



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.



Please join St. Mary Oratory for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration!
TODAY, 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.

Hope to see you there!

Our very first "restaurant night fundraiser" at Sam's Ristorante & Pizzeria generated \$150.00! Thank you for your continued help and support to restore Saint Mary Oratory!

For homebound or sick calls, please contact the office so we can schedule a time for Canon to visit.

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2024 Mass Intention Book is now open 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

Our Lady of Guadalupe
December 12

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY.....**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS**
after 8am Mass in St. Joseph Hall

TODAY.....**FEAST OF GUADALUPE ORATORY PARTY** at OLSHA

Mon Dec 11.....**ST. MARY'S PRO-LIFE GROUP**
 day to pray at the abortion clinic

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 *from 9am to 12:30pm*

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
Low Mass at 10:30am
no confessions

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

Mon Dec 28.....**ST. MARY'S PRO-LIFE GROUP**
 day to pray at the abortion clinic

A parishioner of St. Mary Oratory is maintaining a prayer chain.

If you would like to join this list, please email:

stmaryrockford@institute-christ-king.org and we will forward your request.



Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

Second Sunday of Advent
Theodore Veitch
Nelson Children

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

St. Damasus
Brian & Edwina Elder, Anniversary
& Kevin Elder, Birthday

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

Feria/ Our Lady of Guadalupe
Nick & Virginia Pellonari, RIP

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 13

St. Lucy
Shirley Hess, RIP

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

Feria
Francesca Williams

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

Feria
Catherine Williams

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

St. Eusebius
John Williams

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

Third Sunday of Advent "Guaedete Sunday"
Petra Rodriguez, RIP
Richard Bird, RIP

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

ALTAR SERVER PRACTICE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16,
from 9am to 10am.
All boys, new and experienced, are encouraged to attend.

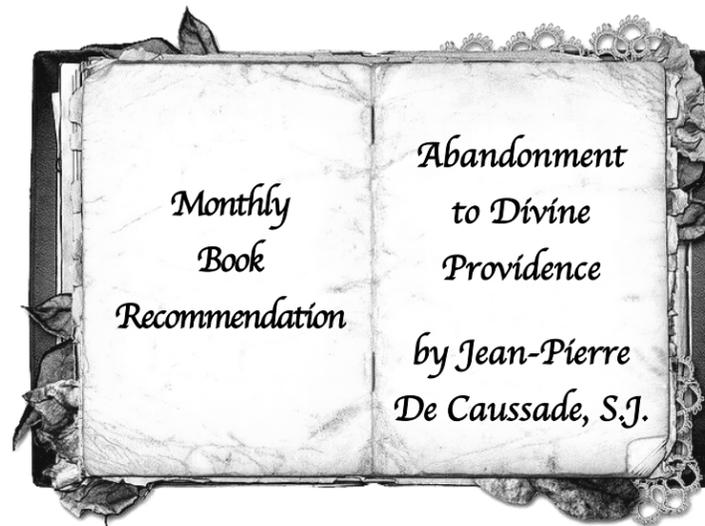


SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Come then, O Messiah, and restore to the world its primitive peace; but remember, we beseech Thee, that it is in the heart of man that harmony has been broken more than elsewhere in Thy creation: cure this heart, enter into possession of this Jerusalem, which Thou lovest, though so unworthy: she has been too long captive in Babylon; lead her out of this strange land. Build up her temple again, and make the glory of this second temple to be greater than that of the first, by having Thee to dwell in it, not in figure, but in the reality of Thy adorable Person. The angel said to Mary: 'The Lord God shall give unto thy Son the throne of David His father; and He shall reign in the house of Jacob for ever; and of His kingdom there shall be no end.' What can we do, O Jesus, but say with Thy beloved disciple, at the close of his prophecy: 'Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!'"

From: "*The Liturgical Year*"

by Dom Guéranger



Catechism Corner

PRAYER

Lesson 37 from the Baltimore Catechism

475. What is prayer?

Prayer is the lifting up of our minds and hearts to God.

Let us lift up our hearts with our hands to the Lord in the heavens. (Lamentations 3:41)

476. Why do we pray?

We pray:

to adore God, expressing to Him our love and loyalty;

to thank Him for His favors;

to obtain from Him the pardon of our sins and the remission of their punishment;

to ask for graces and blessings for ourselves and others.

Watch and pray, that you may not enter into temptation. (Matthew 26:41)

477. How should we pray?

We should pray:

with attention;

with a conviction of our own helplessness and our dependence upon God;

with a great desire for the graces we beg of Him;

with loving trust in His goodness;

with perseverance.

And all things whatever you ask for in prayer, believing, you shall receive. (Matthew 21:22)

478. For whom should we pray?

We should pray especially for ourselves, for our parents, relatives, friends, and enemies, for sinners, for the souls in purgatory, for the Pope, bishops, and priests of the Church, and for the officials of our country.

But I say to you, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who persecute and calumniate you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:44-45)

479. How do we know that God always hears our prayers if we pray properly?

We know that God always hears our prayers if we pray properly because Our Lord has promised: "If you ask the Father anything in My name, He will give it to you."

And whatever you ask in my name, that I will do, in order that the Father may be glorified in the Son. (John 14:13)

480. Why do we not always obtain what we pray for?

We do not always obtain what we pray for, either because we have not prayed properly or because God sees that what we are asking would not be for our good.

You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it upon your passions. (James 4:3)

WEEKLY COLLECTION GOAL: \$8,022

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION:

TOTAL: \$8,156

ACTUAL - FISCAL YTD: \$139,783

GOAL - FISCAL YTD: \$184,506

MAY GOD REWARD YOUR GENEROSITY!