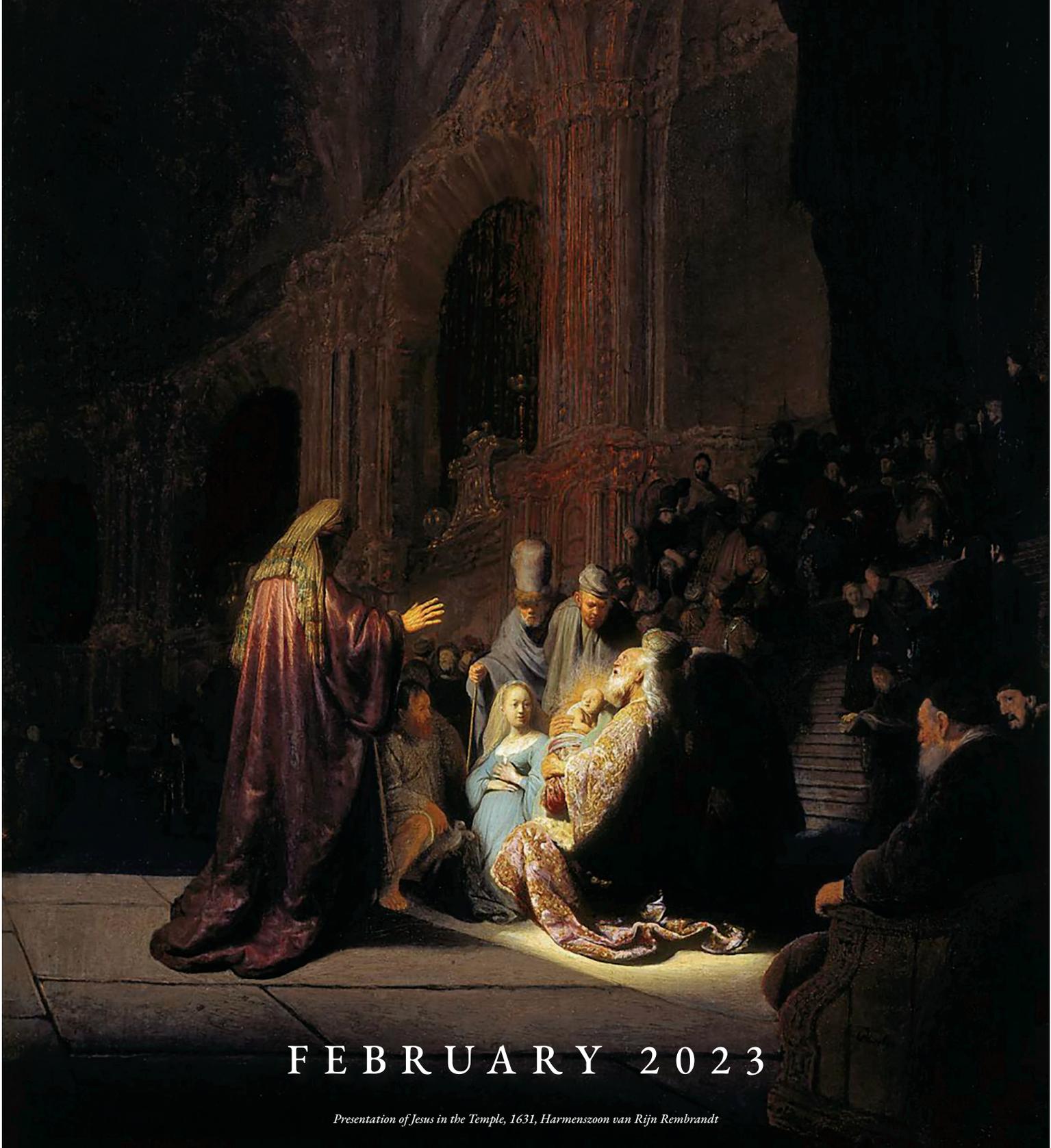


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Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, 1631, Harmenszoon van Rijn Rembrandt



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*Old St. Mary office hours are Mon.-Thurs., from 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. and Friday, from 9 a.m. - noon.
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MASSES

Sunday

7:30 a.m. | Low Traditional Latin
9:30 a.m. | Sung Traditional Latin
11:30 a.m. | German
1:00 p.m. | English

Monday-Friday

7:15 a.m. | Low Traditional Latin
12:10 p.m. | English

Saturday

7:15 a.m. | Low Traditional Latin
9:00 a.m. | English

First Friday Mass

6:30 p.m. | Traditional Latin

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Sunday

8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. &
12:30 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Monday-Friday

11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Tuesday

11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

Saturday

8:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

Evening Masses

45 minutes before Mass

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

Tuesday

8:00 a.m. - noon & 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. with
Holy Hour with Benediction beginning at 7:30 p.m.

First Friday – All Night Vigil

Following the 6:30 p.m. Mass

MASSES

Sunday

9:00 a.m. | English Mass
11:00 a.m. | Sung Traditional Latin Mass

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

9:00 a.m. | Low Traditional Latin Mass

First Saturday

9:00 a.m. | Low Traditional Latin Mass

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Sunday

8:30 - 8:45
10:30 - 10:45

Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

8:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

First Saturday

8:15 to 8:45 a.m.

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GENERAL SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Holy Day Masses

Please check bulletin.

Baptisms

If possible, please contact the parish office one month prior to due date to start planning.

Weddings

Contact parish office at least six months prior.

Anointing of the Sick

Contact a parish priest as soon as possible.

Laudetur Jesus Christus! Gelobt sei Jesus Christus! Sia lodato Gesù Cristo! Praised be Jesus Christ!

NOTE from the PASTOR



This month of February is dedicated to the Holy Family. This meditation will help to bring to a close all the mysteries of the Christmas season and those periods in the Lord's life that led to His public ministry. This is an excellent month to entrust our families to the Holy Family and model them after that most perfect of families.

We also entrust the Oratory, as a type of family, to the Holy Family. St. John Henry Newman once described the Oratory as a domestic circle, a family. May the Holy Family bless our parishes and inspire strength in all our families.

On Thursday, February 2, we will celebrate the Feast of the Purification or the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord — throughout history it has been called both names. This feast commemorates the double events that the names indicate, namely the Blessed Virgin presenting herself in the Temple for the purification rituals following birth. Before this, she was considered under the law to be unclean. The feast also celebrates the Lord's presentation in the temple, where the Gospels recount that dramatic scene with Simeon taking the child and declaring Him to be the Messiah. So in a sense, this feast takes on characteristics of a Feast of both Our Lord and Our Lady.

February 2 is the day in which candles are traditionally blessed. If you would like your candles blessed, please arrive at the evening Sung Mass (6:30 p.m.) at least 15 minutes early and

ask a server to place your candles near the altar. These should be in boxes and clearly labeled as to who they belong. Please collect them following Mass.

Lastly, the Oratory had its ordinary visitation by the Apostolic Delegate of the Holy Father in mid-January. This is a routine visit that occurs usually every six years at every Oratory in the world. The Delegate comes to make sure that the house has its own particular rule, follows the rule, has a prayer life consistent with the Oratorian vocation, and is otherwise healthy. Every house is always challenged in some way, as no one is perfect on this side of Heaven. However, the Delegate found our house healthy, consistent with the vocation we are called to live, and faithful to the rule and our prayer life. He challenged us in the promotion of vocations, encouraged us to use a seminary for the formation of our seminarians in the future (as opposed to having them be formed in-house while taking part in the life of the parish as we have done in the past), and encouraged us to be humble in recognizing our limits in what can reasonably do while being a small community. The Delegate generally seemed happy with our progress and was impressed by our parishes. I wanted to relay this good news to you and also encourage you to continue praying for the Oratory and for holy vocations!

I pray you have a good month ahead!

Fr. Paul Bevak

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Please remember the church is the House of God. It is important to remember that when in church we are in His presence. Please try to maintain a prayerful spirit while also being respectful of others who come for quiet prayer. There is much noise and talking in the world, the church is our refuge into silence, to which Cardinal Robert Sarah calls us. **Please keep talking and distractions to a minimum** and talk to the Lord in the silence of your own heart.

Conversion Classes

We have now closed our conversion class to new members for this upcoming Easter Vigil. To be placed on the list for next year, please contact the parish office. Please be sure to pray for all those who are going through the classes now!

Parents' Holy Hour: Play and Pray Group

Join our Pray and Play group! This is a group of parents who meet on **Tuesdays from 9:30 until 11:30 in Fr. Felten Hall.** Children get to play, and parents take turns covering the Adoration hour from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. in the church. This allows parents some quiet time alone in Adoration and to take children into Adoration for a shorter time period. This is a good opportunity to introduce children to the idea of Adoration. For more information or questions, contact Fatima Spoor through the parish office.

Catechism Classes

Class for our Kindergarten and 1st Graders will be on the first and third Sundays of the month following the 9:30 a.m. Mass at Old St. Mary. For more information or questions on catechism classes, please contact Mother Marie-Cécile.



Ash Wednesday
Ash Wednesday is February 22.
 Please remember that this is not a holy day of obligation, but it is a

day of fasting and abstinence. Masses at Old St. Mary will be at 7:15 a.m. (Low Latin), 12:10 p.m. (English) and 6:30 p.m. (Sung Latin). Mass at Sacred Heart will be at 9:00 a.m. (Low Latin) Please join us for Mass to begin the Lenten season.



Holy Family Catholic Home Educators is a community of Catholic families supporting parents who educate their children at home. They welcome families from across the Cincinnati tri-state area, including Southeast Indiana and Northern Kentucky. **Find out more at hfche.org.**

Adorers Needed!

We are in need of adorers on First Fridays for our 10:00 p.m. hour, 11:00 p.m. hour, & 1:00 a.m. hour.

Please contact the parish office if you can take any of these hours. In order to have adoration, we have to guarantee at least two adorers per hour. Even if you can't take a regular hour, but can be a substitute, please contact the parish office. Please help us keep adoration at Old St. Mary alive! It would be very helpful if we had an overall coordinator for adoration, or even one for Tuesday and another for First Friday. This person or persons should be devoted to adoration, be highly organized, and able to work closely with the parish office. **Please contact the parish office if able and interested!**



Interested in learning about vocations? Contact **Fr. Adrian at ahilton@cincinnatiatoratory.com** to learn more about the Oratory and **Mother Marie-Cecile at mceccile@oldstmarys.org** for vocation inquires to the Carmelite Daughters of Elias.



Even after the Dobbs decision, our vigilance to protect babies and mothers is critical. Planned Parenthood is still in business in our community.

With God's help, through 27 campaigns in over 950 cities around the world, 20,689 babies have been saved, 229 abortion workers have converted, and 114 abortion centers have closed.

Old Saint Mary and Sacred Heart parishes will soon be holding a vigil outside Planned Parenthood (2314 Auburn Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45219). Stay tuned for the parish prayer day to be published and for the opportunity to sign up at a later date.

Purification High Mass

There will be a sung Mass for the Feast of the Purification at Old St. Mary on **Thursday, February 2**, at 6:30 p.m. Candles will be blessed at this Mass and available for a donation following. You may also bring your own candles. If you have candles to be blessed, please arrive no later than ten minutes before Mass and bring them to the communion rail where a server will take them from you and place them next to the altar. Please have them labeled with your name on them.



St. Blaise Blessing of Throats

We will have the annual Blessing of Throats on **Friday, February 3**, after Masses. **We will also bless throats all week, starting Sunday, January 29, through Sunday, February 5.** The time will be limited on Sundays due to the need to start the next

Mass, so if you can make it during the week, please do so. Please only present yourself once for the throat blessing to give others the opportunity to have their throats blessed.

First Friday

Join us for our First Friday Low Mass on **February 3**, at 9 a.m., at Sacred Heart or our Sung Mass at 6:30 p.m. at Old St. Mary. The evening High Mass will be followed by our all-night Eucharistic Vigil.

First Friday Socials

Following First Friday Mass at Old Saint Mary, please join us in Fr. Felten Hall for a potluck dinner and games/socializing. Please bring a dish to share. There will be someone in the hall to receive dishes before Mass begins at 6:30 p.m.

Catholic Ministries Appeal Commitment Weekend

Commitment Weekend will begin on **February 5** for the 2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Please join with families in every parish throughout our archdiocese as witnesses through local, Catholic ministries for people in our own communities. These ministries depend on our help each year. **The goal for Old St. Mary is \$24,929. The goal for Sacred Heart is \$10,224.** Please watch for a mailing from the Archdiocese. If you have already responded by mail or online, or if you placed your completed pledge card in the offertory, thank you! To make a gift online, visit www.CatholicAOC.org/CMA. Thank you!

Women's Oratory

All women of the parishes are invited to join us on **February 4 at 10:00 a.m.**, in the Sacred Heart auditorium for a Tea Party. **The March meeting will be March 4.** Contact Lisa Bloomfield at lisamariebloomfield@gmail.com or Suzan Sammons suzan@poverellos.com with any questions.



Sacred Heart Doughnut Social

Join us in the church hall at Sacred Heart on Sunday, **February 19** after the 9:00 a.m. Mass for Doughnut Sunday. This is a great opportunity to meet parishioners and socialize. Doughnuts, coffee, and milk will be provided.

Forty Hours

Forty Hours will open with Mass at 6:30 p.m. on **Friday, February 24 at Old St. Mary.** Adoration will continue until 10:00 p.m. on Saturday night. We will resume Adoration following Masses on Sunday with the concluding procession and prayers at 3:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars! **You can find more information and sign up here: <https://forms.gle/rVLmY1VMPoNsVZuD6>.**

Monthly Potluck Social at Sacred Heart

Starting this new year there will be a potluck social held in the church hall on the **first Sunday of each month after the 11:00 a.m. Mass** at Sacred Heart. Everyone is welcome! Come meet fellow parishioners and bring a dish to share! Please see the weekly bulletins for any updates.



Bockfest Fish Fry

It's once again time for Bockfest, the centuries-old German custom that has come to symbolize Cincinnati's great German and brewing heritages. When heading out to this year's Bockfest, don't forget to stop by the Old St. Mary's fish fry, which is right along the route of the

Bockfest Parade. Sandwiches, sides, and drinks (pop, water, and beer) will be available starting at about 4:30 p.m. on **Friday, March 3**, until they are gone. Due to new parking restrictions on Clay Street, please plan to arrive early. All proceeds go to Old St. Mary's Church, so it's good food for a good cause! Flyers will be posted soon with more details. Also, **there will be no evening Mass on this first Friday in March, nor the overnight adoration due to Bockfest** and the parking situation that has become so problematic that night.

BAPTISMS

Vincent Xavier Riddle (OSM)
 Walter Stanislaus Eichhold (OSM)
 Silas Solanus Rumlper (OSM)

FUNERAL

Paul Gallagher (SH)

Please note that you must be an active parishioner for at least three months before letters of good standing can be issued by the parish.

Pregnancy Center Help Needed

Old St. Mary's Pregnancy Center needs volunteers. A volunteer is needed for each day, Monday through Thursday. The new volunteer would work at the Center from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. If you are interested in taking a day or for more information, please call Terri Huwel at 513-929-9165.

Old St. Mary's Parking

We ask for your continuing cooperation with the following: Please refrain from double parking in the 12th and Main Street parking lot. Double parking cannot be effectively managed in this lot and has caused issues on several occasions in the past. At this time, double parking is only allowed in our large Clay Street parking lot. If you decide to double park, please be respectful of other parishioners and have your vehicle out of the right-of-way immediately following Mass. Gates on the Salvation Army Clay Street parking lot will be locked at 2:00 pm each Sunday. Any vehicles remaining in this lot after that time will be towed at the owner's expense. It is imperative that we do not take advantage of the agreement in place for use of this lot.

Remember that on Sundays, the meters are not in effect until 2:00 p.m. You can park in any metered spot for free until then. Be sure to take advantage of this!



Troops of St. George

The Troops of St George (TSG) for Old St Mary's and Sacred Heart is a Catholic fraternal apostolate for fathers and their sons (ages 6-18). **Regular meetings are the second Sunday of the month from**

1:30-3:00 pm at Sacred Heart. There is an outdoor activity (hike, camping) on the third or fourth weekend of each month. Contact Ken Edge at tsg1515osm@gmail.com.



The Carmelite Daughters of Elias Update

They are now nine! ... and fitting into one house while they begin work on their second building on Clay Street — initially replacing the windows on the side and back of the building, and installing electric, plumbing, insulation and walls and doors in many places.

If you would like to donate by mail, send to **Carmelite Daughters 123 E.13th Street, Cincinnati, Ohio 45202**. Cards can also be found in the back of church with online donation information. For tax purposes, please note that they are a 501C3.



The Society of the Little Flower

The Little Flowers will be meeting on **first Saturdays at Old St. Mary** as usual. They will be rejoicing in the Presentation of Our Lord in the temple and will have prayers, songs, crafts, and fun as we work on a project to support our priests and seminarians. Girls 6-12 years old are invited. The meeting will be from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. (after the *Angelus*). There is a 7:15 a.m. low Mass and a 9 a.m. English Mass at Old St. Mary and 9 a.m. low Mass at Sacred Heart for families to attend. We will begin meeting at 9:45 but the rosary begins at 10 a.m. at OSM in church. *Pax et gaudium!*

Sodality of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

Young ladies in the sodality, ages 12-18 years of age, please check your emails for information about our upcoming event! **If you are interested in the sodality or the Little Flowers and are not a member, please email the Sisters at: floscarmeli@carmelitedaughters.org**

Ascend Carmel

Interested in learning more about St. John of the Cross? Come and join the young adult Carmelite spirituality group, as we delve into learning more about the life, times, and spirituality of this great (and often misunderstood) Doctor of the Church, great lover of Christ, and father of the reform of Carmel.

The group meets on first Sundays at 4:15 p.m. following Vespers. If you would like to attend, please email Mother Marie-Cécile of the Trinity at: Mcecile@oldstmarys.org.

Once worked in a TLM community (I have worked in several, so hopefully this doesn't incriminate anybody in particular — it sure isn't this one), where a contingent of the faithful were convinced that the rubrics for playing the organ during Lent were the gold standard for organ playing for the entire year. They believed that the organ was never to be used as a solo instrument, and was only ever to be used to sustain the singing, that is to say, accompanying voices when it was necessary, as moderately as possible — and they wrote in no uncertain terms to tell me so!

The shame of a radical position like this is that so much of the unique color and, dare I say, drama of each liturgical season, which the rubrics desire to achieve, is lost this way. We are about to enter the most dramatic season of all, the time from Septuagesima, stretching through Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. By its progressive departure, the organ helps accompany us through this season of preparation, penitence, passion, and privation, and then, by its return, through the joyful season of Eastertide. But we only recognize that something was absent, if we knew it was there to begin with.

In a way, every interlude, prelude, and postlude throughout the year is conditioning us as worshippers to expect a musically-rich High Mass, ornamented in every detail with little facets of interest and beauty like the intricate panels of Gothic architecture. Even during Septuagesima, when violet vestments are worn as a harbinger of the fast to come, the familiar strains of solo organ playing signal to us that the full austerity of Lent has not yet arrived. This conditioning heightens the impact of the Romanesque austerity of the Lenten fast when it finally begins on Ash

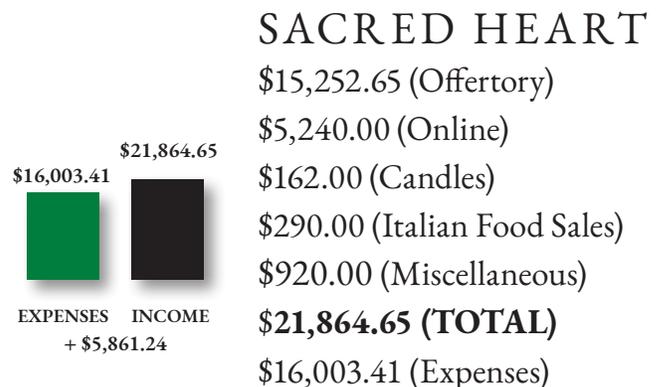
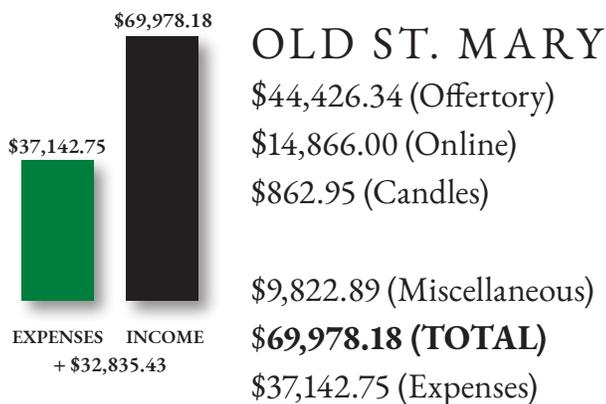
Wednesday and when, except for the Fourth Sunday of Lent and the occasional Feast Day (deliberately rare), the organ as a solo voice falls silent, becoming nothing more than an accompaniment for the voices.

The *Gloria* of Holy Thursday, the entrance into the Triduum, stands as a singular moment — the organ traditionally plays a grand introduction, perhaps shocking after so long a hiatus, while the bells are rung, and accompanies the choir and people's singing. And then, until the *Gloria* of Holy Saturday, it, along with the bells, falls completely silent, not even used to accompany the voices, no matter how necessary this may seem — a grand gesture of contrast highlighting the splendor of the Institution of the Eucharist, and the joy of Christ's promise to be present with us in that Sacrament, immediately followed by the visceral devastation of His followers who were deprived of Him by arrest, torture, death, and entombment.

We are blessed to be in communities where the liturgy is allowed to speak with this kind of fullness, and, though you may not (and perhaps arguably should not) notice it consciously, we should all make an effort to receive fruitfully and with gratitude a liturgical rite that, whether it is forming expectations or subverting them, in even the most seemingly minor details, is doing so very consciously, in order to enable you and me to enter into the holy mysteries of Christ's life, death, and Resurrection, to receive the Sacraments worthily, and to cooperate with the grace He is giving us to conform our lives to the model of His, so that we may go where He has gone before, and may bring others with us.

— Mr. Sean Connolly, *OSM Director of Sacred Music*

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