

**FEBRUARY 26, 2023**

*FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT*

# ST. FRANCIS DE SALES ORATORY



## ORATORY CLERGY:

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## ORATORY STAFF:

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Office Administrator

Mr. James Marck  
Director of Sacred Music

"...Although we may be able to do but little, the enemy nevertheless stands more in awe of those whom he knows can fast." - **St. Francis de Sales**

## HOLY MASS SCHEDULE:

### Sunday Schedule

Mass 8:00am and 10:30am

### Monday - Saturday

Mass 8:00am

### Tuesday

Mass 6:30pm

### Mon. Wed. Thurs. Fri.

Mass 12:15pm

### First Fridays

Mass 6:30pm

## Holy Days of Obligation

Please consult the bulletin

## SACRED DEVOTIONS:

### Mother of Perpetual Help

Tuesday 8:00am & 6:30pm

### Adoration

Thursday 6:30pm

## CONFESSIONS:

30 minutes before all Masses



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## LITURGICAL CALENDAR

### MASS INTENTIONS:

**Sunday, February 26**

**First Sunday of Lent, 1st Class**

8:00am Low Mass - Br. Christopher Maria

10:30am Solemn Mass - Ines de Erausquin

**Monday, February 27**

**Feria of Lent, 3rd Class**

8:00am Low Mass - Hannah Serafino

12:15pm Low Mass - Greg Francis †

**Tuesday, February 28**

**Feria of Lent, 3rd Class**

8:00am Low Mass - Joan Koman †

6:30pm Low Mass - Benefactors & Restoration

**Wednesday, March 1**

**Ember Wednesday of Lent, 2nd Class**

8:00am Low Mass - Stefan Petrasko †

12:15pm Low Mass - Mark & Valerie Serafino and

Kate Angeli

**Thursday, March 2**

**Votive Mass of Jesus Christ**

**Eternal Sovereign Priest**

8:00am Low Mass - Msgr. Gilles Wach

12:15pm Low Mass - John Connors

6:30pm Adoration

**Friday, March 3**

**Ember Friday of Lent, 2nd Class**

8:00am Low Mass - Cecilia Rose Burns

12:15pm Low Mass - Karl Daniel Raszewski

6:30pm Solemn Mass - Evelyn Mae Keller †

**Saturday, March 4**

**Ember Saturday of Lent, 2nd Class**

8:00am Low Mass - Carrie Archval

**Sunday, March 5**

**Second Sunday of Lent, 1st Class**

8:00am Low Mass - The Brennan Family

10:30am Solemn Mass - Joan Wessel & Family

### SERVER SCHEDULE

**Sunday, February 26**

8:00am Low Mass

Acolytes: Alex Vega, Michael Podesta

10:30am Solemn Mass

Master of Ceremonies: Michael Ruggiero

Thurifer: Gilbert Repunte

Acolyte 1: John Paul Davidson

Acolyte 2: Gabriel Davidson

Choir Master of Ceremonies: Sam Huber

Crucifer: Trent Hickey

Torchbearers: Charles LeBlanc, William Cassibry, Peter

Grgurich, Thomas Schuepfer, Benjamin Lowe, Patrick

Schuepfer

**Thursday, March 2**

6:30pm Adoration

Master of Ceremonies: Liam Aufmuth

Thurifer: Gabriel Ruggiero

Acolyte 1: Roland Purgahn

Acolyte 2: Rafe Daub

Torchbearers: Gus Pekny, Finn Daub

**Friday, March 3**

6:30pm Solemn Mass

Master of Ceremonies: Raphael VandenBergh

Thurifer: Abbé Mark Halisky

Acolyte 1: Elias Johnson

Acolyte 2: Mark Stamos

Choir Master of Ceremonies: Salvatore Vitellaro

Crucifer: Luke Ball

Torchbearers: Emil Johnson, Joseph McDonald,

Dominic Ruggiero Joseph Shany, Gabriel Davidson,

Vinnie Pekny

**Sunday, March 5**

8:00am Low Mass

Acolytes: Joel Miller, Sam Willie

10:30am Solemn Mass

Master of Ceremonies: Gabriel Ruggiero

Thurifer: Cameron Toal

Acolyte 1: Dominic Ruggiero

Acolyte 2: Charles LeBlanc

Choir Master of Ceremonies: Louis VandenBergh

Crucifer: John Paul Davidson

Torchbearers: Tommy Daub, Campion Purgahn, Rocco

Cortese, Patrick Daub, Lawrence Schuepfer, John

Schuepfer



## NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 1, 3 & 4 EMBER DAYS

MARCH 3: FIRST FRIDAY

MARCH 3: STATIONS AT 5:30PM FRIDAY

MARCH 7: FEAST OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

MARCH 20: FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH (TRANSFERRED)

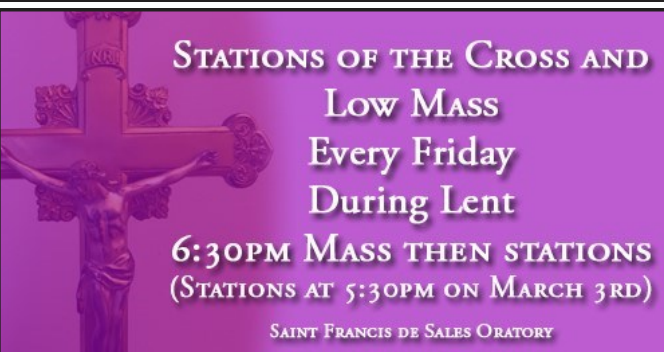
MARCH 21: FEAST OF ST. BENEDICT

MARCH 25: THE ANNUNCIATION

APRIL 2: PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 9: EASTER SUNDAY

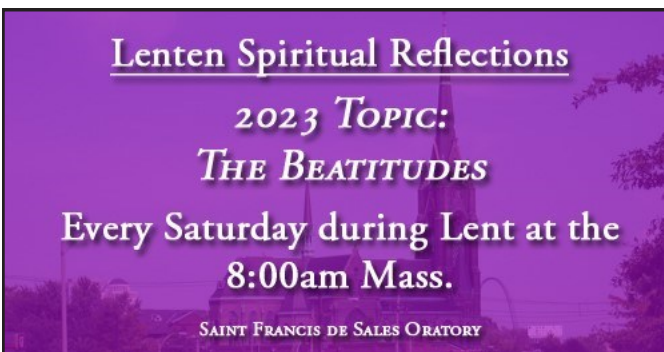
MAY 14: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



STATIONS OF THE CROSS AND  
LOW MASS  
Every Friday  
During Lent  
6:30PM MASS THEN STATIONS  
(STATIONS AT 5:30PM ON MARCH 3RD)  
SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES ORATORY



SOLEMN VESPERS  
AND  
BENEDICTION  
FEB. 26TH AT 6:00PM  
SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES ORATORY



Lenten Spiritual Reflections  
2023 TOPIC:  
THE BEATITUDES  
Every Saturday during Lent at the  
8:00am Mass.  
SAINT FRANCIS DE SALES ORATORY

## PLENARY INDULGENCES

The Institute of Christ the King recognizes the importance of a deep harmony between faith, liturgy, life, and the power of beauty in attracting the human senses to the things above, an integral part of the Institute's charism is the calibration of the liturgy according to the *usus antiquior* of the Roman Rite, with the liturgical books of 1962 being normative. Great care for a solemn liturgy, complete fidelity to the doctrine of the Church and the Holy Father, and awareness of the central role of Grace, especially Charity — these are essential elements of the Institute's spirituality, which is drawn from its three co-patrons, St. Benedict, St. Thomas Aquinas, and St. Francis de Sales. March is the month that two of our principal co-patrons have feast days. The Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas is on Monday, March 7 and the Feast of St. Benedict is on Monday, March 21. Please remember the Institute in prayer, especially on these days. A Plenary Indulgence may be obtained by the faithful who assist at Mass at an Institute church or chapel on this feast day (the usual conditions apply.)

## PLENARY INDULGENCE

FEAST OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

MARCH 7TH

Masses at:

8:00 AM

6:30 PM Solemn Mass



ST. FRANCIS DE SALES ORATORY





## AN EASY WAY TO DONATE

There is now a new and simple way to make donations securely online by using your cell phone. Open the camera function on your phone and place the screen over the QR Code below. A window banner will appear at the top from [eservicepayments.com](http://eservicepayments.com) and then follow the prompts to donate to the Oratory's general fund or restoration fund. You will also have the option to donate to the U.S. Provincial Headquarters in Chicago to support the work and mission in the USA.

If you have any questions please contact the rectory office.



Thank you very much for your charitable generosity.

## PROVINCIAL APPEAL 2023

### 2nd COLLECTION TODAY

Do you *value* what the Institute of Christ the King is doing in the Church today?

**This Lent**, consider making a sacrifice of **\$80, just two dollars a day during these 40 days** to help the Institute continue its work for the salvation of souls.

On **Sunday, February 26**, there will be a special second collection for this appeal **to help the Institute grow in the USA.**

This Lent, you can make a difference in the Church today by donating to the people and the places that work to restore Catholic life and culture in America.

**Thank you for your generous support!** May Christ our King reward you eternally.



## PLANNED GIVING

Please remember St. Francis de Sales Oratory in your Will or Living Trust. An appropriate Will or Trust provision would be:

**"I give \_\_\_\_\_ to The Friends of St. Francis de Sales Oratory, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri, for the Oratory's unrestricted use."**

## INSURANCE ASSESSMENT

The Oratory's biggest annual financial obligation continues to be that of our property and liability insurance assessed by the Archdiocese of Saint Louis.

Our **2022-2023** insurance assessment is **\$103,356.00**. We are relying on your continuous prayers and generous donations which you exercise by using your insurance envelope.

**Please help us off set this cost by donating today. Thank you very much!**

### STEWARDSHIP

JULY 2022 - JUNE 2023

**WEEKLY COLLECTION GOAL: \$10,500.00**

**ORATORY FAMILIES: 427**

**FEBRUARY 12**

LOOSE:	\$3,480.00
ENVELOPES:	\$9,495.31
ONLINE DONATIONS	\$517.73
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$13,493.04</b>

YTD STEWARDSHIP GOAL:	\$346,500.00
YTD STEWARDSHIP:	\$559,043.58
YTD SURPLUS/DEFICIT:	<b>\$212,543.58</b>

ARCHDIOCESAN  
INSURANCE ASSESSMENT  
2022-2023

**\$103,356.00**

**\$8,613.00 A MONTH    \$2,153.25 PER WEEKEND**



ASH WEDNESDAY 2023





## WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Dear SFDS Family,

Our Oratory home needs some repairs completed. There are several "projects" here at the Oratory that need our attention. We are looking for a variety of helpers to assist us in our efforts to improve our beautiful church. We have many different needs and we can find a project that best matches your skills and time available.

Below is a brief list of what we're looking for.

Project Managers

Property Managers

Painters

Electricians

Carpenters

Plumbers

Cleaners / Helpers

Financial Helpers / Donors

If you're interested in helping out and supporting our effort please call or text Mike Rapp @ 314-884-2368.

## EMBER DAYS

The Ember Days take place this Wednesday, March 1, Friday, March 3rd and Saturday, March 4th. These days are traditionally days of fasting and abstinence. Though the current Code of Canon Law does not demand that we fast, we are still encouraged to do so. Monsignor Wach has repeatedly encouraged the Institute canons and oblates to fast for the benefit of Holy Mother Church in these trying times.

Therefore, members of the faithful wishing to join the St. Francis de Sales Oratory cleric community in fasting (2 small snacks and 1 meatless meal) these three days, may sign up at the appointed table in the Oratory basement after both the 8am and 10:30am Masses TODAY.

The Oratory community will say their rosary for your intentions these days as well.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023

First Holy Communion for children of the Oratory will take place during the 10:30am Mass on Mother's Day, May 14, 2023.

If you would like your child to receive First Holy Communion, please inform the rectory office at: (314) 771-3100 by March 31, 2023.

## ICON ART CLASS

TEENS and older, men and women. Do you want to preserve a favorite religious art print on wood to last a long time? Show up and learn. Classes forming for Oratory members. Call Patricia C. Cornell for information 314 346 5495



## NOTE FROM MUSIC DIRECTOR FOR THE FIRST SUNDAY OF QUADRAGESIMA

Next time you are at the communion rail you may observe the following words from Psalm 90, found on the sanctuary floor:

*Super aspidem et basilicum ambulabis,  
et conculcabis leonem et draconem.*

### TRANSLATION:

Upon the asp and basilisk shalt thou tread,  
and thou shalt trample upon the lion and dragon.

Today, for the first Sunday of Quadragesima, the schola will sing these words as they appear in the ninth verse of the *tract*, the chant which immediately precedes the Gospel. This tract is only sung once a year, the First Sunday of Lent. Praise God for such a profound confluence of architecture and of music for the edification of the faithful!



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**COFFEE & DONUT HOUR**

Sunday, February 26: Chris Lowe

March 5: Patrick Daub

March 12: Mark Everetts



**ASIAN CUISINE LUNCH AND  
DINNER**

Soulard Farmer's Market  
730 Carroll Street

Sat. 7am - 5pm / Wed. thru Fri. 10am - 4pm

Booths # 85 and 86

**ORATORY CLEANING**

Sunday, February 26: St. Martha

March 5: St. Veronica

March 12: St. Benedict

**SUNDAY ROSARY LEADERS**

February 26: Patrick Daub

March 5: Chuck Brandwein

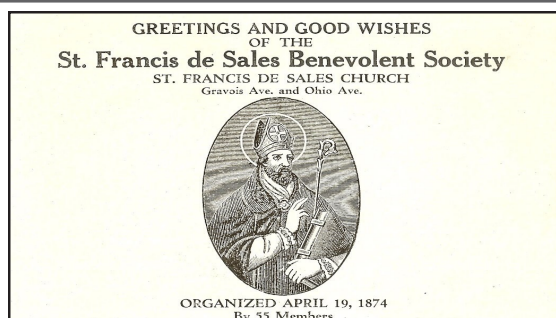
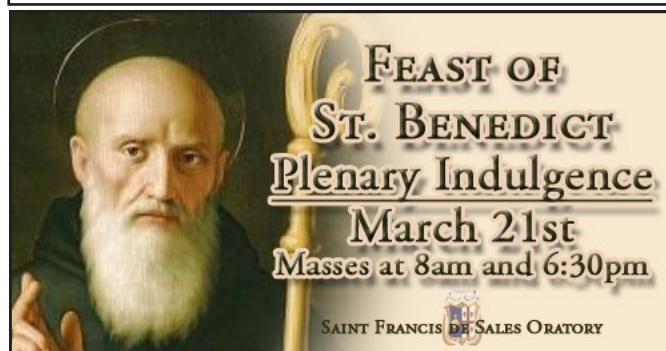
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**KEEP MISSOURI PRO-LIFE!**

**Wednesday, March 8th**

Action Day is Wednesday, March 8, at the State Capitol in Jefferson City. Meet your legislators and join the noon rally with former Congresswoman Vicki Hartzler. Registration begins at 10:00 AM. Buses are available from several locations in the St. Louis area. Wear red for life. Sign up on line at [www.easternregionmrl.org/actionday](http://www.easternregionmrl.org/actionday) or call Missouri Right to Life at 314-434-4900.



**BENEVOLENT SOCIETY**

The Benevolent Society is a Catholic Men's organization that was founded in the early years of St. Francis de Sales church for the financial help of its members in time of need. For more information on this charitable and friendly group, please contact:

Mr. Wally Feld at [wfeld@charter.net](mailto:wfeld@charter.net)

# TO ALL OUR GUESTS...

Canon Coggeshall and the faithful of St. Francis de Sales Oratory welcome you, and hope that your time in the "Cathedral of South St. Louis" may be an opportunity to share in the tradition of the Roman Catholic Faith.

Please enjoy the beauty of this building dedicated to St. Francis de Sales, co-patron of the  
INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST.

According to liturgical tradition, and the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, Holy Communion is received kneeling and on the tongue. All visitors who are not of the Catholic faith are welcome to join us in prayer, but are requested not to receive Holy Communion. Because the reception of Holy Communion is the sign of Divine and Ecclesial unity, only practicing Catholics who are free of mortal sin, and in full communion with the Catholic Church should present themselves for Holy Communion.

We pray for the full visible unity among all Christians.

To receive more information about the Oratory or if you desire to become a member of the Catholic Church, contact the rectory. St. Francis de Sales Oratory is an Oratory of the INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST in the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

All contributions to the Oratory are sincerely appreciated and are tax deductible.

## ST. FRANCIS DE SALES ORATORY INFORMATION:

### INFANT BAPTISM:

Parents requesting Baptism must be active registered members of the Oratory.

### 1ST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION:

For instructions please contact the Rectory.

### HOLY MATRIMONY:

Couples planning to marry at the Oratory must call the rectory for the proper instructions.

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Members facing surgery, serious illness, or even death may call (314) 771-3100.

### TOURS:

Stained Glass Window Tours are given on the first Sunday of the month after the 10:30am Mass.

### ORATORY RECTORY:

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