



### 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.

GOING FORWARD,  
IF YOU HAPPEN  
TO MISS THE COLLECTION,  
PLEASE PLACE YOUR CASH  
OR CHECK CONTRIBUTION  
IN ANY OF THE DONATION BOXES.  
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COOPERATION  
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please contact the office  
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for Canon to visit.*



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



*“Jesus saith to him,  
Because thou hast seen  
Me, Thomas, thou  
hast believed: blessed  
are they that have not  
seen, and have be-  
lieved.”*



*Feast  
of the  
Annunciation  
April 8*

## 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

### 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 - Good Shepherd Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Institute Seminary

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

## INSTITUTE SEMINARY COLLECTION

The semi-annual Institute of Christ the King seminary collection is on April 14, Good Shepherd Sunday.

Please use the special envelopes in the pews for this important cause.

Thank you for supporting this crucial endeavor to continue forming priests for Holy Mother Church!



## Mass Intentions

### SUNDAY, APRIL 7

*Sunday in Albis*  
Mildred Gibbs, RIP  
Msgr. Wach

### MONDAY, APRIL 8 (Mass with organ)

*Annunciation*  
Brenner Family

### TUESDAY, APRIL 9

*Feria*  
Peggy Romanek, RIP

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

*Feria*  
Aurora Mata, RIP

### THURSDAY, APRIL 11

*St. Leo the Great*  
Pat Adas Sr., RIP

### FRIDAY, APRIL 12

*Feria*  
Nolan Adas & Lucas Abele

### SATURDAY, APRIL 13

*St. Hermenegild*  
George Wesdell, RIP

### SUNDAY, APRIL 14

*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Easter/ Good Shepherd Sunday*  
Richard & Jeanette O'Connor, RIP  
Canon John O'Connor & the O'Connor Family

## Low Sunday

"The first Sunday after Easter, commonly called with us Low Sunday, has two names assigned to it in the Liturgy: Quasimodo, from the first word of the Introit; and Sunday in albis (or, more explicitly, in albis depositis), because on this day the neophytes assisted at the Church services attired in their ordinary dress. In the Middle-Ages it was called Close-Pasch, no doubt in allusion to its being the last day of the Easter Octave. Such is the solemnity of this Sunday that not only is it of Greater Double rite, but no feast, however great, can ever be kept upon it. At Rome, the Station is in the basilica of St. Pancras, on the Aurelian Way. Ancient writers have not mentioned the reason of this Church being chosen for today's assembly of the faithful. It may, perhaps, have been on account of the saint's being only fourteen years old when put to death: a circumstance which gave the young martyr a sort of right to have the neophytes round him, now that they were returning to their everyday life."

FROM: THE LITURGICAL YEAR  
BY THE VERY REV. DOM PROSPER GUÉRANGER

## MARIA AUXILIUM CHRISTIANORUM PRAYER GROUP

is meeting Saturday, April 13, after the 8am Mass in the church hall, 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!*



Monthly  
Book  
Recommendation

Catholic Mom  
Calm: Six Steps to  
Calm the Chaos of  
Everyday Life

by Sterling  
Jaquith



Our Change for Life campaign to benefit The Pregnancy Care Center of Rockford has come to an end, and your baby bottles should be returned to church as soon as possible. If you weren't able to collect much change, dollar bills and checks are fine, too! Other churches will be using the baby bottles, so your timely return is most appreciated. Thank you on behalf of all the moms and babies who will benefit from your generosity!

## 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."*

50. What does it mean to say that God is almighty? God reveals himself as "the strong One, the mighty One" (Psalm 24:8), as the One "to whom nothing is impossible" (Luke 1:37). His omnipotence is universal, mysterious and shows itself in the creation of the world out of nothing and humanity out of love; but above all it shows itself in the Incarnation and the Resurrection of his Son, in the gift of filial adoption and in the forgiveness of sins. For this reason, the Church directs her prayers to the "almighty and eternal God" ("Omnipotens sempiternus Deus...").

51. What is the importance of affirming "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth" (Genesis 1:1)?

The significance is that creation is the foundation of all God's saving plans. It shows forth the almighty and wise love of God, and it is the first step toward the covenant of the one God with his people. It is the beginning of the history of salvation which culminates in Christ; and it is the first answer to our fundamental questions regarding our very origin and destiny.

52. Who created the world?

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are the one and indivisible principle of creation even though the work of creating the world is particularly attributed to God the Father.

53. Why was the world created?

The world was created for the glory of God who wished to show forth and communicate his goodness, truth and beauty. The ultimate end of creation is that God, in Christ, might be "all in all" (1 Corinthians 15:28) for his glory and for our happiness.

"The glory of God is man fully alive; moreover man's life is the vision of God." (Saint Irenaeus)



## 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.