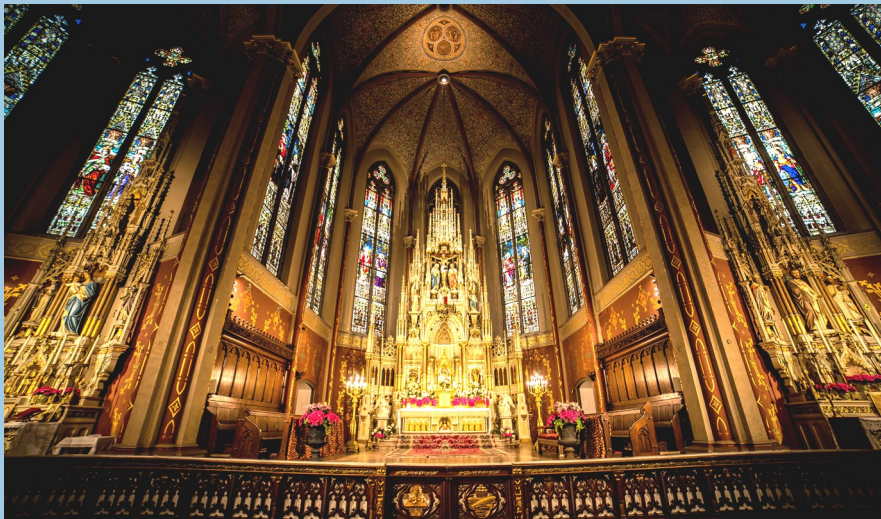


MARCH 24, 2024

PALM SUNDAY

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES ORATORY



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“There is no evil to be faced that Christ does not face with us. There is no enemy that Christ has not already conquered. There is no cross to bear that Christ has not already borne for us.” -St. Francis de Sales

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday Schedule

Mass 8:00am and 10:30am

Monday - Saturday

Mass 8:00am

Tuesday

Mass 6:30pm

Wednesday

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
(1 hour before 8am Sun. Mass)



INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST



LITURGICAL CALENDAR

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sunday, March 24

Palm Sunday, 1st Class

8:00am Low Mass - Sonia and Domenico Ruggiero

10:30am Solemn Mass - John Nguyen

Monday, March 25

Holy Monday, 1st Class

8:00am Low Mass - Anthony Summers

Tuesday, March 26

Holy Tuesday, 1st Class

8:00am Low Mass - Michael Calhoun

6:30pm Low Mass - Friends and Benefactors of St.

Francis de Sales Oratory

Wednesday, March 27

Spy Wednesday, 1st Class

8:00am Low Mass - Family and Friends † of Santilli
and Ruggiero Families

12:15pm Low Mass - Lenka Cvengrochova

Thursday, March 28

Maundy Thursday, 1st Class

No 8:00am Low Mass

6:30pm Solemn Mass - Institute of Christ the King
Superiors, Canons, Oblates and Sister Adorers

Friday, March 29

Good Friday, 1st Class

No 8:00am Low Mass

8:00am Stations of the Cross

3:00pm Mass of the Pre-Sanctified

Saturday, March 30

Holy Saturday, 1st Class

No 8:00am Low Mass

6:30pm Solemn Mass - For Those Participating in
the Oratory Lenten Fast

Sunday, March 31

Easter Sunday, 1st Class

8:00am Low Mass - Cynthia Fichter

10:30am Solemn Mass - Gergory Marchent

SERVER SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, March 24

10:30am Solemn Mass

Master of Ceremonies: Joseph Pekny

Thurifer: Gabriel Ruggiero

Acolyte 1: Mark Stamos

Acolyte 2: Liam Aufmuth

Choir Master of Ceremonies: Michael Ruggiero

Crucifer: Louis VandenBergh

Torchbearers: Gabriel Davidson, Dominic Ruggiero,

Jackson Huber, Rocco Cortese, Michael Westbrook,

Ethan Westbrook

Thursday, March 28

6:30pm Solemn Mass

Master of Ceremonies: Michael Ruggiero

Thurifer: Liam Aufmuth

2nd Thurifer: Louis VandenBergh

Acolyte 1: Elias Johnson

Acolyte 2: Maximus AuBuchon

Choir Master of Ceremonies: Gabriel Ruggiero

Crucifer: Charlie Kahre

Torchbearers: Raymond Pekny, Gus Pekny, Dominic

Ruggiero, Henry AuBuchon, Ciaran Daub, Michael Po-

desta

Friday, March 29

3:00pm Mass of the Pre-Sanctified

Master of Ceremonies: Gabriel Ruggiero

Thurifer: Raphael VandenBergh

2nd Thurifer: Louis VandenBergh

Acolyte 1: Raymond Pekny

Acolyte 2: Gus Pekny

Crucifer: Maximus AuBuchon

Choir Master of Ceremonies: Joseph Pekny

Torchbearers: Patrick Daub, Joseph Shany, Ethan West-

brook, Michael Westbrook, Ezio LaZella, Dominic Rug-

giero

Saturday, March 30

6:30pm Easter Vigil and Solemn Mass

Master of Ceremonies: Joseph Pekny

Thurifer: Mark Stamos

Acolyte 1: Ezio LaZella

Acolyte 2: Brentan Hickey

Choir MCs: Raymond Pekny, Gus Pekny

Crucifer: Maximus AuBuchon

Torchbearers: Joseph Shany, Vincent Pekny, Ciaran

Daub, Michael Podesta, Dominic Ruggiero, Henry Au-

Buchon



NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY: 6:00PM SOLEMN VESPERS
GOOD FRIDAY: STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT 8:00AM
HOLY SATURDAY: EASTER VIGIL POTLUCK
HOLY WEEK & EASTER WEEK: NO THURSDAY CATECHISM CLASS / ETIQUETTE CLASS
HOLY WEEK & EASTER WEEK: THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED.
APRIL 6: FETE DE PAQUES EASTERTIDE BALL

EASTER WEEK LITURGIES:

Monday, April 1st:
8:00am Mass

Tuesday, April 2nd:
8:00am Mass
No 6:30pm Mass

Wednesday, April 3rd:
8:00am Mass
No 12:15pm Mass

Thursday, April 4th:
8:00am Mass
6:30pm Adoration

Friday, April 5th:
8:00am Mass
6:30pm Solemn Mass

Saturday, April 6th:
8:00am Mass

Easter Sunday, March 31
8:00am Low Mass
Acolytes: Steven Engel, Liam Miller
10:30am Solemn Mass
Master of Ceremonies: Raphael VandenBergh
Thurifer: Louis VandenBergh
Acolyte 1: Charlie Kahre
Acolyte 2: Ethan Westbrook
Choir Master of Ceremonies: Joseph Pekny
Crucifer: Patrick Daub
Torchbearers: John Wichmer, Raymond Pekny, Gus Pekny, Vincent Pekny, Charles Armstrong, Michael Westbrook

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2024 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

24 SUNDAY	8:00 am Low Mass in Cahokia 8:00 am Low Mass at St. Francis de Sales 10:30 am Blessing of Palms, Procession and Solemn High Mass
25 MONDAY	8:00 am Mass
26 TUESDAY	8:00 am Low Mass 6:30 pm Mass
27 WEDNESDAY	8:00 am Low Mass 12:15 pm Mass 7:00 pm Tenebrae For Holy Thursday
28 THURSDAY	(NO 8 am Mass) 5:30 pm Confessions 6:30 pm Maundy Thursday Mass, Procession to the Repository (Adoration until Midnight) 9:00 pm Tenebrae for Good Friday
29 FRIDAY	8:00 am Stations of the Cross and Confessions 3:00 pm Mass of the Pre-Sanctified 2-5:00 pm Confessions 7:00 pm Tenebrae for Holy Saturday
30 SATURDAY	(NO 8:00am Mass) 5:30 pm Confessions 6:30 pm Solemn High Mass of the Easter Vigil (followed by the blessing of Easter Baskets)
31 SUNDAY	8:00 am Low Mass 9:00 am Low Mass at Holy Family Log Church 10:30 am Solemn Easter Sunday High Mass

Easter Vigil Potluck

Join in the Courtyard and break your Lenten fast with a tailgate-style potluck

Bring sweets, meats, or liquid treats and celebrate the beginning of Easter!



CONFESSION SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK

Holy Monday:
7:30 - 7:55am

Holy Tuesday:
7:30 - 7:55am
6:00 - 6:25pm

Spy Wednesday:
7:30 - 7:55am
11:45am - 12:10pm

Maundy Thursday:
5:30 - 7:30pm

Good Friday:
8:00 - 8:45am
2:00 - 3:15pm

Holy Saturday:
5:30 - 6:25pm

Easter Sunday
7:30am - Noon

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 **2023-2024** insurance assessment is **\$110,964.00**. 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 2023 - JUNE 2024
WEEKLY COLLECTION GOAL: \$10,500.00

ORATORY FAMILIES: 587

MARCH 17

LOOSE:	\$1,648.00
ENVELOPES:	\$11,208.40
<u>ONLINE DONATIONS:</u>	<u>\$2,687.47</u>
TOTAL:	\$15,543.87

PROVINCE LENTEN APPEAL: \$13,790.00
EASTER FLOWERS: \$2,841.00

YTD STEWARDSHIP GOAL:	\$399,000.00
YTD STEWARDSHIP:	\$665,257.87
<u>YTD SURPLUS/DEFICIT:</u>	<u>\$266,257.87</u>

ARCHDIOCESAN INSURANCE ASSESSMENT 2023-2024
\$110,964.00

\$9,247.00 MONTHLY \$2,311.75 APPROX. PER WEEKEND



SERMON FOR PALM SUNDAY

Today Holy Mother Church celebrates one of her most jubilant Masses of the year. The mysterious blessing of Palms punctuates the beginning of the liturgy. This initiating component is followed immediately by a great procession with all of the faithful holding their palm branches in commemoration of Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem just before his Passion. Dom Gueranger remarks that, *it is not death, it is triumph, that Jesus is to receive today in Jerusalem. The Messiah, before being nailed to the cross, is to be proclaimed king by the people of the great city; the little children are to make her streets echo with their Hosannas to the son of David.*... This, my dear Faithful is what we are to contemplate today.

Therefore, take joy in the celebration that Holy Mother Church lays before us this morning. However, let us not simply stop here, but rather continue with Our Lord on his journey this week. Let us continue with him to the Last Supper with his disciples... Let us wait with him in the Garden of Gethsemane... Let us accompany him with compassion to his crucifixion on Golgotha... Let us keep vigil with him in the tenebrae, in the darkness of the mysteries surrounding the Triduum... Let us abide with Him until his triumphal Resurrection is signaled by the first peal of bells, ringing in the Easter Season.

Our age is quite comfortable with the triumphal Jesus, the Jesus receiving pomp and respect as on Palm Sunday and as on Easter Sunday. We love the risen Jesus! However, we are far less comfortable with the important work carried out by our Lord between these two triumphal events... work essential to the Salvation of mankind. We are uncomfortable with the neglected Jesus, the beaten and bloodied Jesus, the lifeless body of Jesus hanging from the cross after many hours of agony. Was Jesus any less God and any less Savior when he was praying in the Garden of Gethsemane? Was He any less God when the soldiers whipped him through the streets of Jerusalem? Was he any less deserving of Glory and Honor as the soldiers were hoisting him up on the Cross to finish their evil deed? The Same Jesus who triumphantly entered into Jerusalem with palms strewn at his feet and miraculously raised from the dead Easter Morning is the same Jesus who was beaten, unjustly imprisoned and killed. What kind of friends are we if we only accompany his person for the triumphant parts of his life? Should we do this, are we no better than fair weather friends?

The holiest week of the Christian calendar is now upon us. Though Holy Mother Church does not strictly bind us to wholly participate in the liturgies commemorating the pains borne by Our Lord for our Salvation during Holy Week, it behooves us as friends of Christ to accompany him on this journey.

When Christendom still existed no one did any commerce during all of Holy Week. Businesses were closed. Even the civil courts did no proceedings during these days so that the Faithful could closely follow their Beloved on his journey. We no longer live in those times and many of us are obliged to work these days. However, let us not have this be an excuse for ignoring the liturgies of our Lord's Passion until next Sunday. Certainly, many excuses will be found in the coming week to do all sorts of unessential tasks that have little or nothing at all to with the commemoration of Our Savior's sorrowful Passion. If we can find time for these, then we must find time to abide with Our Lord.

Even now, many Catholic souls have gone through the season of Lent, now almost fully spent without having performed a substantial penance, or who dropped their resolutions only in the first or second weeks. Guilt and regret will fill their hearts.

All is not lost though. Might it be proposed for all of those finding themselves in this situation to make a concerted effort to attend all of the Triduum liturgies? They could attend the Tenebrae on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings. Additionally, they could attend the Holy Thursday Mass, the Mass of the Presanctified on Friday, the Holy Saturday Vigil and then Easter Sunday Mass? Is this a big ask? Yes, it is. However, no works of ours on Earth can fully measure up to the value of that which Christ's Passion purchased. It will be a sacrifice, certainly to faithfully attend all of those prayers of the Church. Lent bids us sacrifice, for the forgiveness of Our sins and for love of God. Even if we have done little or nothing up to this point to live the penance of the season, there is a way to make this final week meaningful... and to receive a greater reward of joy come Easter morning. You will certainly not regret making such a choice to accompany Your Saviour during the next few days.

May Jesus bless you with a prayerful Holy Week and a greater love for Him as a fruit of your efforts.

-Canon Benjamin Coggeshall



ORATORY CLEANING TEAMS

March 24: St. Anthony
March 31: St. Cecilia
April 7: St. Martha

SUNDAY ROSARY LEADERS

March 24: Michael Hayworth
March 31: Vincent VandenBergh
April 7th: Chuck Brandwein

COFFEE & DONUT HOUR

March 24: J. Valenza / N. Dibley
March 31: **Cancelled for Easter**
April 7th: P. Daub / A. Wegrzyn

3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Sunday, April 14

1:00pm in St. Francis de Sales Gymnasium

The St. Francis de Sales Oratory 3 on 3 basketball tournament is back! Participants must be ages 14 and up. However, all are invited to stay and watch. To register as a team (3 or 4 participants) or as an individual (you will be assigned to a team prior to the tournament) please contact Abbé Alex by e-mail: abbe.alex@institute-christ-king.org.

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Sunday 04/14/2024 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT POTLUCK



Events to begin in the Salesian Hall following the 10:30 am Mass

RSVP

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080E49ABAA2BA3FB6-48534516-2024>

For additional information:
Email: SFDS.Event.Volunteers@gmail.com
Or Text: (573) 330-8839



Bring your favorite Board Games for additional fun!

Children under 12 yrs. may participate with adult supervision.



Sursum Corda Presents

Fete de Paques Eastertide Ball



Date: April 6, 2024
When: 6:30pm-11:00pm
Where: Salesian Hall
Price: \$35 with RSVP by March 30th, \$40 without
Payment: All payment at the door
Black Tie required
18yrs+ (Nursing babies welcome!)
Highlights: Live music, hors d'oeuvres, & drinks provided.

Click the QR code to RSVP



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ORATORY OFFICE CLOSED:
ALL HOLY WEEK & EASTER WEEK

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

At 8:00am on
March 29th,
Good Friday.



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All the children who want to make their First Holy Communion must take an oral exam with Canon Bell. Only those who pass the exam will be admitted. **All those who will receive First Holy Communion must plan on attending the rehearsal on Saturday, May 11th at 9am.**

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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



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By 55 Members

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.

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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.

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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.

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