

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

There is simply not enough space to allow for a complete meditation on the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Our merciful Father even as we sinned had already prepared for our salvation and so in the fullness of time, He bestowed upon us the gift of Our Lady. She is conceived without the stain of original sin so that from the moment of her own conception she is already fulfilling the promises of salvation crushing the head of the serpent and defeating sin by her own purity and sinlessness. It is fitting that we celebrate this great solemnity during the Advent season precisely because not only are we provided the opportunity to contemplate the glories of our mother but also to recognize her power and strength in assisting us in overcoming our own sins. The coming of Our Lord at Christmas requires from each of us a purity of body, mind and spirit. Our Blessed Mother assists us in attaining that which she receives at the moment of her own conception. We rejoice with the Angel Gabriel who saluted Our Lady with the proper title: Full of Grace. As we continue to prepare our hearts each day to receive and deepen our relationship with Our Savior, let us entreat Our Lady to assist us in overcoming sin and embracing purity and truth, welcoming Christ into our very existences. Let us pray that our souls may magnify the Lord and our spirits rejoice in God our Savior!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, 8 December:

- Prime @ 7:20 am
• Terce @ 9:40 am
• Coffee Hour @ 11:30 am
• Vespers @ 2:30 pm
• Compline @ 7:00 pm

Monday, 9 December:

- Office Closed
• Vespers @ 6:00 pm
• Holy Mass 6:30 pm (NO Confessions before Mass)
• Compline @ After the conclusion of Holy Mass

Tuesday, 10 December:

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

Wednesday, 11 December:

- Holy Hour @ 5:00 – 6:00 pm
• Compline @ 6:30 pm
• Christmas Matins Presentation @ 7:00 pm

Thursday, 12 December:

- Knights of Columbus Holy Hour @ 7:00 pm
• Compline @ 7:30 pm

Friday, 13 December:

- Smith/Cox Wedding Rehearsal @ 4:30 pm

Saturday, 14 December:

- Rorate Caeli Mass @ 6:30 am
• Henzler Baptism @ 9:30 am
• McCurren Baptism @ 10:30 am
• Smith/Cox Wedding @ 1:00 pm

PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE 2024

Table with 2 columns: Dates and Names. Includes entries like 11/17-11/24 Wisniewski, 11/24-12/01 Catalano, etc.

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, 9 December – Octave of the Immaculate Conception

- 6:30 am: Pro Populo
12:15 pm: Maximilian Jude Rheinheimer
6:30 am: Rev. Paul Stark, SJ

Tuesday, 10 December – Octave of the Immaculate Conception

- 6:30 am: Jack & Bernett Dunn
12:15 pm: Julie Weber

Wednesday, 11 December – St. Damasus

- 6:30 am: Byron Beiermann (d)
12:15 pm: Jack & Bernett Dunn

Thursday, 12 December – Octave of the Immaculate Conception

- 6:30 am: Bethlehem Community of Benedictine Oblates
12:15 pm: Br. Macarius of Jesus Christ Crucified

Friday, 13 December – St. Lucy

- 6:30 am: Mark & Manuela Dittmar
12:15 pm: Deborah Lee

Saturday, 14 December – Octave of the Immaculate Conception

- 6:30 am: Br. Macarius of Jesus Christ Crucified

Sunday, 15 December – 3rd Sunday of Advent

- 6:30 am: Pro Populo
8:00 am: Patti Donovan
10:00 am: Heidi Reinlein

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GIVING TUESDAY 2024 – THANK YOU!

May God reward all those who generously contributed to our Giving Tuesday campaign. At the time of printing, the campaign was not yet complete. Please see the bulletin next week for details on how we fared this year.

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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 (unwrapped) 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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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 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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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 BANNS

There is a promise of marriage between:
III ~ 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

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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 Mass on 15 December 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 pluunt justum, aperiat terra, et germinet Salvatorem.” (“Drop down dew, ye

heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the just: let the earth be opened and bud forth a Saviour.”)

The Rorate Mass is lit only by candlelight. Because it is a votive Mass in Mary’s honor, white vestments are worn instead of Advent violet. In the dimly lit setting, priests and faithful prepare to honor the Light of the world, Who is soon to be born, and offer praise to God for the gift of Our Lady. As the Mass proceeds and sunrise approaches, the church becomes progressively brighter, illumined by the sun as our Faith is illumined by Christ. The readings and prayers of the Mass foretell the prophecy of the Virgin who would bear a Son called Emmanuel and call on all to raise the gates of their hearts and their societies to let Christ the King enter; asking for the grace to receive eternal life by the merits of the Incarnation and saving Resurrection of Our Lord.

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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

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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.

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.

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.**

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

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.

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

USHERS' SCHEDULE

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

Sunday, 29 December

- 6:30 am** Evan Adair*, Ben Schubert
- 8:00 am** Kenny Buyle*, Kip Babington, Terry Conway, Ken Catalano
- 10:00 am** Mark Scheer*, Robert Morgan, Patrick Kelly, Gabe Jones

+ Altar Server Schedule: December 2024 +

Date	Time	MC at High Mass / Acolyte at Low Mass	Thurifer	Acolyte 1	Acolyte 2
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
29 December 2024	6:30	Jack Ryan			
	8:00	Michael Rheinheimer			
	10:00	Michael Turntine	Joseph Noble	Augustine Rennie	Anthony Green

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WELLSPRING OF TRADITION: RELICS

What makes an altar an altar? Why is it more than a fancy table? One of the reasons is that an altar has a relic in it. When the priest kisses the altar during Holy Mass, he is actually venerating the relic. There’s a quiet prayer that accompanies the kiss; “We beseech Thee, O Lord, by the merits of Thy Saints, whose relics are here, and of all the Saints, that Thou wouldst vouchsafe to forgive me all my sins.”

Non-Catholics are taken aback by Catholic devotion and exuberance surrounding relics. Our habit of venerating bones and skulls and making pilgrimages to dead bodies and processing with relics does seem over-the-top, but there is an important underlying theology to our devotion.

Relics were already important in the early Church. For instance, after the martyrdom of St. Polycarp, the Christians who were there said, “We took up his bones, which are more valuable than precious stones and finer than refined gold, and laid them in a suitable place, where the Lord will permit us to gather ourselves together, as we are able, in gladness and joy and to celebrate the birthday of his martyrdom.” The relics were a physical reminder that the great saint still worshiped with them, that even though he was dead he had not been cut off from the communion of saints.

The habit of venerating relics is Scriptural. For instance, the bones of Elisha brought a dead man to life: “So Elisha died, and they buried him. Now bands of Moabites used to invade the land in the spring of the year. And as a man was being buried, lo, a marauding band was seen and the man was cast into the grave of Elisha; and as soon as the man touched the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood on his feet” (2 Kgs. 13:20-21). Similar are the cases of the woman cured of a hemorrhage by touching the hem of Christ’s cloak (Matt. 9:20-22) and the sick who were healed when Peter’s shadow passed over them (Acts 5:14-16). “And God did extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, so that handkerchiefs or aprons were carried away from his body to the sick, and diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them” (Acts 19:11-12).

Relics are not magical and they are not adored in the way we adore God. St Jerome says, “We do not adore [relics], for fear that we should bow down to the creature rather than to the creator, but we venerate the relics of the martyrs in order the better to adore him whose martyrs they are.” But they do, in a special way, become instruments of his grace.

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~ 11/24/2024 ~	
Weekly Collection Total	\$ 11,265.14
Online Giving	\$ 6,020.00
Total	\$ 17,285.14
Needed	\$ 17,869.00
Year to Date Total	\$ 313,153.08

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

CHRISTMAS LITURGY SCHEDULE

2024

Tues, 24 Dec
Vigil of Christmas

7:00 AM: Solemn Prime
12:15 PM: Mass for the
Vigil of Christmas
(Does not fulfill
Christmas obligation.)
6:00 PM: Vespers
6:30 PM: Compline
9:30 PM: Matins of
Christmas
11:30 PM: Carols

Wed, 25 Dec
Christmas Day

Midnight: Midnight Mass
(Preceded by Martyrology)
1:45 AM: Lauds
6:00 AM: Prime
6:30 AM: Mass at Dawn
7:40 AM: Terce
8:00 AM: Mass of Day
6:00 PM: Vespers
6:30 PM: Compline



Thurs, 26 Dec
and
Fri, 27 Dec
St. Stephen, St. John

6:30 AM: Low Mass
11:00 AM: Confessions
12:15 PM: High Mass
6:00 PM: Vespers
On the 26th only:
7:00 PM: Compline

Sun, 29 Dec
Sunday within the Octave

6:30 AM: Low Mass
7:20 AM: Prime
8:00 AM: Low Mass
9:40 AM: Terce
10:00 AM: High Mass
2:30 PM: Vespers
7:00 PM: Compline

Sat, 28 Dec
Holy Innocents

8:15 AM: High Mass
6:00 PM: Vespers

Mon, 30 Dec
and
Tues, 31 Dec

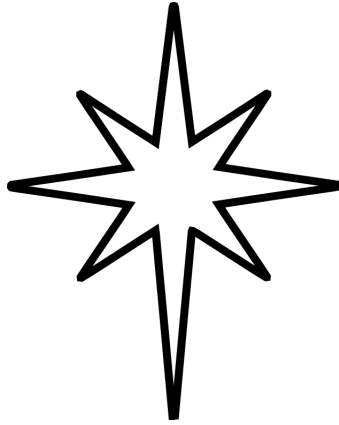
6:30 AM: Low Mass
11:00 AM: Confessions
12:15 PM: High Mass
6:00 PM: Vespers
7:00 PM: Compline

Wed, 1 Jan 2025
Octave Day of the
Nativity

8:00 AM: Low Mass
9:40 AM: Terce
10:00 AM: High Mass
6:00 PM: Vespers
6:30 PM: Compline



THE ORATORY OF SAINTS
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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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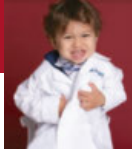
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