

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

It is not uncommon for some to question why there are several martyrs celebrated during the Octave of Christmas. The sorrow of martyrdom appears to contradict the joy of Christmas creating an unpleasant juxtaposition of realities. However, Our Mother, the Church is ever wise, and She properly instructs us as to the fullness of the mystery of the Incarnation. There is a profound sense of rightness about celebrating St. Stephen immediately after welcoming the Christ child into the world. The baby we adore, celebrate and rejoice in will grow to be the man who sheds His blood for us. Moreover, the cross is not a stumbling to the joy of Christmas, but the true gateway to enter more deeply into the mystery of the God dwelling among us. We cannot accept the joy and peace of the Incarnation unless we are also prepared to accept the joy and peace of the Crucifixion. Sacred Scripture speaks of the radiance of the face of Saint Stephen as he stood on the precipice of martyrdom. The Holy Innocents are called thus precisely because they are free from the entanglements of the world and make their sacrifice with purity and serenity. These great sacrifices are joined by the heroic virtue of St. Thomas Becket who incurs the wrath of a king but remains steadfast in his defense of the prerogatives of the Church and is martyred for his fidelity. To find peace, serenity and courage in the face of so much suffering and sacrifice can only be achieved through a profound love of God and a confidence in His Divine Providence. Developing that love, confidence and trust begins with kneeling before a helpless child and proclaiming Him King of kings and Lord of lords. All the saints celebrated during the Octave of Christmas serve as worthy instructors teaching us how to respond to the Christ-child with every aspect of our lives. As we contemplate the joy of Christmas throughout this Octave, let us rejoice with all the martyrs who have shed their blood in service to Christ and along with these great witnesses, let our sacrifices envelope the cradle of Our Savior.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, 29 December:

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

Monday, 30 December:

- Vespers @ 6:00 pm
• Compline @ 7:00 pm

Tuesday, 31 December:

- Offices Closed
• Compline @ 7:00 pm

Wednesday, 1 January 2025: New Year's Day

- Offices Closed
• Holy Mass @ 8:00 am (No Confessions before)
• Holy Mass @ 10:00 am (No Confessions before)
• Compline @ 6:30 pm

Thursday, 2 January:

- Offices Closed
• Hall/Mason Wedding Rehearsal @ 5:00 pm
• Compline @ 7:00 pm

Friday, 3 January:

- First Friday
• Offices Closed
• Young Adults @ 7:30 pm

Saturday, 4 January:

- Hall/Mason Wedding @ 12 Noon

PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE 2024/2025

Table with 2 columns: Date and Name. Rows include: 12/29-01/05 Filla, 01/05-01/12 Petrick, 01/12-01/19 D'Cunha, 01/19-01/26 Schenk, 01/26-02/02 Stolarski, 02/02-02/09 Henry, 02/09-02/16 Santschi, 02/16-02/23 Kiser, 02/23-03/02 Agnew, 03/02-03/09 Buyle, 03/09-03/16 Leljedal, 03/16-03/23 Grizzle, 03/23-03/30 Turntine, 03/30-04/06 Haulard, 04/06-04/13 Kelly, 04/13-04/20 Jones

Table with 2 columns: Date and Name. Rows include: 04/20-04/27 Holman, 04/27-05/04 Carapella, 05/04-05/11 Cook, 05/11-05/18 Hayward, 05/18-05/25 Fowler, 05/25-06/01 Blum, 06/01-06/08 Wisniewski, 06/08-06/15 Catalano, 06/15-06/22 Kenney, 06/22-06/29 Raymond, 06/29-07/06 Hayes, 07/06-07/13 Schuette, 07/13-07/20 Filla, 07/20-07/27 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

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, 30 December - 6th Day in the Octave of Christmas

- 6:30 am: Fr. John Deken (d)
12:15 pm: Daniel Otto (d)

Tuesday, 31 December - 7th Day in the Octave of Christmas

- 6:30 am: Janis Sue Morgan (Leinenbach) (d)
12:15 pm: James Keith Rogers (d)

Wednesday, 1 January 2025 - Circumcision/Octave Day of Christmas

- 8:00 am: Pro Populo
10:00 am: Louis Schubert (d)

Thursday, 2 January - In the Octave of St. Stephen

- 6:30 am: Br. Macarius of Jesus Christ Crucified
12:15 pm: Allie O'Donnell (d)

Friday, 3 January - In the Octave of St. John the Evangelist

- 6:30 am: Fr. John Deken (d)
12:15 pm: Mark & Manuela Dittmar (d)
6:30 pm: Natasha Stanic (d)

Saturday, 4 January - In the Octave of the Holy Innocents

- 8:15 am: Ronald A. Haller (d)

Sunday, 5 January - Holy Name of Jesus

- 6:30 am: Pro Populo
8:00 am: Cheryl Stricker (d)
10:00 am: Nicholas Weber

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EPIPHANY 2025

The Vigil of Epiphany is commemorated this year as we celebrate the Holy Name of Jesus on Sunday, 5 January 2025. Water and salt will be blessed at the conclusion of Holy Mass on Saturday, 4 January 2025. To better facilitate the blessing of Epiphany water, no outside containers of water will be allowed. You are allowed to bring your own salt. Please be sure to drop it off prior to Holy Mass and pick it up at the conclusion of the blessing. Enough water and salt will be blessed and made available to the faithful on Sunday and on Epiphany Day itself and for as long as the water remains. The Feast of the Epiphany (6 January 2025) will follow the normal daily schedule: Holy Masses @ 6:30 am and 12:15 pm with confessions @ 11:00 am.

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SPECIAL SCHEDULE: NEW YEARS DAY & EPHIPHANY 2025

January 1:

8:00 am: Holy Mass (Circumcision of Our Lord)
10:00 am: *Veni Creator* and Mass of the Circumcision of Our Lord

January 4:

7:00 am: Confessions
8:15 am: Holy Mass
9:15 am: Blessing of Epiphany Water

January 5:

Normal Sunday Schedule

January 6:

Normal Daily Schedule

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2025 CALENDARS

The calendars for 2025 for the Oratory Community have arrived. This year's calendar comes from the Transalpine Redemptorists, a community of traditional monks rooted in the Redemptorists charism who practice both the contemplative and active life. Their motherhouse is in Scotland and they have recently founded a house in Montana.

You are kindly asked to initially take one calendar per household. Once everyone has had a chance to pick up a calendar, there should be more available in late January for those who need another one. Thank you!

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GIVING TUESDAY 2024 – THANK YOU!

Our Giving Tuesday Campaign concluded with a total of \$41,310. This exceeds our goal of \$40k! Thank you to our 84 generous donors! Be sure to stop by the Nativity scene in the Marian transept this Christmas to see some of the fruits of your donations: several new figures added to the set and a custom-build stable. Also keep an eye out for new vestments at Solemn Masses later this year and improvements to the baptistry. All made possible by the great generosity of our donors. May God reward you.

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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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LIGHT WEIGH CATHOLIC WEIGHT-LOSS GROUP

Light Weigh Catholic Weight-loss Group will be meeting at St. Raymond- St. Elizabeth Catholic Parish, 1421 S. Sappington Rd. Crestwood, MO. in January.

Weight-loss, Saints, Bible Study, Friendship, Spiritual Healing & Prayers! Transformations happen. Connect to the power of God and the group today.

For more information about the program we are using, go to www.lightweigh.com (<http://www.lightweigh.com/>).

If interested, please contact group leader Kathy Harkins at (314) 443-7801 or kathyharkins@charter.net; or Pam Olimpio at pcatherine@att.net.

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SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2025

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Trivia Night on 22 February 2025 to raise money for the council in order to perform more charitable works for the community and to support the Oratory. Be on the lookout for an email in the coming weeks to secure your table! If you would like to sponsor a round or otherwise help with the trivia night, please email kofc17355@oratorysga.org.

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MEN'S CONFERENCE (FEBRUARY 2025)

Catholic Men for Christ: Archdiocese of St. Louis is holding its annual conference on **Saturday, 15 February 2025**. The conference begins at 8:45 am and concludes at 4:00 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.

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WOMEN'S CONFERENCE (MARCH 2025)

Catholic Women for Christ: Archdiocese of St. Louis is holding its annual conference on **Saturday, 8 March 2025**. The conference begins at 8:45 am and concludes at 4:00 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.

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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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WEDDING BANNES

There is a promise of marriage between:

III ~ Samuel Mason & Gianna Hall

II ~ Joseph Gassiraro & Bernadette Grizzle

I ~ Vincent Rigazzi & Mia Schickler

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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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YEAR-END UPDATES

If you are currently enrolled in online giving, there is no need to do anything to continue your contributions for 2025. 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 email Donna (office@oratorysga.org) to have the envelopes discontinued ~ it helps the Oratory save costs. If you are not enrolled in online giving...you can join at any time! All contributions must be made by Tuesday, 31 December in order to be included in your 2024 contribution statement. Thank you!

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ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS

Annual Giving statements will be available beginning Sunday, 19 January 2025. 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 office@oratorysga.org. In advance thank you for your generosity and attentiveness to these details.

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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. Renner 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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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 11th 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

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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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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; Leah & Sylvester Soldinie; Lara Trudell, daughter of Sharon and Jim Alexander; and Renee Weidner.

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PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

- Leona May Auer, mother of Keith Auer
- 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
- Robert Michael Marcos, step-father of Mary Auer
- Thomas McClay, father of Danielle Daub
- Andrew Pumphrey, brother of Katie Keys
- Gerald Saykes, husband of Karen Saykes
- Thomas Schuette, brother of Robert Schuette
- Louis Schubert, father of Ben Schubert

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USHERS' SCHEDULE

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
29 December 2024	6:30	Jack Ryan			
	8:00	Michael Rheinheimer			
	10:00	Michael Turntine	Joseph Noble	Augustine Rennier	Anthony Green

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WELLSPRING OF TRADITION

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Hearing the phrase ‘New Year’s Eve’ brings to mind a night of celebration, of closing out the good and the not-so-good things of one year and embracing all the hopes and dreams of a new one. In the Roman rite also celebrates the eve of a new year, but in a very specific way. We chant 1st Vespers of the Feast of the Circumcision to mark the start of the Octave Day of Christmas, and we end the hour by chanting the great hymn *Te Deum* to give God thanks for his many blessings of the year just ending and ask His continued favor for the new year to come. The antiphons of the day’s Office at Vespers, Lauds, and the Little Hours are remarkable for their poetry, iconography, and their insights; and they have inspired many great Catholic artists through the centuries to include images from them in their paintings.

<p>1. O admirabile commercium: * Creátor géneris humáni, animátum corpus sumens, de Vírgine nasci dignátus est; et procedens homo sine sémine, largítus est nobis suam Deitátem.</p> <p>2. Quando natus es * ineffabíliter ex Vírgine, tunc implétæ sunt Scriptúræ: sicut plúvia in vellus descendísti, ut salvum fáceres genus humánum: te laudámus, Deus noster.</p> <p>3. Rubum, quem víderat Móyses * incombústum, conservátam agnóvimus tuam laudábilem virginitátem: Dei Génitrix, intercède pro nobis.</p> <p>4. Germinávit radix Jesse, * orta est stella ex Jacob: Virgo péperit Salvatórem; te laudámus, Deus noster.</p> <p>5. Ecce María génuít * nobis Salvatórem, quem Joánnes videns, exclamávit, dicens: Ecce Agnus Dei, ecce qui tollit peccáta mundi, allelúja.</p>	<p>1. O wondrous interchange! * the Creator of the human race, taking up a living body, deigned to be born of a Virgin: and coming forth as a man without a man’s seed, hath made us partakers of his Divinity.</p> <p>2. When thou wast born * ineffably of a Virgin, then were the Scriptures fulfilled; thou camest down like the dew upon the fleece, to bring salvation unto all mankind; we praise thee, O our God.</p> <p>3. In the bush which Moses saw * [burning yet] unconsumed, we recognize the preservation of thy glorious virginity: holy Mother of God, intercede for us.</p> <p>4. The Root of Jesse hath budded, * the Star hath arisen from Jacob, a Virgin hath borne the Saviour: we praise thee, O our God.</p> <p>5. Lo, Mary brought forth * for us a Saviour of whom John, seeing him, did proclaim: Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world, alleluia.</p>
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We see in these texts, so replete with images from Sacred Scripture that could fill volumes of commentary, the culmination of all the promises God made to His people Israel through the prophets now fulfilled in the person of His own divine Son. At every Holy Mass we are reminded of the ‘wonderful interchange’ of humanity and divinity in the action of mingling water and wine at the Offertory: *by the mystery signified in the mingling of this water and wine, grant us to share in the Godhead of Him Who hath vouchsafed to share our manhood, Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Our Lord.* The image of the dew as a sign of divine action has a long lineage in Scripture. Here the sign of where the Temple was to be built is seen as a type that foretold the coming down from heaven of God’s own Son. The Fathers of the Church saw in the bush ‘burning but not consumed’ that Moses saw on Mount Sinai a ‘type’ or prophetic image of our Blessed Mother’s perpetual virginity. The ‘root of Jesse’ which grew into Royal House of David provided the earthly lineage for our divine Lord in his human flesh. And finally, once again we are given our Blessed Mother and S John the Baptists as models pointing to Christ as our Saviour, who takes away our sins. This is a beautiful way to prepare a way forward to celebrate the great feast of the Epiphany, when that reality will be made manifest to the whole world in the person of the Magi, at the Baptism by S John in the Jordan, and at the wedding feast of Cana.

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~ 12/15/2024 ~	
Weekly Collection Total	\$ 9,031.85
Online Giving	\$ 5,077.00
Total	\$ 14,108.85
Needed	\$ 17,869.00
Year to Date Total	\$ 369,652.36

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

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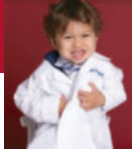
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