

Tridentine Community News

December 15, 2024 - Third Sunday of Advent

*London Oratory Schola
to Sing at Old St. Mary's in Detroit on July 18, 2025*



There are very few “rock stars” in the world of sacred music, but one person who certainly qualifies is Charles Cole of the London Oratory in England. Beginning his musical career as a chorister and later organist at London’s Westminster Cathedral, today he oversees several choirs:



1. *The London Oratory Junior Choir:* This is a volunteer choir of boys and girls who sing at the “Family Mass” at the Oratory on Sundays at 10:00 AM and for the ethereal Tuesday

6:30 PM
Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. They also give concerts across Europe. For more information, visit:

<https://charlescole.com/london-oratory-junior-choir/>

2. He is assistant director of the professional adult choir which sings at the Oratory for the Sunday 11:00 AM Mass and the Sunday 3:30 PM Extraordinary Form Vespers.

3. *The London Oratory Schola:* Charles’ main choir, with which he rehearses daily, is a group of male students from the London Oratory School who sing for the Saturday 6:00 PM Mass at the Oratory and who tour the world in concert and sing for Hollywood productions, most notably the Harry Potter movies. Their repertoire on the adjacent liturgical calendar speaks for itself.

Charles is one of very few music directors who is both an accomplished musician and exceptionally well organized behind the scenes. For example, he created the amazing web site for the Schola himself: www.londonoratoryschola.com

He is an avid member of the Church Music Association of America and a regular attendee of its Sacred Music Colloquia. A few years ago in Salt Lake City, he was assisted in teaching a choral conducting class at the Colloquium by Detroit and Windsor’s own Wassim Sarweh.

Charles and his choirs were featured in Episode 16 of *Extraordinary Faith* here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DW9TKU4I7D4>

To give you an idea of the rarefied existence Charles leads, this writer recently visited him in London, and while we were talking, a young man, doubtfully even 20 years of age, approached Charles to ask for his feedback. It turns out this fellow had just served as the organist for Tuesday evening Benediction. The organ playing had been of utmost professionalism and would have been presumed to have been provided by an experienced adult organist. It is almost inconceivable that such a young man could have demonstrated such musical proficiency. Clearly the work Charles is undertaking at the London Oratory will help form future generations of music directors, including and perhaps especially for the Latin Mass.

And now for the best part: After almost six years of negotiations, we are delighted to announce that Charles Cole and the London Oratory Schola will visit Detroit and give a concert at Old St. Mary’s Church on Friday, July 18, 2025 at 7:00 PM. Mark your calendars; more information will be provided as the date approaches.

In the interim, take a moment to visit this web page which lists the Schola’s

numerous recordings and which includes some tear-jerkingly beautiful videos of the boys singing: <https://www.londonoratoryschola.com/recordings>

Tridentine Masses This Coming Week

Tue. 12/17 6:00 PM: High Mass at *St. John Resort Chapel, Plymouth (Feria)*

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THE LONDON ORATORY SCHOOL SCHOLA CANTORUM		
Patrons - HE Robert Cardinal Sarah, Dom Geoffrey Kemlin OSB, Abbot of Solemes, HRH Princess Michael of Kent, Sir James MacMillan CBE		
MUSIC LIST - MICHAELMAS TERM 2024		
SATURDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 6.00PM VIGIL MASS Int/Ps/All <i>Iustus es!145/Domine, exaudi</i> Mass setting <i>Missa brevis</i> , Palestrina Offertory <i>Hear my prayer, O Lord</i> , Purcell Sanctus XII	WEDNESDAY 9th OCTOBER ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN 10.00AM SCHOOL MASS Int/Ps/All <i>Os iusti!98/Beatus vir</i> Mass setting <i>Mass in E flat</i> , Rheinberger Offertory <i>Jubilata Deo</i> , Giovannielli Sanctus <i>Vili (de angelis)</i> Communion <i>Ave verum corpus</i> , Gounod	SATURDAY 23rd NOVEMBER CHRIST THE KING 6.00PM VIGIL MASS Int/Ps/All <i>Dignus est agnus!92/Potestas eius</i> Mass setting <i>Missa Simile est regnum</i> , Victoria Offertory <i>Cantate Domino a 5</i> , Hassler Sanctus VII Communion <i>O quam suavis</i> , Lobo <i>Christus vincit</i> , Worcester Acclamations
SATURDAY 14th SEPTEMBER 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 6.00PM VIGIL MASS Int/Ps/All <i>Da pacem!114/Timebant gentes</i> Mass setting <i>Spatzenmesse kv220</i> , Mozart Offertory <i>O crux ave, Animuccia</i> Sanctus X Communion <i>O bone Jesu</i> , Ingegneri	SATURDAY 12th OCTOBER 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 6.00PM VIGIL MASS Int/Ps/All <i>Si iniquitates!89/Quil timent</i> Mass setting <i>Missa De la batalla escoutez</i> , Guerrero Offertory <i>Ave Maria</i> , Elgar Sanctus XIV Communion <i>O sacrum convivium</i> , Tallis	SATURDAY 30th NOVEMBER 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT 6.00PM VIGIL MASS Int/Ps/All <i>Ad te levavi!24/Ostende nobis</i> Mass setting <i>Missa Conditor alme siderum</i> , Annuccia Offertory <i>Ecce concipies</i> , Handl Sanctus XVII
SATURDAY 21st SEPTEMBER 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 6.00PM VIGIL MASS Int/Ps/All <i>Salus populi!53/Confitemini</i> Mass setting <i>Missa Tertio octavi toni</i> , Croce Offertory <i>Servite animo meo</i> , Palestrina Sanctus XI (orbis factor) Communion <i>Adoramus te, Domine</i> , Felice Anerio	SATURDAY 19th OCTOBER 29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 6.00PM VIGIL MASS Int/Ps/All <i>Ego clamavi!32/Lauda, anima</i> Mass setting <i>Missa Ave maris stella</i> , Victoria Offertory <i>Ave Maria</i> , Parsons Sanctus IV	TUESDAY 3rd DECEMBER (St Luke's, Chelsea) 6.30PM CAROL SERVICE FOR ROYAL BROMPTON HOSPITAL 6.00PM VIGIL MASS Int/Ps/All <i>Populus Sion!125/Laetatus sum</i> Mass setting <i>Missa Dixit Maria</i> , Hassler Offertory <i>Dixit Maria</i> , Hassler Sanctus XVII Communion <i>Beata viscera</i> , Byrd
TUESDAY 24th SEPTEMBER 4.30PM FIRST FORM MASS Mass setting <i>Missa brevis</i> , Palestrina Offertory <i>Ave Maria a 4</i> , Victoria Sanctus VIII (de angelis) Communion <i>Adoramus te, Christe</i> , Nanino	FRIDAY 8th NOVEMBER 10.00AM SCHOOL REQUIEM MASS Ps/All/San <i>26/Requiem!XVII</i> Mass setting <i>Requiem</i> , Durufle	SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT 6.00PM VIGIL MASS Int/Ps/All <i>Populus Sion!125/Laetatus sum</i> Mass setting <i>Missa Dixit Maria</i> , Hassler Offertory <i>Dixit Maria</i> , Hassler Sanctus XVII Communion <i>Beata viscera</i> , Byrd
SATURDAY 28th SEPTEMBER 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 6.00PM VIGIL MASS Int/Ps/All <i>Omnia!18/Paratum</i> Mass setting <i>Missa Aeterna Christi munera</i> , Palestrina Offertory <i>Super flumina Babylonis</i> , Palestrina Sanctus XIII	SATURDAY 9th NOVEMBER 32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 6.00PM VIGIL MASS Int/Ps/All <i>In tret oratio!145/Qui posuit</i> Mass setting <i>Missa O quam gloriosum</i> , Victoria Offertory <i>Sacerdotes Domini</i> , Byrd Sanctus VI	WEDNESDAY 11th DECEMBER 7.00PM CAROL SERVICE FOR AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED 6.00PM VIGIL MASS Int/Ps/All <i>Gaudete/Isaiah 12/Excita, Domine</i> Mass setting <i>Missa Sancti Ioannis de Deo</i> , Haydn Offertory <i>Canite tuba</i> , Palestrina Sanctus XVII Communion <i>Rorate caeli</i> , Palestrina
SATURDAY 5th OCTOBER 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 6.00PM VIGIL MASS Int/Ps/All <i>In voluntate!127/In exitu</i> Mass setting <i>Missa super Sancta Maria</i> , Handl Offertory <i>Ave virgo sanctissima</i> , Navarro Sanctus IX Communion <i>Venite comedite</i> , Byrd	SATURDAY 16th NOVEMBER 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 6.00PM VIGIL MASS Int/Ps/All <i>Dicit Dominus!15/De profundis</i> Mass setting <i>Missa Quarti toni</i> , Victoria Offertory <i>De profundis</i> , Belli Sanctus XII Communion <i>Salvator mundi (I)</i> , Tallis	MONDAY 16th DECEMBER 7.00PM CHRISTMAS ORATORIO, J.S.BACH THURSDAY 19th DECEMBER 2.00PM SCHOOL CAROL SERVICE <i>Choral Services resume on Saturday 11 January 2025</i>

Director Charles Cole • Organist Ben Bloor • Voice Trainer Anita Morrison