

THE RECTOR'S REFLECTION

A Different Musical Tone

Some of the Mass chants that you here this weekend at the 9 and 10:30 AM Masses will sound different than what we've chanted for the last year. The Gloria is gone, yes, but the *Kyrie*, *Sanctus* and *Agnus Dei* remain. The words are the same, but the music will be different. The reason is because the days are different – we are in Lent! The chant tones will be with us for the Sundays of Lent and return for the Sundays of Advent. In this way, even if it's the same exact words that are chanted Sunday after Sunday, the context changes with the passage of time and is evident even to our ears! It also reflects the tones used at the Noon Latin Mass, thus demonstrating continuity of the liturgical tradition and unity as a community.

During the Masses of Lent, as we know, the All---ia before the Gospel is gone and replaced by either a single verse or the tract. The tract is a longer Scriptural quotation to help contemplate the mystery before us and assist us in a time of renewed conversion. Rarely exercised in most parishes, we at the Georgetown Oratory will exercise this perfectly legitimate option, one that has been in place for centuries and centuries. Since there appears to be no authorized English translation (although this possibility is being explored still), the chant will be in the original Latin. Mr. Michael LaBarre has created wonderful programs for the Sunday English Masses that contain the original Latin with an English translation.

All of this will be an adjustment, but Lent is an adjustment our whole system, body and spirit, and this change drives home that these days are different. We plan to make available in the future resources to help learn the music and grow in our liturgical understanding. Now that the website is live (georgetownoratory.org), it will be much easier to share information and resources. In the meantime, continue to do as you do as every Mass – pray!

CALENDAR OF SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday, February 27

4:45–5:45 PM – Adoration

5:15–5:45 PM – Confessions

6:00 PM – Stations of the Cross followed by soup and bread in Pryor-Hubbard Hall

7:00 PM – Sung Holy Mass (1962) for the Ember Day

Saturday, February 28

9:15 AM – Meeting of Fellowship Committee in Conference Room (Re: St. Patrick Day)

Thursday, March 5

7:00 PM – Dante Reading Group (Canto 11)

Friday, March 6 – First Friday

8:30 AM – Holy Mass (1962) followed by Exposition

9:00 AM – 8:00PM – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

5:15–5:45 PM – Confessions

6:00 PM – Stations of the Cross followed by soup and bread in Pryor-Hubbard Hall

7:00 PM – Holy Mass (1962) *Coram Sanctissimo* (in the presence of the exposed Sacrament) concluding with the Litany of the Most Sacred Heart and Benediction

Saturday, March 7 – St. Thomas Aquinas

8:30 AM – Holy Mass (1962) – Mass will be sung followed by First Saturday devotions

Sunday, March 15

2:00-5:00PM – St. Patrick's Day Dinner (more info forthcoming)

OFFERTORY

• February 14-15

- **Offertory** **\$3,441.00**
- **Online Giving** **\$389.72**
- **Total** **\$3,830.72**

MASS INTENTIONS

February 21 – March 1

Saturday, February 21

8:30 AM – Int. of Jim Jagodzinski

4:00 PM – Int. of Maureen Gilmartin

Sunday, February 22

9:00 AM – Int. of David Whitehead, Sr.

10:30 AM – Int. of Fr. Brian Gannon

12:00 PM – Arthur R. Powers +

Tuesday, February 24

8:30 AM – Int. of the Couey Family

Wednesday, February 25

6:00 PM – Int. of Jim Jagodzinski

Thursday, February 26

8:30 AM – Int. of Dan Duff

Friday, February 27

8:30 AM – Int. of Fr. Michael James Vian Clark

7:00 PM - **OPEN**

Saturday, February 28

8:30 AM – Int. of Dorothy Calio

4:00 PM – Rev. Lawrence F. Carew +

Sunday, March 1

9:00 AM – **OPEN**

10:30 AM – John T. Mc Donnell +

12:00 PM – Felipe Aquilar Vizcarra +

PRAYER INTENTIONS - Each week in the Oratory Bulletin we include the names of those who need our particular prayers. Please contact the office if you would like to add someone to our prayer list.

Kathy Romano, Joe and Lucille Faugno, Anna DeLuca, Susan Brown, Timothy Burns, Emily Dexter, Jorge Chiavirria, Gerald Owczarczak, Matthew Krakowiak, Michael Majoris, David Knapp, Brian O'Donnell, Ralph Nilson, Michael Jansen, Andrew B. Slagle, Jim Jogodinski, David Whitehead, Sr.

Repose of the souls of Nancy Define, Michael Peloso, Ryan Yannalfo, Lucy Procaccini, Gabriella Patterson, Michelle Leigh Gray, Edith Wald, Michael Rossi, Michael Tejada, Madeline Hanusovsky, Nikolaos Soukeras, James Crawford Grace, Michael Marushak, James Lomuscio, Monsignor Joseph W. Pekar

ORATORY NEWS

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

The next meeting will be on **Saturday, February 28** at 9:15 AM to continue planning for the St. Patrick Day Party on March 15. The committee will continue to discuss future events, such as a summer cookout, Ferragosto and outdoor movie nights. Open to all.

FRIDAYS IN LENT – STATIONS & SOUP

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Fridays in Lent at 6 PM. All are invited to gather in Pryor-Hubbard Hall after Stations for soup and bread, provided by the generosity of our members. Please signup in the hall to bring a large container of soup and/or bread to share. Confessions will be heard prior to Stations from 5:15-5:45 PM. Special Masses will be offered on Friday, February 27 (Ember Friday) and March 6 (First Friday) at 7 PM.

ST PATRICK'S DINNER TICKETS

Tickets will be sold at Friday Soup & Bread, after all weekend Masses in the vestibule, and in the Parish Office. \$25 for ages 17 & UP; \$15 Ages 8-16 and Free for Ages 7 & under. Cash or check only. No Tickets at the door and cutoff for tickets is March 11.

ST. PATRICK'S VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to bring a dessert, set-up, serving and clean-up. Sign-up sheets will be in the vestibule, church hall and parish office.

WEBSITE & ONLINE GIVING

The website is up and running: georgetownoratory.org
Check it out. It's a work in progress. You can also signup for online giving on the website by following the GIVING link at the top of the page of the picture closer to the bottom. You can also scan the QR code below.



PROCESSIONAL

**Refrain: *Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
For we have sinned against thee.***

- 1 To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory:
Lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:
Listen O Jesu, to our supplications.**
- 2 O thou chief cornerstone, right hand of the Father:
way of salvation, gate of life celestial:
cleanse thou our sinful souls all defilement.**
- 3 God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated:
bow down and hearken to thy weeping children:
pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.**
- 4 Sins oft committed now we lay before thee:
with true contrition, now no more we veil them:
grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.**
- 5 Innocent, captive, taken unresisting:
falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced:
save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer.**

Words: Lent Prose
Tune: ATTENDE, DOMINE

Mass Readings:
Glory & Praise #783
RCDM pg. 298

The Sanctuary Lamp burns for the Intentions of Maureen Gilmartin as requested by Sherry Morris.

The Sacred Heart Votive Candle burns for the Couey Family as requested by Maura Gibson.



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**Dominica I in Quadragesima
/ First Sunday of Lent
February 22, 2026**

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday
4 PM (Saturday Vigil) 9 AM 10:30 AM 12 Noon (1962)

Tuesday & Thursday
8:30 AM

Wednesday
6 PM (1962)

Friday & Saturday
8:30 AM (1962)

ADORATION
First Friday 9 AM – 8 PM

CONFESSIONS (in the oratory)

Wednesday 5:15 – 5:45 PM

Saturday 7:00 – 8:15 AM

By request at any convenient time

OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – Friday 9 AM – 1 PM

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