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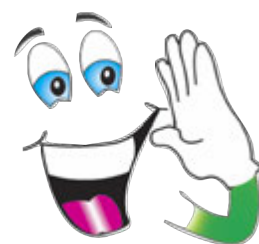
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SUNDAY MASS: .....8:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.  
DAILY MASS:

Tuesday .....7:00 a.m.  
Wednesday .....6:30 p.m.  
Thursday .....7:00 a.m.  
Friday .....Noon

**FIRST FRIDAY AND SATURDAY:**  
First Friday of each month: .....7:00 p.m.  
First Saturday of each month: .....8:00 a.m.

### CONFESSIONS

Sundays .....7:00 -- 7:45 a.m.  
Wednesdays .....5:30 -- 6:15 p.m.  
Fridays .....11:00 -- 11:45 a.m.



FROM THE RECTOR

It is far too easy to place our confidence in the things we know, understand and see. As a consequence, the temptation presents itself to trust in our natural abilities and the things of the world rather than trust and find confidence in the Lord. When the Lord heals in our Gospel today it is not only to manifest His Messianic power but also an opportunity to trust in the Lord who does truly desire to heal us. The leper and the centurion, from different worlds, different classes, suffering different things both share a trust in the Lord’s promises. They approach, they ask, and their requests made in faith are granted as the fruit of faith. We do not always receive everything we ask for in prayer, but we always receive that which we need from God. What is required from us is the humility to trust in the Lord as we seek His healing power, the faith and confidence that God’s providence will provide and then joyful hearts that proclaim the glory of God made manifest in our own lives.

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FEAST OF THE PURIFICATION OF THE BVM

Sunday, 2 February is the Feast of the Purification of Our Lady also known as Candlemas. At the beginning of 11:30 am Holy Mass we will bless candles that will used throughout the year both in Church and in your homes. If you have candles that you would like to be blessed for use in your home, please bring them to Church on Sunday, 2 February before Holy Mass and place them near the St. Joseph altar. The candles will then be moved into the sanctuary for blessing. Please be mindful that because of the sanctuary space there are limitations to the number of candles that can be blessed. Please use your best judgment when bringing candles for blessing.

More Information: The candle blessing -- one of the three principle blessings of the liturgical year, the others being the blessing of [palms](#) and [ashes](#) -- will be given by the priest wearing a purple cope. He will pray 5 prayers over the candles placed near the Altar. The candles are sprinkled three times while the Aspérge me is sung, and then they are incensed and distributed. When we take a blessed candle from the priest's hand, we kiss the candle and then the priest's hand, just as we do on Palm Sunday when we kiss the palm and then the priest's hand when receiving the blessed palms.

There follows a [procession](#) with the lighted candles. Then the Mass begins, and the lighted candles are held during the reading of the Gospel and from the beginning of the Canon of the Mass to Communion.

It is customary to bring candles from home to be blessed -- at least 51% beeswax candles that one uses for devotional purposes (candles for the family altar, Advent candles, etc.) -- so they can be lit after dusk on [All Saints' Day](#) (1 November), during the [Sacrament of Unction](#), and during storms and times of trouble.

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CATECHESIS ON CONFESSION

One of the great graces that has come during my time as rector has been the opportunity to spend time in the confessional and to make the sacrament available to the faithful. A priest friend of mine told me from his own early experience as a pastor, that the more frequently confession is offered, the more frequently the faithful will come. That has been my experience with my life at the Oratory. I want to take this opportunity to offer a few words on the nature of our confessions needing to be entire and complete.

*The Catechism of the Council of Trent* provides a thorough and complete explication of the Sacrament of Penance. I want to draw particular attention to the exhortation that confession should be complete and entire. The Church teaches us that we are responsible for confessing all of our mortal sins in both number (how often) and kind (nature of the sin itself). As such when we come for confession, we should not only present those sins that are on our hearts or that have easily come to mind but also confess all sins we can recall after a thorough examination of conscience.

If the times for confession do not work well with your schedule, I am always willing to meet you in Church for the sacrament itself. Finally,

I encourage everyone to access a thorough and complete guide for examining your conscience. This will assist you in recalling your serious sins as well as venial sins which also work against growing in holiness

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FOSTERING EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

I have been approached about the possibility of having Eucharistic Adoration at the Oratory. I am very excited about the possibilities that exist before us. As the community has continued to grow, we are now able (I believe) to move forward with increasing our devotional life. There are at least two possibilities before us. Option #1: A Holy Hour after the 11:30 am Mass on the First Sunday of the month. Option #2: Extended Eucharistic Adoration from the conclusion of Holy Mass on First Friday until to the evening Mass on First Friday. Option #2 provides a longer period of time for Adoration which I think would be spiritually profitable for the whole community.

In order for Option #2 to be viable there needs to be enough interest from the faithful to make sure that at least two people are present with Our Eucharistic Lord every half hour during the period of adoration.

In the coming weeks, a survey will be made available to the community to see in which direction we will be able to move. As you wait for the survey please prayerfully consider what time you might be able to make available to be with Our Eucharistic Lord.

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BAPTISMS at the ORATORY

The celebration of the sacrament of baptism is just one of the many signs of our growth and health. Over the last several months, there have been a number of baptisms. Please pray for these new members of the Catholic faith, for their parents and godparents.

- Adeline Elizabeth Kiel, daughter of Justin and Elise
- Lorenzo Fulton Primo, son of Salvatore and Claire
- Ambrose Oliver Winkels, son of Gavin and Carli
- Andrew Joseph Pieper, son of James and Natalie
- Maximilian Jude Rheinheimer, son of Mark and Stephanie

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FRESH OR FROZEN MEALS FOR THE RHEINHEIMER FAMILY

A meal train has been set up for the Rheinheimer family who recently welcomed their new baby - Maximillian Jude. Help us welcome Max by assisting the family with meals. Please use the link below to sign up to bring them a meal: <https://www.takethenameal.com/BAAC6131>

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FRESH OR FROZEN MEALS FOR THE SOLDINIE FAMILY

A meal train has been set up for Ricky and Leah Soldinie who just welcomed their fifth baby, Valor Joseph, on January 7. Help us welcome Valor Joseph by assisting the family with their meals. Please use the link below to sign up to bring them a meal: <https://mealtrain.com/m1knq7>

ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS

Annual Giving statements are available. 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 [osgaoffice@gmail.com](mailto:osgaoffice@gmail.com). In advance thank you for your generosity and attentiveness to these details.

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MONEY COUNTERS

The Oratory is in search of people to assist with the counting of the Sunday collection. Currently, the money counters meet immediately after the conclusion of Holy Mass at 11:30 am. If we receive more interested and willing people to count it will reduce the frequency with which people would be asked to participate. Please consider donating your time to this necessary cause.

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MEN’S CONFERENCE (FEBRUARY)

Catholic Men for Christ: Archdiocese of St. Louis is holding its annual conference on **Saturday, 1 February 2020**. For more information please visit: [catholicmenforchrist.org](http://catholicmenforchrist.org).

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WOMEN’S CONFERENCE (MARCH)

Catholic Women for Christ: Archdiocese of St. Louis is holding its annual conference on **Saturday, 7 March 2020**. For more information please visit: [catholicwomenforchrist.org](http://catholicwomenforchrist.org).

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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 2020. You can make modifications to your account at any time; if you do nothing, your current elections will continue. If you are still receiving envelopes and you are enrolled in online giving, please contact Donna to have the envelopes discontinued ~ it helps the Oratory save costs. If you are not enrolled in online giving...you can join at any time! Please call Donna if you need assistance. *Thank you!*

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DIRECTORY UPDATE

The Oratory Directory which was begun long ago is still projected for publication. There have been several factors that have contributed to its delay: time has been spent verifying the addresses in the directory with the those in the database for the Oratory; new parishioner registration has increased, and those names are being added to the directory. It is hoped that a finished product will be available in late January or early February. I am extremely grateful to those who have worked very hard on this project – Mary Agnew, Kip Babbington, Marilyn Lonigro, and Kiera Petrick. I am also grateful for everyone’s patience as we work to complete this project. I am truly blessed by the growth of our community and thank God for the opportunity to serve as the rector.

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

SUNDAYS IN JANUARY/MISSAL ASSISTANCE

- 5 January – Holy Name of Jesus (p.45)
- 6 January – Epiphany (p. 51)
- 12 January – The Holy Family (p. 56)
- 19 January – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany (p. 61)
- 26 January – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany (p. 65)

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UP COMING EVENTS

- 26 January: Coffee Hour after 11:30 am Holy Mass
- 1 February: First Saturday
- 2 February: Purification of BVM: Candle Blessing
- 7 February: First Friday
- 9 February: Septuagesima

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MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, 28 January – *St. Peter Nolasco, Confessor*

7:00 am: John Michael Collins

Wednesday, 29 January – *St. Francis de Sales*

6:30 pm: John Michael Collins

Thursday, 30 January – *St. Martina, Virgin & Martyr*

7:00 am: John Michael Collins

9:00 am: Agnes Schoenfeld

Friday, 31 January – *St. Joh Bosco, Confessor*

12 Noon: John Michael Collins

Saturday, 1 February – *St. Ignatius, Bishop & Martyr*

8:00 am: Agnes Schoenfeld

Sunday, 2 February – *Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00 am: Pro Populo

11:30 am: Agnes Schoenfeld

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SERVERS SCHEDULE

January 26<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

- 8:00 am: Caleb & Eli Colton
- 11:30 am: Gregory Grizzle, Austin Jackson, Philip Petrick, Sebastian Petrick, Luke Lavery

February 2<sup>nd</sup> – **Purification of the BVM**

- 8:00 am: Joseph & Anthony Dixon
- 11:30 am: Austin Jackson, Cameron Ackerman, Tommy Lattenzi, Simon Wisniewski, Damien Filla

February 9<sup>th</sup> – **Septuagesima**

- 8:00 am: John & Eli Colton
- 11:30 am: Ryan Lavery, Lance Lavery, Sebastian Filla, Luke Lavery, Sebastian Petrick

February 16<sup>th</sup> – **Sexagesima**

- 8:00 am: Joseph & Anthony Dixon
- 11:30 am: Cameron Ackerman, Austin Jackson, Philip Petrick, Ben Armstron, Peter Armstrong