



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.

*“Veritatem
Facientes
In Caritate”*

(Live the Truth in Charity)



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so we can schedule a time
for Canon to visit.*



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



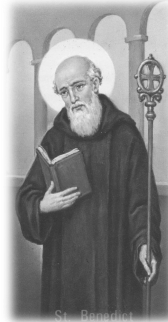
EASTER SUNDAY FAMILY STROLL after both Masses

You are invited to join us in the north garden for a family stroll in celebration of Christ's resurrection!

*To add to the joy, there will be
treats for the children.*



By virtue of St. Benedict being a patron of the Institute, a plenary indulgence may be obtained under the usual conditions by assisting at Holy Mass on his feast, March 21st, at any of the Institute's apostolates. To obtain the plenary indulgence: go to confession within several days, receive Holy Communion, pray for the intentions of the Pope, & have no attachment to sin.



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

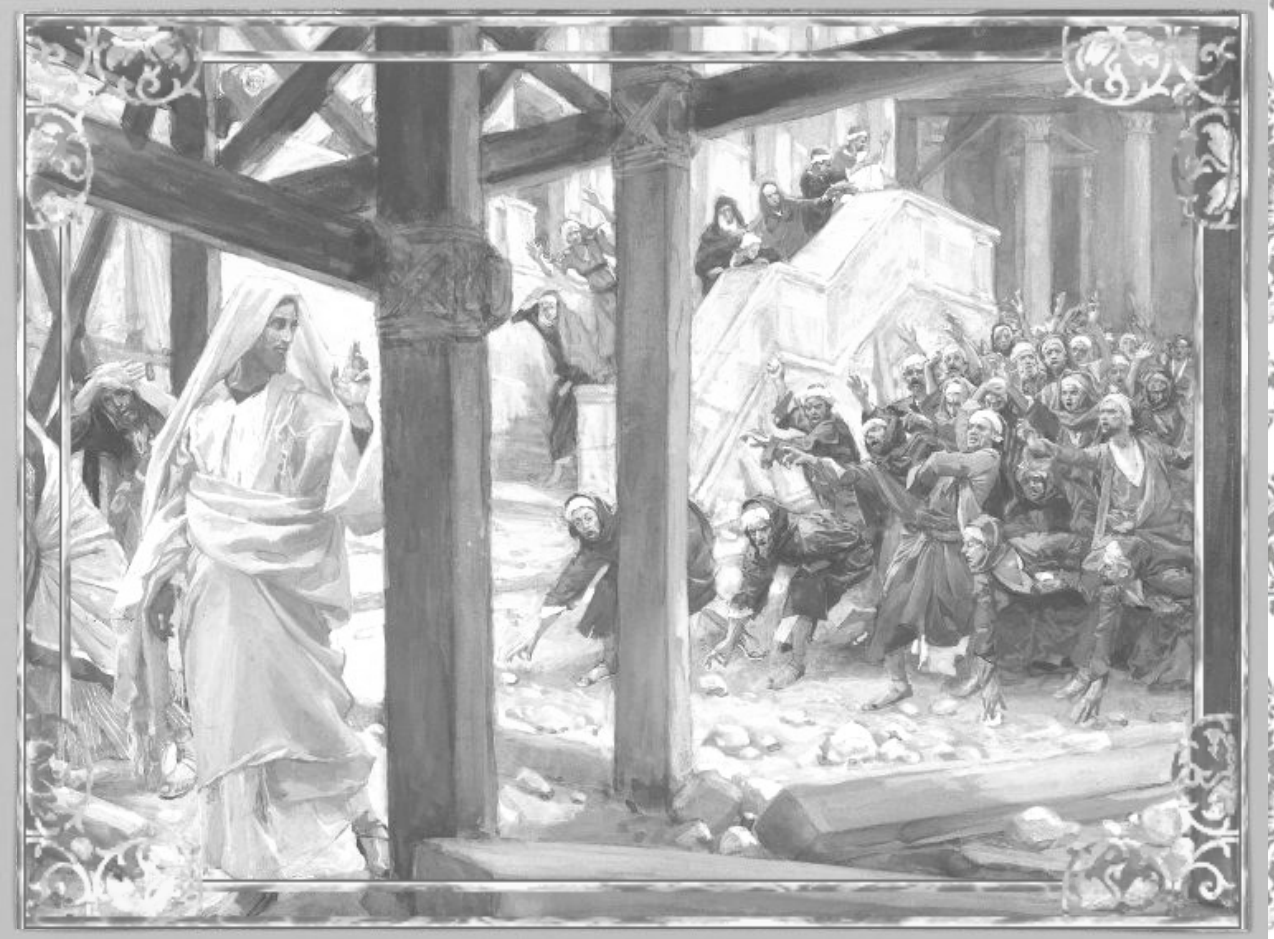
*If you would like to join this list or
have a prayer petition, please email:*

stmaryrockford@institute-christ-king.org

and we will forward your request.



PLEASE JOIN US THIS
LENT FOR
HOLY HOUR
ON FRIDAYS (except Good Friday)
FROM 6:00PM - 7:00PM



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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

Every Friday during Lent:
Holy Hour 6pm - 7 pm

Wed Mar 20 - BE RECONCILED DAY

Three confession times:

8-9am, 11:15-11:45am, & 5-6pm

Sun Mar 24 - No Altar Server practice

(unless you are on the Triduum Schedule)

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

Holy Thursday - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER at 6pm followed by Exposition at the Altar of Repose

No confessions

Good Friday - SOLEMN MASS

OF THE PRE-SANCTIFIED

at 12pm followed by confessions

Holy Saturday - EASTER VIGIL at 5pm

No confessions

Easter Sunday - LOW MASS at 8am,

HIGH MASS at 10:30am

Sun Mar 31 - Easter Sunday Family Stroll

in the North Garden after both Masses

EASTER WEEK

Mon Apr 1 - Fri Apr 5 - confessions at 11:15am

followed by **High Mass** at noon

Sun Apr 7 - Confirmation class

in the hall 9:30am to 10:30am

Mon Apr 8 - St. Mary Oratory's Day

to pray at the abortion clinic

Sat Apr 13 - Maria Auxilium Christianorum

group meeting after 8am Mass

Sun Apr 14 - Confirmation class

in the hall 9:30am to 10:30am

Mon Apr 25 - St. Mary Oratory's Day

to pray at the abortion clinic

Sun Apr 28 - Altar Server practice

in the Church 9:30am to 10:30am

Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

Passion Sunday

Bratt & Feehan Deceased Family Members

Phyllis Monty, RIP

MONDAY, MARCH 18

Feria/ St. Cyril

Special Intention

TUESDAY, MARCH 19 (Mass with organ)

St. Joseph

Mary E. Wolfe, RIP

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

Feria

Luke Lyter

THURSDAY, MARCH 21 (Mass with organ)

St. Benedict

Alexandra Klimczak

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

Feria

Mark Chambers Family

SATURDAY, MARCH 23

Feria

John Ryan Jr. Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 24

Palm Sunday

Judy Blackford, RIP

Fred Armstrong, RIP

The office is closed

Thursday, March 28 — Friday, April 5.

Standard office hours will resume Monday, April 8.

WEEKLY COLLECTION GOAL: \$8,022

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION:

TOTAL: \$5,534

ACTUAL - FISCAL YTD: \$233,666

GOAL - FISCAL YTD: \$296,814

MAY GOD REWARD YOUR GENEROSITY!

PASSION SUNDAY

“Everything around us urges us to mourn. The images of the saints, the very crucifix on our altar, are veiled from our sight. The Church is oppressed with grief.

During the first four weeks of Lent, she compassionated her Jesus fasting in the desert; His coming sufferings and crucifixion and death are what now fill her with anguish. We read in to-day's Gospel, that the Jews threaten to stone the Son of God as a blasphemer: but His hour is not yet come. He is obliged to flee and hide Himself. It is to express this deep humiliation, that the Church veils the cross. A God hiding Himself, that He may evade the anger of men - what a mystery! Is it weakness? Is it, that He fears death? No; we shall soon see Him going out to meet His enemies: but at present He hides Himself from them, because all that had been prophesied regarding Him has not been fulfilled. Besides, His death is not to be by stoning: He is to die upon a cross, the tree of malediction, which, from that time forward, is to be the tree of life. Let us humble ourselves, as we see the Creator of heaven and earth thus obliged to hide Himself from men, who are bent on His destruction! Let us go back, in thought, to the sad day of the first sin, when Adam and Eve hid themselves because a guilty conscience told them they were naked. Jesus has come to assure us of our being pardoned, and lo! He hides Himself, not because He is naked - He that is to the saints the garb of holiness and immortality - but because He made Himself weak, that He might make us strong. Our first parents sought to hide themselves from the sight of God; Jesus hides Himself from the eye of men. But it will not be thus for ever. The day will come when sinners, from whose anger He now flees, will pray to the mountains to fall on them and shield them from His gaze; but their prayer will not be granted, and they shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven, with much power and majesty “

FROM: THE LITURGICAL YEAR

BY THE VERY REV. DOM PROSPER GUÉRANGER,
ABBOT OF SOLESMES

THE COMPENDIUM

CREDO

**Part One-The Profession of Faith
-Section Two**

CHAPTER ONE

“I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.”

36. Why does the Profession of Faith begin with the words, “I believe in God”?

The Profession of Faith begins with these words because the affirmation “I believe in God” is the most important, the source of all the other truths about man and about the world, and about the entire life of everyone who believes in God.

37. Why does one profess belief that there is only one God?

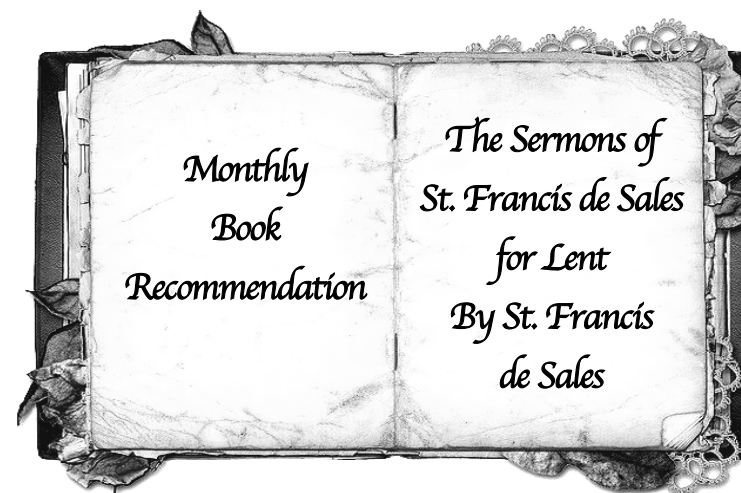
Belief in the one God is professed because he has revealed himself to the people of Israel as the only One when he said, “Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord” (Deuteronomy 6:4) and “there is no other” (Isaiah 45:22). Jesus himself confirmed that God is “the one Lord” (Mark 12:29). To confess that Jesus and the Holy Spirit are also God and Lord does not introduce any division into the one God.

38. With what name does God reveal Himself? God revealed himself to Moses as the living God, “the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob” (Exodus 3:6). God also revealed to Moses his mysterious name “I Am Who I Am (YHWH)”. Already in Old Testament times this ineffable name of God was replaced by the divine title Lord. Thus in the New Testament, Jesus who was called Lord is seen as true God.

39. Is God the only One who “is”? Since creatures have received everything they are and have from God, only God in himself is the fullness of being and of every perfection. God is “He who is” without origin and without end. Jesus also reveals that he bears the divine name “I Am” (John 8:28).

40. Why is the revelation of God's name important? In revealing his name, God makes known the riches contained in the ineffable mystery of his being. He alone is from everlasting to everlasting. He is the One who transcends the world and history. It is he who made heaven and earth. He is the faithful God, always close to his people, in order to save them. He is the highest holiness, “rich in mercy” (Ephesians 2:4), always ready to forgive. He is the One who is spiritual, transcendent, omnipotent, eternal, personal, and perfect. He is truth and love.

“God is the infinitely perfect being who is the most Holy Trinity.” (Saint Turibius of Montenegro)



2024 First Holy Communion classes have concluded!

*Please contact the office
(after Easter Week)
to schedule your child's 30-minute
meeting with Canon O'Connor.*

