



WELCOME TO SAINT MARY ORATORY

With the gracious permission of His Excellency, David Malloy, Bishop of Rockford, Holy Mass is offered according to the Traditional Roman Rite at Saint Mary Oratory by the *Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest*. We are pleased to have you join us in this venerable act of worship and invite you to return often.

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CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Sat. Dec. 24----8:00am Low Mass of the Christmas Vigil followed by confessions
(NO afternoon confessions)
11:00pm Carols and Instrumentals

Sun. Dec. 25---12:00am Midnight Mass
8:00am Christmas Low Mass
10:30am Christmas Low Mass
(NO confessions today)

Dec. 26 - 30----Low Mass at 10:30am followed by confessions
(No Friday adoration)

the office is closed Dec. 22 - Dec. 30.

the Grotto is closed Dec. 22 - Jan. 5



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† PRO-LIFE NEWS †

Many decades ago, Venerable Fulton J. Sheen wrote a prayer to save a baby in danger of abortion. Cards with this prayer will be available in the upper vestibule. Everyone is encouraged to pray this nine-month daily prayer beginning January 1 and ending September 30. *In October, Respect Life Month, we will be collecting baby items to donate to The Pregnancy Care Center.* Please join us in this simple prayer crusade as it can be very effective in saving lives!

Saint Mary Oratory

ORATORY CLERGY
REV. CANON JOHN JOSEPH O'CONNOR, Rector
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OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Friday: 9:00am - 2:00pm
Sat., Sun. & Holy Days: CLOSED

OTHER SACRAMENTS
PLEASE CONTACT CANON O'CONNOR

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MASS SCHEDULE
Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am
Monday: 12:05pm
Tuesday-Friday: 7:00am
Saturday: 8:00am

DEVOTIONS
Fridays: Exposition, Adoration, & Benediction
7:45am - 8:45am

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ORATORY STAFF
Office Administrator: MRS. JEANANN HAYS
Director of Sacred Music: MR. DANIEL LYTER

CONFESSIONS
Monday-Friday: 11:15am-11:45am
Saturday: after 8:00am Mass & 3:30pm-4:30pm
Sunday: 7:15am & 9:45am

GROTTO HOURS
Monday - Friday: 9:00am - 2:00pm
Sat., Sun., & Holy Days: CLOSED



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec. 18-Jan. 22....*Christmas Raffle - Drawing on Jan. 29 after the High Mass*
- Fri. Dec. 23.....**Sursum Corda Young Adults**
Christmas decorating at the Oratory
- Sun. Dec. 25.....Homemade Christmas Ornaments available after Mass (one per family)
- Wed. Jan. 11.....Altar Server practice resumes at OLSHA 6pm - 8pm
- Sat. Jan. 14.....**Maria Auxilium Christianorum** meeting after 8am Mass
- Sun. Jan. 22.....First Communion classes resume at 9:15am
- Sat. Mar. 18.....First Communicants morning confessions with Canon O'Connor
- Sun. Mar. 19.....Sacrament of First Holy Communion

SAINT MARY ORATORY'S CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

(All proceeds go to the Oratory's Restoration Project)

Tickets are available after Mass on Sunday beginning TODAY!

8 chances to win \$4,500 in cash prizes!

- 1 - \$3,000 Grand Prize
- 2 - \$500 prizes &
- 5 - \$100 prizes

All are encouraged to sell at least one book of (10) raffle tickets.

* Please pick up a book of tickets on Sunday or from the office during office hours.

* Sell tickets (\$10 each) to family, friends, neighbors, co-workers alike.

* Return ticket stubs and money no later than **Sunday, January 22.**

Drawing will be held after Mass on **Sunday, January 29.**

(Winners will be contacted by the Rectory Office)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP IN RESTORING SAINT MARY ORATORY!

Liturgical Calendar

Sunday, December 18

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00am - Joe Nicosia, RIP

10:30am - Michael McDaniel, RIP

Monday, December 19

Feria

12:05pm - Benjamin Polster

Tuesday, December 20

Feria

7:00am - Lilly Polster

Wednesday, December 21

St. Thomas

7:00am (Mass with organ) - Clare Polster

Thursday, December 22

Feria

7:00am - Joe Nicosia, RIP

Friday, December 23

Feria

7:00am- Sean Nimietz

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve

8:00am - Special Intention

Sunday, December 25

Nativity of Our Lord

12:00am - Antonio, Sandra, & Cris Dettori

8:00am - Nicoloff Family, Living & Deceased

10:30am (Mass with music) - Żynel Family

THE 2023 MASS INTENTION BOOK IS NOW CLOSED.

We will have a Purgatorial Society Book and Novena for the faithful departed in November.

Thank you for your understanding..

Rev. Canon John O'Connor

WEEKLY COLLECTION GOAL: \$7,258

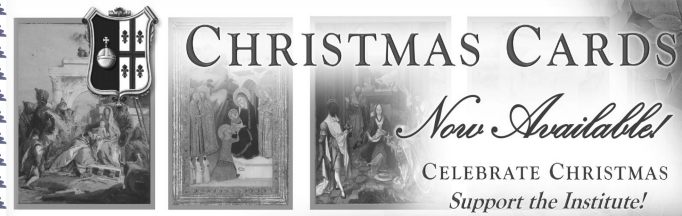
LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION:

TOTAL: \$5,327

ACTUAL - FISCAL YTD: \$148,425

GOAL - FISCAL YTD: \$174,192

MAY OUR LORD REWARD YOUR GENEROSITY



Institute Christmas Cards and Calendars now on sale after Mass on Sunday!

Christmas Cards

\$20 per pack

2023 Calendars

\$3.00 suggested donation

Please place your donations for the cards and calendars in the book donation box in the upper vestibule.



“Exiled from the earth, our Lord is born under the earth, for the stable was in a cave. He was the first caveman of recorded history, and there He shook the earth to its very foundations. Because he’s born in a cave, all who wish to see Him must bend, must stoop, the stoop is the mark of humility. The proud refuse to stoop. Therefore they miss divinity. Those, however, who are willing to risk bending their egos to go into that cave, find that they are not in a cave at all; but they are in a universe where sits a babe on His mother’s lap, the babe Who made the world.”

– Ven. Fulton Sheen.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“We have now entered into the week which immediately precedes the birth of the Messiah. That long-desired coming might be even tomorrow; and at furthest, that is, when Advent is as long as it can be, the beautiful feast is only seven days from us. So that the Church now counts the hours; she watches day and night, and since December 17 her Offices have assumed an unusual solemnity. At Lauds, she varies the antiphons each day; and at Vespers, in order to express the impatience of her desires for her Jesus, she makes use of the most vehement exclamations to the Messiah, in which she each day gives Him a magnificent title, borrowed from the language of the prophets. To-day, she makes a last effort to stir up the devotion of her children. She leads them to the desert; she shows them John the Baptist, upon whose mission she instructed them on the third Sunday. The voice of the austere Precursor resounds through the wilderness, and penetrates even into the cities. It preaches penance, and the obligation men are under of preparing by self-purification for the coming of Christ. Let us retire from the world during these next few days; or if that may not be by reason of our external duties, let us retire into the quiet of our own hearts and confess our iniquities, as did those true Israelites, who came, full of compunction and of faith in the Messiah, to the Baptist, there to make perfect their preparation for worthily receiving the Redeemer on the day of His appearing to the world.”

FROM “THE LITURGICAL YEAR”
BY THE VERY REV. DOM PROSPER GUÉRANGER

