy Day of the Lord profaned, filling up the measure of iniquities. These sins have risen into the throne of God and provoked his wrath which will soon burst forth if justice be not appeased. At no time have these crimes reached such a pitch."

In 1845, the Reparative Mystery of the Holy Face was revealed to Sister Saint-Pierre as the Lord stated: "I seek Veronicas to wipe and venerate My Holy Face which has few adorers... and by My Holy Face, you will work many miracles."

The Lord gave Sister Saint-Pierre the Golden Arrow prayer as special reparation for blasphemy. She then prayed the rosary asking Our Lady's intercession in helping her to get the Lord's message to others. Shortly thereafter Mary's apparition at La Salette followed which affirmed the Lord's words to Sister Saint-Pierre, "The Church will be in eclipse."

The revelations to Sister Saint Pierre are also at the foundation of Our Lady's warning at Fatima, regarding the spread of atheistic errors of secular humanism, Socialism, and religious suppression contained in Communism and of revolutionary men.

Please consider studying and praying the Holy Face

Devotion for our country and for Holy Mother Church in these challenging times.

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BULLETIN **EARLY DEADLINES**

Due to Advent, Christmas, and New Year's – all bulletins, through the first Sunday of January, are due very early. If you would like to submit something for the bulletin it must be received via email no later than two weeks prior to the bulletin date. Please email the office with any questions.

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

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NEW FAMILIES for NOVEMBER (alphabetical order)

A warm welcome to our new parishioners!

- Teresa Martin
- The Prawica Family ~ Tanya, Thomas, and Lily
- The Seiler Family ~ John & Heather
- The Zawistowicz Family ~ Thomas & Caitlin, Oliver, Theo, Timothy, Rose, Mary Grace, Catherine, and Joseph

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

In your charity, please pray for the following members of the Oratory who are ill: Emily Brex; Damien Bruening, son of Aurora Miller; 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; Louis Schubert, father of Ben Schubert; Leah & Sylvester Soldinie; Lara Trudell, daughter of Sharon and Jim Alexander; and Renee Weidner.

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PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

- Elizabeth Berwin, cousin of David O’Gorman
- Rev. John Deken, brother of Janet Deken, Joan Pisoni, and Beth Stolarski
- Anthony DeStefano, uncle of Emily Lund
- Robert Milton Folle, father of Dottie Schwartz
- Kathleen Graham, mother of David Graham
- 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, 1 December

- 6:30 am** Ben Schubert*, Bill Saccente
- 8:00 am** Jeff Martin*, Sam Ashlock, Ken Catalano, Greg Rheinheimer
- 10:00 am** Charlie Raymond*, Phil Henzler, Tom Gates, John Simmons

Sunday, 8 December

- 6:30 am** Chris Bauman*, Evan Adair
- 8:00 am** Sam Ashlock*, Greg Rheinheimer, Michael Nelson, Kenny Buyle
- 10:00 am** Phil Henzler*, Tom Gates, John Simmons, Mark Scheer

Sunday, 15 December

- 6:30 am** Bill Saccente*, Ben Schubert
- 8:00 am** Greg Rheinheimer*, Michael Nelson, Kenny Buyle, Kip Babington
- 10:00 am** Tom Gates*, John Simmons, Mark Scheer, Robert Morgan

Sunday, 22 December

- 6:30 am** Jim Alexander, Chris Bauman
- 8:00 am** Michael Nelson*, Kenny Buyle, Kip Babington, Terry Conway
- 10:00 am** John Simmons*, Mark Scheer, Robert Morgan, Patrick Kelly

+ Altar Server Schedule: December 2024 +

Date	Time	MC at High Mass / Acolyte at Low Mass	Thurifer	Acolyte 1	Acolyte 2
1 December 2024	6:30 am	Jack Ryan			
	8:00 am	Simon Wisniewski			
	10:00 am	Philip Petrick	Peter Blum	Elijah Robeson	Charles Fowler
8 December 2024	6:30 am	Michael Norfleet			
	8:00 am	Joseph Blum			
	10:00 am	Michael Rheinheimer	Isaac Robeson	Matthewemmet Roberts	Silas Buyle
15 December 2024	6:30	Jack Ryan			
	8:00	Castor Armesto			
	10:00	Joseph Blum	Avery Blaxton	Joseph Fowler	Raymond Buyle
22 December 2024	6:30	Michael Norfleet			
	8:00	Benedict Armesto			
	10:00	Salvatore Saccente	Matthew Rheinheimer	Michael Blum	Cabhan Ten Eyck

First Friday / First Saturday

6 December 2024	6:30 pm	Joseph Blum	Isaac Robeson	Elijah Robeson	William Hayes
7 December 2024	8:15 am	Sebastian Petrick	John Morgan	Matthewemmet Roberts	Cabhan Ten Eyck

WELLSPRING OF TRADITION:

Before the 10:00am Mass begins, the schola will chant the following text in Latin called a trope about St. Gregory the Great, thought to date from around 840 A.D. Notice how our statue of him in church even has a dove symbolizing the Holy Spirit descending at this moment. Also notice the integration of this text with the words of the introit, a prime example of the intricately arranged cohesion of the Roman Rite. The words of this introit were also prayed by St. Louis IX on his coronation day, the 1st Sunday of Advent in Rheims, France.

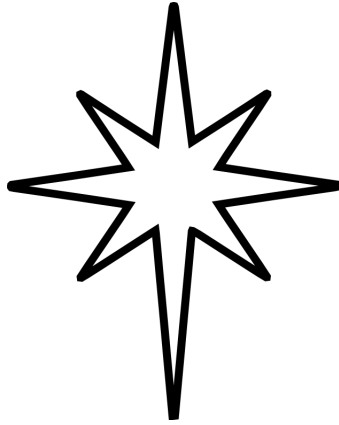
When holy Gregory poured out his prayer before the Lord,
that he might make a gift of music in his songs,
the Holy Spirit then descended unto him,
alighting in the form of a dove, illumining his heart,
and thereon he began to sing, in these words:

To you I have lifted (first words of the introit)

Sanctissimus namque Gregorius cum preces
effunderet ad Dominum
ut musicum donum ei desuper in carminibus dedisset,
tunc descendit Spiritus Sanctus super eum
in specie columbae, et illustravit cor ejus,
et sic demum exortus est canere, ita dicendo.

Ad te levavi.

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



Advent Holy Hour

**Thursday, Dec. 12th at 7 p.m.
at the Oratory**

**Join us as we celebrate Advent with
an hour of prayer and song:**

- *Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7 o'clock*
- *A priest will be available to hear confessions*
- *The Schola will chant Compline at 7:30 p.m.*

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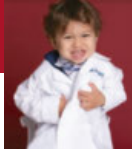
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