



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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**To preserve the Sacramental Seal
please leave phones outside
of the confessional.**



**Come join St. Mary Oratory for the
Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
celebration!**

Sunday, December 10, from
12:30pm - 4:00pm at OLSHA
(Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Academy
3445 Elmwood Rd. 61101)

There will be piñatas and Mexican entertainment.
Children are encouraged to bring a rose for Mary
and dress up in traditional Mexican garb.

**Tickets on sale Sunday after Mass on
November 26, & December 3.**

\$5 per person
\$25 per family

(children 7 and under get in free!)

Proceeds go to St. Mary's Restoration Project.

**Please sign up on the email link
if you can attend!**

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**2024 Mass Intention Book
opens Monday, December 4,
during office hours.**

**Five Mass Intentions
per family**

to allow everyone an opportunity
to have Masses offered
for their loved ones.

*Please have your intentions and stipend
prepared before bringing them to the office.*

Remember, dates and times
cannot be guaranteed.

Rev. Canon John O'Connor

Saint Mary Oratory

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday:
9:00am - 2:00pm
Friday - Sunday &
Holy Days: CLOSED

GROTTO HOURS

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

MASS SCHEDULE

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

CONFESSIONS

Monday &
Wednesday-Friday:
11:15am-11:45am
Saturday: after 8:00am Mass
Sunday: 7:15am & 9:45am

**OTHER SACRAMENTS
& ALL APPOINTMENT**

**PLEASE CONTACT
THE OFFICE**

**For baptisms, please contact
the office a month before the
baby is due. Baptisms should
be done within 1 to 3 weeks
after the baby is born*

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY..... **CONFIRMATION CLASS** after 8am Mass
in St. Joseph Hall

Mon Dec 4..... **MASS INTENTION** book opens
(during office hours)

**Fri Dec 8.....FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE
CONCEPTION (Holy Day of Obligation)**
6:30am Low Mass & 6pm High Mass

Sat Dec 9.....**MARIA AUXILIUM CHRISTIANORUM**
prayer group after 8am Mass (in the church)

Sun Dec 10.....**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS**
after 8am Mass in St. Joseph Hall

Sun Dec 10.....**FEAST OF GUADALUPE ORATORY
PARTY** at OLSHA

Tue Dec 12.....FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
10:30am High Mass, no confessions

Sat. Dec 16.....**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to set up
St. Joseph Hall

Sat Dec 16.....**ALTAR SERVER PRACTICE**
from 9am to 10am in the church

Mon Dec 25.....CHRISTMAS DAY MASS SCHEDULE:
Midnight Mass, Low Mass at 9:00am
& 10:30am, no confessions

Dec 26 - 29.....**LOW MASS AT NOON**

**MARIA AUXILIUM CHRISTIANORUM
PRAYER GROUP,**

is meeting Saturday, December 9,
after the 8am Mass in the church,
to pray for the conversion of children,
relatives or friends who have
left the church or lost the faith,
under the mantle of:
“**MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS**”.



Everyone is welcome to join us!

WEEKLY COLLECTION GOAL: \$8,022

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION:

TOTAL: \$7,892

ACTUAL - FISCAL YTD: \$131,627

GOAL - FISCAL YTD: \$176,484

MAY GOD REWARD YOUR GENEROSITY!

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

First Sunday of Advent

Rylee Matson, Birthday

Rebecca Whittet, RIP

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

St. Peter Chrysologus

Susan & Joseph Nicoloff, Birthday

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

Feria / St. Sabbas

Justin Schneider

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 6

St. Nicholas

Gloria Bonilla

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

St. Ambrose

Ami Nicosia, RIP

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Cris Mata

Robert A. Setele

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

Feria

Rev. Patrick Bird

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

Second Sunday of Advent

Theodore Veitch

Nelson Children

**Mass times are on the front cover and
changes are under "Upcoming Events"**

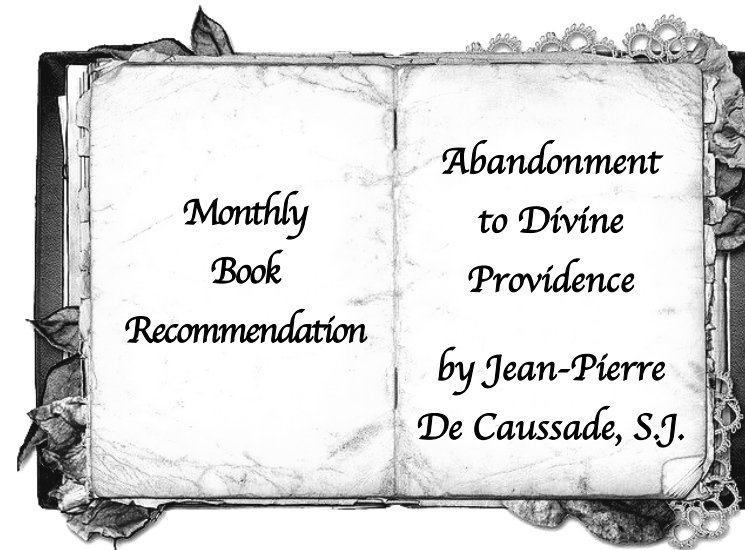


We are very grateful to Mr. Daniel Lyter for his direction of the choir over the past two years. As of January 1, Mr. Lyter will be stepping aside from his position as director and Ms. Mariah Erhke will be taking the position as new choir director.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“The whole world is in expectation of its Redeemer; come, dear Jesus, show Thyself to it by granting it salvation. The Church, Thy bride, is now commencing another year, and her first word is to Thee, a word which she speaks in the anxious solicitude of a mother for the safety of her children; she cries out to Thee, saying: ‘Come!’ No, we will go no farther in our journey through the desert of this life without Thee, O Jesus! Time is passing quickly away from us; our day is perhaps far spent, and the shades of our life’s night are fast coming on; arise, O divine Sun of justice. Come! guide our steps and save us from eternal death.”

From: *The Liturgical Year* by
Dom Guéranger



Monthly Book Recommendation
Abandonment to Divine Providence
by Jean-Pierre De Caussade, S.J.

Catechism Corner

The Sacramentals

Lesson 36 from the Baltimore Catechism 469. What are sacramentals?

Sacramentals are holy things or actions of which the Church makes use to obtain for us from God, through her intercession, spiritual and temporal favors.

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that those who believe in him may not perish, but may have life everlasting. (John 3:14-15)

470. How do the sacramentals obtain favors from God?

The sacramentals obtain favors from God through the prayers of the Church offered for those who make use of them, and through the devotion they inspire.

471. What are the chief benefits obtained by the use of the sacramentals?

The chief benefits obtained by the use of the sacramentals are: actual graces; the forgiveness of venial sins; the remission of temporal punishment; health of body and material blessings; protection from evil spirits.

472. Which are the chief kinds of sacramentals?

The chief kinds of sacramentals are: blessings given by priests and bishops; exorcisms against evil spirits; blessed objects of devotion.

473. Which are the blessed objects of devotion most used by Catholics?

The blessed objects of devotion most used by Catholics are: holy water, candles, ashes, palms, crucifixes, medals, rosaries, scapulars, and images of Our Lord, the Blessed Virgin, and the saints.

And the whole multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense. (Luke 1:10)

474. How should we make use of sacramentals?
We should make use of the sacramentals with faith and devotion, and never make them objects of superstition.