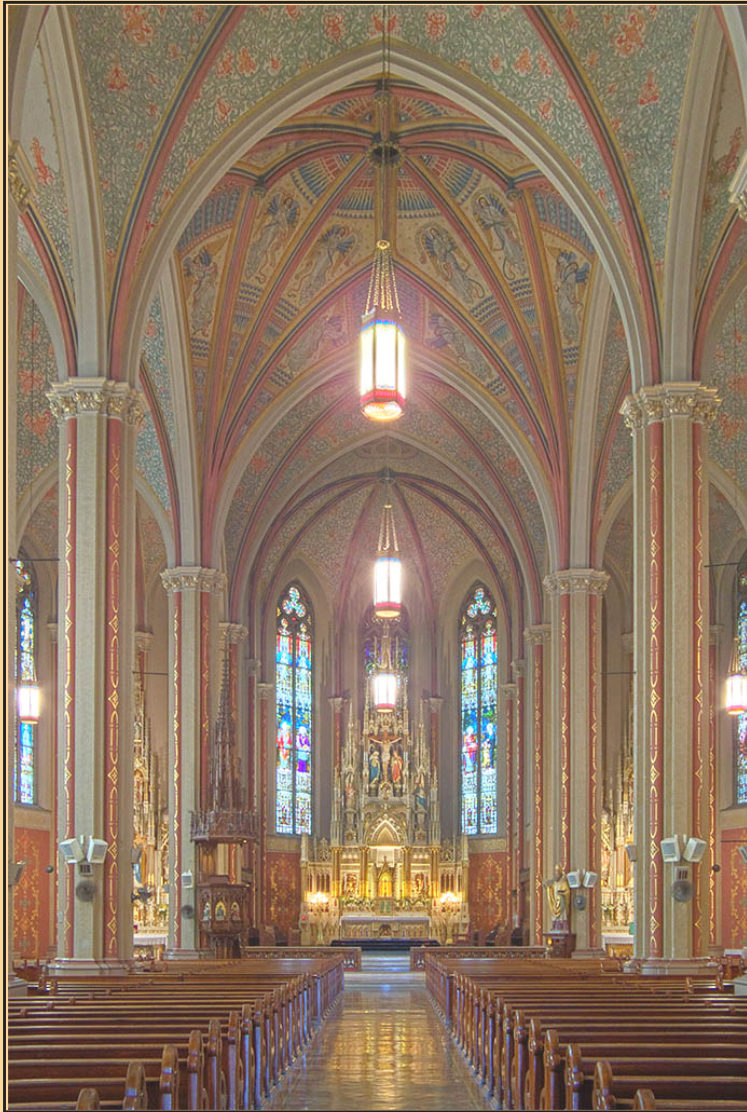


INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES ORATORY



Third Sunday of Advent
12 December 2010

ORATORY CLERGY:

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Vicar General, Provincial

Rev. Canon Michael K. Wiener,
Rector, Episcopal Delegate
for the implementation of the *Motu Proprio-
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SCHEDULE:

Sunday:	Low Mass 8:00 am; High Mass 10:00 am
Monday-Saturday:	Low Mass 8:00 am
Tuesday:	Low Mass 6:30 pm followed by Mother of Perpetual Help Devotions
Wednesday:	Low Mass 8:00 am and 12:15 pm
Thursday:	Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament 6:30 pm
First Fridays:	High Mass and Devotions 6:30 pm
Holy Days:	Low Mass 8:00 am and 12:10 pm; High Mass 6:30 pm Confessions daily 30 minutes before all Masses



LITURGICAL CALENDAR

SUNDAY DECEMBER 12

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00am: Low Mass w/Organ
"Eddie III"

10:00am: High Mass
"Anita Pollard, R.I.P."

MONDAY DECEMBER 13

ST. LUCY, VIRGIN & MARTYR

8:00am: Low Mass
"Members of the Cardinal Mindszenty Foundation"

TUESDAY DECEMBER 14

MASS OF THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00am: Low Mass
"Catherine A. Ludwig, R.I.P."

6:30pm Low Mass w/Organ
"The Restoration & Benefactors of the Oratory"

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 15

EMBER WEDNESDAY OF ADVENT

8:00am: Low Mass
"Anita Pollard, R.I.P."

12:15pm: Low Mass
"Andrew & Debbie Brandwein"

THURSDAY DECEMBER 16

ST. EUEBIUS, BISHOP & MATYR

8:00am: Low Mass
"Pray to end Abortion"
6:30pm Adoration/Benediction

FRIDAY DECEMBER 17

EMBER FRIDAY OF ADVENT

8:00am: Low Mass
"Sebastian Petrick"

SATURDAY DECEMBER 18

EMBER SATURDAY OF ADVENT

8:00am: Low Mass
"Scott Leindecker"

SUNDAY DECEMBER 19

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00am: Low Mass
"Natalie Zivnуска"
10:00am: High Mass
"Canon Michael Wiener"

SERVER SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12

8am Low Mass

Acolytes: Dominic Buckley, Joseph Buckley
10:00am High Mass

Master of Ceremonies: Abbé Alex Barga

Thurifer: Sean McCann

Acolyte 1: Scott McCann

Acolyte 2: Abram Brandwein

Crucifer: Michael McCann

Choir Master of Ceremonies: Matthew Serafino

Torchbearers: Curt Wichmer, Philip Kukielski,
Stephen Kenney, Thomas Stamos, Aidan Goff,
James Kahre

MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

8am Low Mass

Acolytes: Curt Wichmer, Candidate

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

8am Low Mass

Acolytes: Joseph Reidy, Abbé Alex Barga

6:30 pm Low Mass

Acolytes: Matthew Serafino, Candidate

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

8am Low Mass

Acolytes: Stephen Kukielski, Philip Kukielski
12:15pm Low Mass

Acolytes: Abbé Alex Barga, Luke Clinton

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

8am Low Mass

Acolytes: Joseph Grahek, Candidate

6:30pm Adoration

Master of Ceremonies: Cole Underwood

Thurifer: Anthony Almeter

Acolyte 1: Evan Underwood

Acolyte 2: Ross Bourgeois

Torchbearers: Jacob Gonzales, James Hoogerwerf

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

8am Low Mass

Acolytes: Candidates

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18

8am Low Mass

Acolytes: Candidates



ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, December 24: Christmas Eve— Midnight Mass

Saturday, December 25: Christmas Day

Friday, December 31 - 8:00 AM Low Mass; 5:00 PM Benediction & Te Deum

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

8am Low Mass

Acolytes: Dominic Buckley, Joseph Buckley

10:00am High Mass

Master of Ceremonies: Abram Brandwein

Thurifer: Michael Stamos

Acolyte 1: Joseph Grahek

Acolyte 2: Thomas Serafino

Crucifer: James Schmidt

Choir Master of Ceremonies: Matthew Serafino

Torchbearers: Christopher Stamos, Sam Aufmuth,

Patrick Stamos, Ronell Kenney, Isaiah Kenney,

Sam Kenney

GIVING TREE

The St. Vincent de Paul Society's Giving Tree has been set up downstairs by the elevator entrance. Please take an ornament and help make Christmas happier for someone less fortunate. Gifts need to be returned to the same location by **Sunday, December 12th**. The number on the ornament is very important, so please remember to attach the ornament to your package. Gifts may be wrapped or unwrapped.

If you would like to participate in the Giving Tree but find it difficult to get to the store to buy an item, you can take an ornament and write a check to the St. Vincent de Paul Society and we will purchase the item for you. Please place your check in an envelope marked "Giving Tree" and put it in the collection basket.

Thank you and God Bless You for your generosity in supporting the "Giving Tree".

SURVEY

PLEASE HELP US TO GATHER INFORMATION

We would like to ask you kindly for your cooperation in providing us with important information about our congregation: We invite you to fill out a survey form available in the bulletin and at the entrances of our church as well as online at <http://tinyurl.com/24c3at7>. All personal information will remain confidential. Registration is anonymous.

This survey provides us with important information which will serve us in our work for all faithful in the St. Louis region. For example, for the planning of future events here at the Oratory, it will be important to know from where our faithful come, how often they attend the events and which age groups they attract.

Thank you again for your help and God bless you!

A SUPREME ACT OF CHARITY

A 54-day Rosary Novena (= 6 novenas) in a particular intention is presently prayed by a number of faithful. We wish to propose such a supreme act of charity again as a joint effort of the faithful of the Oratory. There is great power in prayer recited as a group.

This novena did begin on **Thursday, December 7, 2010** and will finish on **Saturday, January 29, 2011, the Feast of St. Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva.**

"To obtain a favor, pray consecutively six nine-day rosary novenas (27 days of petition and 27 days of thanksgiving), alternating mysteries."



FROM THE RECTOR'S DESK

MY DEAR FAITHFUL AND FRIENDS AT ST. FRANCIS DE SALES ORATORY,

This Sunday brings us one week closer to the birth of Christ Our Lord, the unveiling of the Word Incarnate. The third Sunday of Advent takes its name from the first word of the Introit, "Gaudete" – Rejoice! – as the penitential character of Advent gives way to a joyful anticipation.

In the liturgy, this joy is expressed by the return of the organ music, the beautiful flowers on the Altar, the rose-colored vestments, and the dalmatic and the tunic worn by the deacon and subdeacon for the Solemn High Mass.

In the Blessed Virgin the Immaculate Conception, a sublimely beautiful and suitable dwelling place is prepared for Our Lord; however, it is not austere and sparse, but lined with joyful maternal love and compassion. Similarly, as Holy Mother Church leads us to prepare our hearts to receive Our Lord in Advent, the penitential preparation of our interior life must be adorned by a warm joy and cheerfulness.

In the shadow of Gaudete Sunday this year is the commemoration of the Virgin of Guadalupe. The holy image is a reminder of the immaculate motherhood of Our Lady – not only of Christ the Infant King, but of all of us who have become her children through His merits.

As Mary's children, let the community life at the Oratory reflect the new undertone in the prayer of the Church: *Prope est jam Dominus venite adoremus*: The Lord is now nigh; come, let us adore.

With my sincere best wishes for you and your family I assure you of my prayers in all your intentions,

Canon Michael K. Wiener

SIGN UP FOR THE EMAIL NEWSLETTER

The Oratory's bi-monthly email Newsletter has a fresh layout and a new delivery format. In addition to improved readability, the new format makes it easier for you to forward the newsletter, update your subscription preferences, and change your email address when necessary. It also contains easily accessible links to the Oratory's activities.

If you are not yet subscribed, please contact the office (314-771-3100, or jroche@institute-christ-king.org) to give your email address. If you are already receiving the e-Newsletter, please be sure to add SFdSOratory@institute-christ-king.org to your address book or approved senders list.

SOLEMN VESPERS AND BENEDICTION

You are warmly invited to join us for **Solemn Vespers and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament** every Sunday evening at 6:00 PM.

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKLY COLLECTION GOAL: \$10,900.00

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: DECEMBER 5

LOOSE: \$958.00

ENVELOPES: \$4,140.00

TOTAL: \$5,098.00

YTD STEWARDSHIP GOAL: \$523,200.00

YTD STEWARDSHIP: \$278,750.00

SHORTFALL: (\$244,450.00)

Our Mother of Perpetual Help, pray for us!

St. Joseph, pray for us!

St. Francis de Sales, pray for us!



ST. JOHN EUDES

THE FOUR FOUNDATIONS OF SANCTITY

Prayer is a participation in the life of the angels and saints, in the life of Jesus Christ and of His most holy Mother, even of the life of God and of the Three Divine Persons. For the life of the Angels and Saints, of Christ, and of His most holy Mother is nothing else but a continual practice of prayer and contemplation, in which their uninterrupted occupation is to look upon God, to praise and love Him, to ask Him, on your behalf, for the things you need. And the existence of the Three Divine Persons is a perpetual contemplation, praise and love of one another, which is accomplished first and foremost by prayer.

SERVING AT THE ALTAR

The servers' training program is continued throughout the year. Abbé Alex, with the guidance of Canon William Avis (Provincial Master of Ceremonies) is training new servers according to the needs of the various server positions at Vespers, Adoration and Benediction, Low Mass, High Mass and Solemn High Mass.—Please contact the rectory or Abbé Alex Barga directly if your son is interested.

CHILDREN'S CATECHISM

Is your child unable to attend catechism class at our home school co-op?

Starting in January 2011 the Canons will offer bi-weekly catechism classes on

THURSDAYS AT 5:00—6:00 PM.

One class will prepare children for First Holy Communion (next available date: Sunday, May 8, 2011), the other will cover general catechetical topics for the age group 6-9.

Please contact the rectory if you would like your child to participate.

FR. GARRIGOU-LAGRANGE, O.P.

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

But why did the Immaculate Conception not make Mary immune from pain and death since they too were consequences of Original Sin?

It should be noted that the pain and death which Jesus and Mary knew were not consequences of Original Sin as they are for us. For Jesus and Mary they were consequences of but human nature, which, of itself, and like the animal nature in general, is subject to pain and death of the body: it was only because of a special privilege that Adam had been exempt from them in the state of innocence. As for Jesus, He was conceived virginally in passible flesh in order to redeem us by dying, and when the time came He accepted suffering and death, its consummation, freely for love of us. Mary, for her part, accepted suffering and death voluntarily in imitation of Him and to unite herself to Him; she was one with Him in His expiation and in His work of redemption.

There is one wonderful thing, one delight of contemplatives, which we should not overlook. It is that the privilege of the Immaculate Conception and the fullness of grace did not withdraw Mary from pain, but rather made her all the more sensitive to suffer from contact with sin, the greatest of evils. Precisely because she was so pure, precisely because her heart was consumed by the love of God, Mary suffered pains to which our imperfection makes us insensible. We suffer if our self-love is wounded, or our pride, or our susceptibilities. Mary, however, suffered from sin, and that in the measure of her love of God Whom sin offends, and her love of Her Son Whom sin crucifies; she suffered in the measure of her love of us, whom sin wounds and kills. Thus the Immaculate Conception increased Mary's sufferings and disposed her to bear them heroically. Not one of them did she squander. All passed through her hands in union with those of her Son, thus to be offered up for our salvation.



ORATORY ORGANIZATIONS ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORATORY CLEANING

The Oratory Cleaning Crews put the church in order after the final Mass each Sunday. This involves light dust mopping and clearing the pews of handouts, etc. New volunteers will be most welcome and can call the office at 314.771.3100

Here are the next assignments:

Today, December 12: St. Francis de Sales

Sunday, December 19 : St. Martha

Sunday, December 26: St. Veronica

MOTHERS OF THE VISITATION

The Mothers of the Visitation is a group of women who help out mothers primarily post partum with meals. If you are registered at the Oratory and would like assistance with meals after your baby is born, or would like to assist the mothers in our endeavors by helping to prepare meals, please contact the following:

Mrs. Jenny Pekny 314-457-1993

(jennypekny@charter.net)

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

Today, December 12:

8:00 Mike Kenney

10:00 William Haines, Sr.

Sunday, December 19:

8:00 Dennis Roach

10:00 Karl Breidecker

Sunday, December 26:

8:00 Stephen Chicosky

10:00 Eric Cartwright

In order to give more long-range visibility to this schedule, we are printing assignments two weeks in advance as well as the current Sunday. If you cannot meet your commitment call Tom Leith at 314-435-8494, or email him at trleith@alum.wustl.edu.

Thank you, everyone, for your help!

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES ORATORY CHOIR

If you enjoy singing sacred *a cappella* music from the enormous treasury of the Catholic Church, if you relish the prospect of singing in one of the most beautiful churches in St. Louis, if you welcome the challenge of performing extraordinary repertoire - then the Saint Francis de Sales Choir is for you. Prior experience of choral singing is essential, and you must be able to read music. Contact Mr. Botkins for audition details: (314) 771 - 3100

GREETINGS AND GOOD WISHES OF THE St. Francis de Sales Benevolent Society

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES CHURCH
Gravois Ave. and Ohio Ave.



ORGANIZED APRIL 19, 1874
By 55 Members

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS



Want to become a Knight of Columbus? Know a Catholic gentleman who is not a Knight? Why not invite him to be a brother Knight? Contact Mr. Dennis Roach, Grand Knight, 314-520-6604.

The Benevolent Society is a Catholic Men's organization that was founded in the early years of St. Francis de Sales Oratory for the financial help of its members in time of need. For more information on the this charitable and friendly group, contact Mr. Dick Carr at 314. 772. 9489 or Mr. Wally Feld at the Oratory. 314.771.3100.

Advertisers

TO ALL OUR GUESTS...

Canon Wiener 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 the 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 please fill out a contact card available at the entrance of the church. 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 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:

Public tours are available Monday-Friday. Contact the Oratory office for availability.

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