The background of the entire page is a detailed reproduction of the painting 'The Adoration of the Magi' by Paolo Veronese. The scene is set in a stable with a large arched opening in the background showing a bright sky. In the center, the Virgin Mary sits on a wooden manger, holding the infant Jesus. To her right, a man in a red robe is shown in the process of removing the manger's side. On the left, a king in a red and white robe kneels in adoration. Other figures include a king on a white horse, a man in a blue and gold robe, and a man in a red robe. In the foreground, a man in a white and gold robe is shown in a dynamic pose. The scene is filled with various animals, including a white horse, a brown horse, and a cow. Several cherubs are flying in the sky, and a large stone is being rolled away from a tomb entrance on the right. The overall composition is complex and dramatic, with a rich color palette of reds, blues, and golds.

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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



First of all, I wish each of you a very Happy New Year on behalf of everyone at the Oratory. I pray that the Lord blesses us in this new year and that we all face with courage whatever difficulties may present themselves and use them as a means of a grace!

A new year is always a time to examine our lives, priorities, and where we hope to go. Please also examine your spiritual lives, remain fervent, and strive to grow in a particular virtue this year. These are good spiritual practices to remember as we begin a new beginning.

The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name, a Feast we celebrate on January 2 on the traditional calendar and on January 3 on the revised calendar. This month is an excellent time to meditate on how we use the Holy Name, the name of God, Mary, and any of the saints. It becomes easy to use such names casually. This is not a good habit to form and becomes so easy and often starts so simply.

The name of Jesus — and connected to that of all holy people and objects — is the name by which we are saved. As

St. Paul says, it is the name by which all knees should bend. So examine how you may misuse such names and begin only to use them when praying, talking with the Lord, or teaching others about the goodness of the Lord.

The name of Jesus and also of Mary are powerful names. At which the very gates of hell shake and at which Satan flees. These names have won significant victories, protect us from sin, and give us the graces and virtues we need to live a holy life. So have respect for these names in all ways.

It is a sad reality that in Quebec, their very cuss words developed in French around religious figures and names due to the anti-clerical atmosphere of the time. May we not allow such practices to form within us. Be very careful in our speech and the example we set for others.

May the Lord, in this month of January and this new year, give us the grace to do so, so that whenever we mention the Holy Name, we may at least interiorly bend our knees for the name that has given to us salvation. Have a blessed month and new year!

Fr. Jon-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. If you would like to be placed on the list for next year, please contact Fr. Henry through 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 or the chance 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.



The Archdiocesan Office of Prison Ministry is looking for men and women to teach three new courses at Lebanon Correctional Institution. The courses are eight weeks in duration, one evening

each week — Fall of 2023: *Why be Poor in Spirit?*; Winter 2023: *Back to the Garden*; and Spring 2024: *Seeking God's Will*. Volunteers will be trained and all curriculum and materials will be provided. Please call 513.240.3466 or email info@serenelliproject.org to learn more.

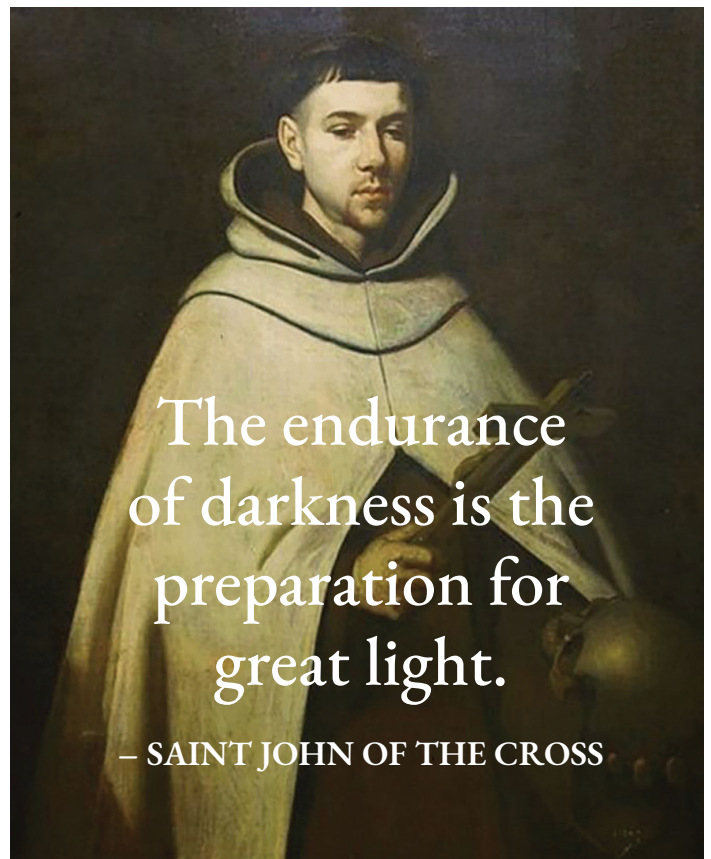
Adorers Needed!

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 mcecile@oldstmarys.org for vocation inquiries to the Carmelite Daughters of Elias.



The endurance
of darkness is the
preparation for
great light.

– SAINT JOHN OF THE CROSS

Epiphany Water Blessing

If you would like Epiphany water, **please have jugs of water at Old St. Mary by the end of 7:15 a.m. Mass on January 5.** Please ensure these are gallon jugs or bigger, no small bottles of water. Each container must be individually opened so that salt can go in. So please make this easy on Father! You may begin to pick up the jugs of water after the 12:10 p.m. Mass on January 5. Blessed chalk will be available on January 6.

Epiphany Mass

Join us for our Epiphany Mass at **January 6**, which also coincides with First Friday. There will be a Sung Mass at 6:30 p.m. at Old St. Mary. The evening High Mass will be followed by our all-night Eucharistic Vigil.

Old St. Mary 1 PM Sunday Mass

Many have been asking about music at the 1:00 p.m. Mass on Sundays. We are happy to say that a music program has returned to that Mass as of the First Sunday of Advent!

Women's Oratory

The Women's Oratory will meet on **January 7**, following first Saturday Mass at Sacred Heart (approximately 9:45 a.m.). Lisa Bloomfield, who serves on the board of Pregnancy Center West, will discuss the topic "Pro-Life in Post Roe." Join them in the basement hall to recharge your dedication to the pro-life cause in light of the new reality we now face. All women of the parishes are also invited to join them on February 4, in the Sacred Heart auditorium for a Mardi Gras-ish tea party. More details forthcoming! Questions? Contact Lisa Bloomfield at lisamarielbloomfield@gmail.com or Suzan Sammons at suzan@poverellos.com.

Pregnancy Center

Thank you to all who give so generously to Old St. Mary's Pregnancy Center! We are still in need of coats — sizes 2T, 3T, 4T and 5T, boys and girls, and women's coats! Items may be dropped off at the Old St. Mary's Pregnancy Center, Monday through Thursday, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. May God bless you abundantly. Thank you, also, for your prayers for me.
— Terri Huwel, Director

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 which begins at 6:30 p.m.

FORMED

Just a reminder that the parish has a Formed account that you can use to access Catholic videos and resources to learn about the Faith. **To register, visit [formed.org](https://www.formed.org) and click sign-up.** Register as a parishioner and search for Oratory Parishes or use 45202 as the zip code. You will then have access to these resources!

Mass Intentions

Mass intentions are being accepted for January, February, and March of 2023 only. The general offering for a Mass intention is \$5 and there is a limit of three Masses per household for the first quarter. Mass intentions must be given in writing. Keep in mind we cannot guarantee specific dates or Mass times. Please do not submit more than three intentions. Contact the parish office for more information or questions.

Sacred Heart Doughnut Social

Join us in the church hall at Sacred Heart on **Sunday, January 23 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.

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.

PLEASE NOTE: There will **not** be Vespers on Sunday, January 1. **Sung Vespers will return on January 8.** Also, note that there will be **no** evening Adoration or Confession on Tuesday, **January 3.**



Troops of St. George

The Troops of St. George (TSG) of Old St. Mary 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. They also have an outdoor activity (hiking, camping) on the third or fourth weekend of each month. Contact Ken Edge at tsg1515osm@gmail.com for more details.

BAPTISMS

Joan Thérèse Morris (OSM)
Penelope Pilar Meriwether (OSM)



2023 Calendars

Be on the lookout for the 2023 parish calendars. They will be available in early January. Remember our calendars go through January so your 2022 calendars include January 2023.

Important Old St. Mary's Parking Update

For now, we ask for your cooperation with the following two requests: 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. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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!

PLEASE BE CAUTIOUS when leaving personal items in the pews, especially purses or wallets. Use prudence so that you are not a victim of theft! Also, petty theft has been on the rise and cars broken into. **DO NOT** leave any items visible in your cars when you park for Mass — do not lead others into temptation!

Parish eMail Group

A group of parishioners have created a Google eMail group as a communication tool for news and activities involving the Parishes, Oratory and Carmelite Daughters of Elias. To join, please email cincinnatiatholics@gmail.com. For those who do not use Google, there will be an alternative email list. Please note this is not run or organized by the parishes, Oratory or Carmelite Daughters of Elias.

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.



St. Francis de Sales is the principal patron of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and one of the secondary patrons of the Cincinnati Oratory. St. Francis de Sales in many ways, took the spirituality of St. Philip Neri and put it to writing. He was also the founder of an Oratory as a bishop, so

we claim him as one of our own! **We celebrate his feast on January 24 on the revised calendar and on January 29 on the traditional calendar!**

Purification High Mass

There will be a sung Mass for the Feast of the Purification at Old St. Mary on **Wednesday, 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 bless again on **Sunday, February 5**. Confessions could be limited as a result—we apologize for any inconvenience.

Merry Christmas! It has been a very busy but very satisfying season for the musicians here. We were so delighted to debut the Laudate Pueri Children's Schola at the Musical Oratory of Advent and singing carols prior to Midnight Mass this past December, and they are looking forward to providing music for three liturgical events in our parishes this coming season: at the end of February, for the evening Mass opening our Forty Hours devotion on the feast of Saint Matthew, for the sung Mass at OSM on the First Friday of May, and then on Sunday, May 14 at Sacred Heart Church for their Mass with May Crowning.

The Schola represents an important and often-neglected component of the great legacy of Catholic sacred music, namely, the emphasis that has historically been placed on providing an opportunity for young people to receive a thorough musical education in the context of providing music at the very highest level for the liturgy. Right now, our Schola stands at 21 members, but if we can grow, we will be able to provide more targeted opportunities for growth and for learning for all age groups, and hopefully expand into offering a high school program for graduates of the earlier years. If you have any young men and women in your family ages 8 to 12 who would be interested in this opportunity, I would strongly encourage you to reach out to me or Sophia Decker for more information.

The Marian antiphon, *Alma Redemptoris Mater*, that we began singing at the beginning of Advent will continue to be sung all month, as the echoes of Christmas continue through the time after Epiphany. Don't be surprised to find that Christmas in the traditional calendar does not end as abruptly or instantaneously as you may be used to. Meditation on Christ's birth and His hidden years will continue to occupy us in part until the beginning of February, even as our attention is also called to His later life and ministry. This is not so much the logic of narrative storytelling, in which one thing must come after another in sequence, as it is the logic of prayer, in which we

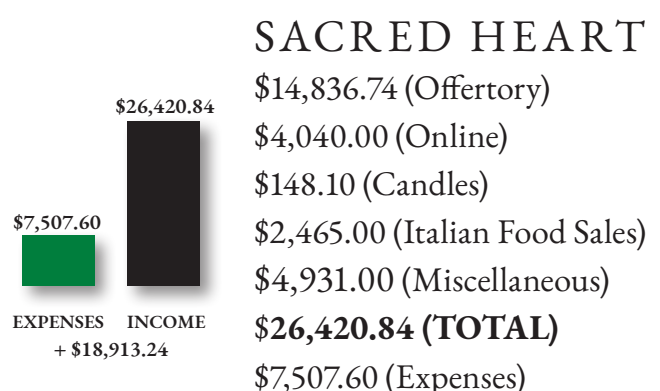
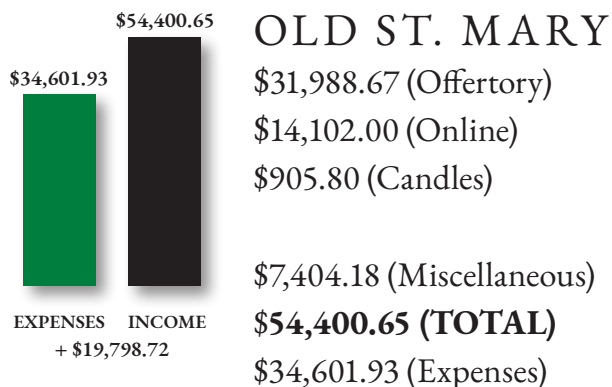
continually return in awe and loving contemplation to the life-giving mysteries of Our Lord's life.

The musical echoes of Christmas and Epiphany end definitively on February 2 in the traditional calendar, when we celebrate the feast of the Purification of Our Lady, complete with the beautiful blessing of candles, remembering His coming into the world as a "light of revelation to the Gentiles," as the elderly St. Simeon described him on that occasion. Simeon's canticle, "Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace...", known as the *Nunc Dimittis* from its Latin incipit, is sung in the Divine Office every night at Compline, and features heavily in the liturgy of Candlemas. In addition, we will be singing as motets some Candlemas responsories from the English Sarum liturgy, set by Thomas Tallis. Strong historic devotion to Our Lady in England had brought this feast to a place of great prominence in England, and these are among the most iconic output of these composers. It is not to be missed.

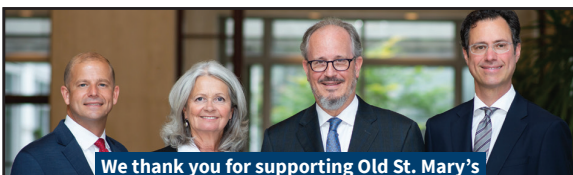
I am so grateful, as are all the musicians, for the loving and supportive community that we find here. I was especially delighted by the magnificent attendance at the Musical Oratory of Advent. We had over 100 more people in the pews this year than last. A great deal of effort goes into making this event as beautiful as possible, to lift hearts and minds to God, and so it was very gratifying to see so many people taking advantage of the opportunity.

Last, but not least, in addition to the parish choirs and the children's schola, it is in a particular way the singing congregation that makes a church musician's work so rewarding. An entire room chanting the responses is powerful, and the great hymns were all written with a congregation's voice in mind. It is very special to hear them as they should be heard. Thank you all for helping our parish to pray in this beautiful way, one that is so often missing in a culture that has sadly grown uncomfortable with the idea of singing together.

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