



THE ORATORY OF SAINTS
**GREGORY &
AUGUSTINE**

MASS

Sunday: 6:45, 8:00, 11:30am
Monday & Friday: 12:15pm
Tuesday & Thursday: 7:00am
Wednesday: 6:30pm
First Friday: 7:15pm
First Saturday: 8:15am

ADORATION

Wednesday: 9:00am - 6:00pm
First Friday: 9:00am - 6:00pm

CONFESSION

Monday & Friday: 11am - 12pm
Wednesday: 5:00 - 6:00pm
First Friday: 6:00 - 7:00pm
First Saturday: 7:00 - 8:00am

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FROM THE RECTOR – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

On this Second Sunday after Epiphany, we are presented with The Wedding Feast of Cana, the first of the Lord’s miracles. In the Gospel from St. John we are provided the opportunity to contemplate this miraculous occurrence as we continue to rest comfortably in the mystery of the Incarnation. In both instances, our Blessed Mother plays a unique and central role to the unfolding of the realities around Her: She is the mediatrix prompting our Lord to make manifest His glory and She is the worthy tabernacle of the Word Made Flesh and the first apostle testifying to the joys of Our Savior. Our Lord performs this first of His many miracles in order to make manifest His glory and to confirm the faith of His disciples. This may also be said of the Incarnation – the Savior takes flesh to manifest His glory and the glory of the Father as well as to strengthen and confirm the faith of all who choose to believe in Him. In the final analysis this is what is required of us: to believe in the power and glory, might and majesty of Our Savior and then to go forth and witness to the truth of Christ!

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AN UNFORTUNATE HAPPENSTANCE

After the 11:30 am Holy Mass this past Sunday a person or persons, who are not members of the Oratory, carted off all of the water bottles with Epiphany water and all the small salt containers with Epiphany salt and half of the blessed chalk.

1. If you were present when this happened and know the people involved, I would appreciate that information. The Oratory is blessed with a great many resources not available at other parishes and we welcome others to have access to these resources. Nevertheless, what happened yesterday was nothing short of theft. There were still at least 500+ bottles of water remaining for our own faithful to access along with a similar amount of salt. To take all of it off the table along with the baskets is selfish and unwarranted.

2. We are working to replace these bottles and hopefully will have new ones in the next week or so. Since we blessed a large quantity of water, please feel free to bring your own containers for water. If you need/want more than a gallon, please contact me so that I can keep track of how much water remains. So too, we are hoping to have more salt available, but we did not bless as much salt as we did water.

If you have any questions or information, please contact me at mgrmorris@gmail.com or call the rectory at 314/644-2144.

Let us continue to pray for the great blessing that the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine is for us and for the whole Archdiocese of St. Louis.

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NO MASS or CONFESSIONS

Please note: there will be NO MASS or CONFESSIONS this week, 17 January - 21 January. Our regular schedule will resume Sunday, 23 January.

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PRO-LIFE INFORMATION

January 22, 2022 marks the 49th anniversary of the Supreme Court decisions that legalized abortion in the United States (Roe v. Wade & Doe v. Bolton). Since establishing the first U.S diocesan pro-life office in 1973, the Archdiocese of St. Louis has consistently marked this tragic occasion with activities that focus on what hopeful, faith-filled people of God do to build a “culture of life and civilization of love” and accompany those facing unplanned pregnancies.

Please consult the Archdiocesan website for more information about the various pro-life activities during the month of January. (<https://www.archstl.org/respect-life-apostolate>).

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MEN’S CONFERENCE (FEBRUARY 2022)

Catholic Men for Christ: Archdiocese of St. Louis is holding its annual conference **IN-PERSON** on **Saturday, 12 February 2022**. The conference begins at 8:45 am and concludes at 4:30 pm and is being held at the Si Commons on the campus of St. Louis University High School. For more information please visit: catholicmenforchrist.org.

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WOMEN’S CONFERENCE (MARCH 2022)

Catholic Women for Christ: Archdiocese of St. Louis is holding its annual conference **IN-PERSON** on **Saturday, 12 March 2022**. The conference begins at 8:45 am and concludes at 4:30 pm and is being held at the Si Commons on the campus of St. Louis University High School. For more information please visit: catholicwomenforchrist.org.

CATECHESIS ON CONFESSION

It is a humbling experience being charged with the responsibility to hear confession and to dispense God’s justice and mercy. The beauty of the

sacrament is clear in that often the lines are long for confession here at the Oratory. This is a blessed problem to have. It is hoped during the Lenten season to offer times for confessions that are advantageous for the whole community. As we strive for greater holiness through the remission of our sins, I want to offer again a few words on the nature of confessions

The Catechism of the Council of Trent provides a thorough and complete explication of the Sacrament of Penance. I want to draw particular attention to the exhortation that confession should be complete and entire. The Church teaches us that we are responsible for confessing all of our mortal sins in both number (how often) and kind (nature of the sin itself). As such when we come for confession, we should not only present those sins that are on our hearts or that have easily come to mind but also confess all sins we can recall after a thorough examination of conscience.

Moreover, please keep in mind that if we are aware of mortal sin, we should not present ourselves for Holy Communion; rather, we should approach the sacrament of confession at the first available opportunity, confess our sins and only then come forward for Holy Communion. One should never feel embarrassed or ashamed to remain in the pew during the reception of Holy Communion because there are a host of reasons why people refrain from receiving Holy Communion and not all of those reasons are connected to mortal sin.

While the Oratory has increased the times for confession, I am aware that these times may not always be convenient for the various schedules we keep. If the times for confession do not work well with your schedule, I am always willing to meet you in Church for the sacrament itself. Finally, I encourage everyone to access a thorough and complete guide for examining your conscience. This will assist you in recalling your serious sins as well as venial sins which also work against growing in holiness

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ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS

Annual Giving statements will be available starting Sunday, 16 January 2022. You will find your statement in the box on the back table in the Church vestibule. Please notify the office (via email please) immediately if any changes to your contact information need to be made regarding your name or address. This is also an opportunity to notify the office with any changes to phone number, cell number or email address. Again, please make every effort to notify the office of these changes through email. Our email address osgaoffice@gmail.com. In advance thank you for your generosity and attentiveness to these details.

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NEW FAMILIES for DECEMBER (alphabetical order):

A warm welcome to our new parishioners!

- The Ashlock Family ~ Sam & Sara, Raina, Autumn, and Eliza
- The Hohn Family ~ Bill & Mary
- The Robinson Family ~ Patrick & Barbara, Rachel and Esther
- Tony Seemiller
- The Smith Family ~ Craig & Janice, Peter, Christopher, Mary Michaela, and Andrew

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MISSAL ASSISTANCE/ SUNDAYS IN JANUARY 2022

- 16 January – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany (p. 61)
- 23 January – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany (p.65)
- 30 January – 4th Sunday after Epiphany (p.69)

BAPTISMS (October – December 2021):

(In alphabetical order)

- Vivian Therese Buckley (Joseph & Mary)*
- Siena Nicole Koschoff (Daniel & Katelyn)*
- Benedict Bruce Sinak (Matthew & Julie)*
- Emma Jane Standeford (Greg & Lauren)*
- Hope Anne Standeford (Greg & Lauren)*
- Jack Addison Standeford (Greg & Lauren)*
- Lucy Elizabeth Standeford (Greg & Lauren)*
- Joseph Gerard Weissler (Greg & Adilyn)*

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BLESSED ITEMS

If you wish to have items blessed please drop them off at the rectory (Mon-Fri, 9am-2pm) and include your name and telephone number. Please make sure all items are clearly marked. Once Msgr. Morris has blessed the items Donna will call you to let you know the items are ready for pick up (from the rectory office, Mon-Fri, 9am-2pm). Please do not leave anything in the sacristy on the vesting table. If you cannot come during the hours stated above, please leave the items on the back porch of the rectory (located off the parking lot between Church and school).

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YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS

Young Catholic Professionals St Louis has leadership opportunities in your city! YCP's mission is Working in Witness for Christ and offers young adults (age 20-39) the opportunity to develop professional and leadership skills while serving in a dynamic apostolate. Email info@stlouis.org to request an application today or visit our website www.youngcatholicprofessionals.org to learn more!

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INFORMATION TABLE (AGAIN!)

No one is to place any information, literature, holy cards, etc. On the table without the explicit permission of the rector. Going forward – items left on the table without permission will be immediately removed and thrown away. Please contact the rector if you want to leave something on the table.

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TRIVIA NIGHT: SATURDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2022

The Knights of Columbus is hosting a Trivia Night on 26 February 2022 to raise money for the council in order to perform more charitable works for the community and to support the Oratory. If you would like to register a table, sponsor a round, or otherwise help with the trivia night, please email: oratoryevents@gmail.com.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, 16 January: Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Thursday, 20 January: Knights of Columbus Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- Sunday, 23 January: Coffee Hour after the 11:30 am Holy Mass Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Sunday, 23 January: Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Sunday, 30 January: Vespers @ 4:30 pm

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PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE/ 2021-2022

01/09-01/16 Hayward	01/16-01/21 Fowler
01/21-01/30 Blum	01/30-02/06 Alexander
02/06-02/13 Haulard	02/13/02/20 Catalano
02/20-02/27 Kenney	02/27-03/06 Raymond
03/06/03/13 Flannigan	03/13-03/20 Gelhot
03/20-03/27 Horan	03/27-04/03 Schuette
04/03-04/10 Filla	04/10-04/17 Petrick
04/17-04/24 Buyle	04/24-05/01 Agnew
05/01-05/08 Leljedal	05/08-05/15 Podesta
05/15-05/22 Grizzle	05/22-05/29 Turntine

Drop off and pick-up statue at back of church. Place on the floor to left of the Oratory table. Be in contact with each other to ensure that the statue will transfer on schedule. PLEASE CONTACT SHARON ALEXANDER saalex@sbcglobel.net TO BE ADDED OR TAKEN OFF THE PILGRIM STATUE SCHEDULE. NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

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MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday, 17 January – *St. Anthony, Abbot*
Mass Intention: Shelby Milburn
- Tuesday, 18 January – *St. Peter's Chair at Rome*
Mass Intention: Eva & Sebastian Susovica (d)
- Weds., 19 January – *St. Marius & Companions, martyrs*
Mass Intention: Aleksander & Zofia Kozlowski (d)
- Thursday, 20 January – *Sts. Fabian & Sebastian, martyrs*
Mass Intention: Eugeniusz, Henryka, Zbigniew Wasilewicz (d)
- Friday, 21 January – *St. Agnes*
Mass Intention: Susan Fussner (d)
- Sunday, 23 January – *3rd Sunday after Epiphany*
6:45 am: Pro Populo
8:00 am: Timothy Sydlowski
11:30 am: William Leo Anthony Riley (d)

~ 01/09/2022 ~	
	<u>ACTUAL</u>
Weekly Collection Total	\$ 8,921.50
Online Giving	\$ 5,680.00
Total	\$ 14,601.50
Needed	\$ 8,692.00 (\$ 5,909.50)
Year to Date Total	\$ 317,095.57

*Our Lady of Walsingham, intercede for us who have recourse to thee!
Ss. Gregory and Augustine, pray for us!*

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