

# 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

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## CONFESSION

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



## FROM THE RECTOR – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

It remains a fundamental weakness of the human person to trust more in himself than to trust in God. Of course, this self-reliance got Adam and Eve in trouble and set the stage for the difficulties with which we continue to struggle today. The Lord only and always speaks truth to us, telling us of His love and care for us. All that He asks in return is obedient trust. And yet, we still allow anxiety and fear to stand in the way of our faith in God and the promises He has fulfilled in Christ. In St. Matthew's Gospel today, Christ makes clear His power over all things, calming both the storm and the fear of His apostles. Even in the face of this reality, the apostles still wonder who Christ is. We know more than the apostles with 2000 years of lived faith and yet the question the Lord asks remains true: Why are you fearful? Aware that there are many reasons to be concerned about the world and the Church, we are still required to trust in the Lord and never allow fear to stand in the way. Pray earnestly, fervently to always trust in the Lord most especially in the face of trial and tribulation.

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## CANDLEMAS CELEBRATION: 2 February @ 6:30 pm

On Wednesday, 2 February 2022 @ 6:30 pm we will celebrate the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary traditionally known as Candlemas. After our entrance procession we will bless candles.

After the blessing of Candles, they will be distributed at the communion rail and then will be lit by the servers. Weather permitting, we will have an outdoor procession around the Church celebrating the Light of Christ. If they weather does not cooperate, our procession will proceed inside of the Church.

The candles also will be lit and held during the proclamation of the Gospel and then lit again from the Sanctus until the reception of Holy Communion. The candles can be taken home for your personal spiritual use and there will be more candles available on the Oratory table in the back of Church. Please take only those candles that are needed.

The faithful are allowed to bring their own candles for blessing. Candles should be brought only on that day and placed on the tables provided that will be near the altar of the Blessed Mother prior to Holy Mass. Candles should be accessible to be blessed with holy water and be marked clearly with the name of the person/family that is having them blessed. Finally, all candles must be retrieved at the conclusion of Holy Mass. Any candles that are not retrieved at the conclusion of Holy Mass will be distributed by the Oratory. Please call the Oratory for any further questions or concerns.

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## DEPOSITIO ALLELUIA: 12 February @ 8:15 am

**Farewell to the Alleluia on the Saturday before 1 Vespers of Septuagesima:** The *deposition* (discontinuance) of the Alleluia on the eve of Septuagesima assumed in medieval times a solemn and emotional note of saying farewell to the beloved song. Although Pope Alexander II had ordered a very simple and somber way of 'deposing' the Alleluia, a variety of farewell customs prevailed in many countries up to the sixteenth century and beyond. They were inspired by the sentiment which Bishop William Durandus (d. 1296) voiced in his commentaries on the Divine Office: 'We part from the Alleluia as from a beloved friend, whom we embrace many times and kiss on mouth, head and hand, before we leave him.' The Oratory will offer Holy Mass on Saturday, 12 February @ 8:15 am and following Holy Mass we will bury the Alleluia at the Blessed Mother's altar. Confessions will be heard before Holy Mass @ 7:00 am. All are encouraged and invited to attend.

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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](http://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](http://catholicwomenforchrist.org).

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## CATECHESIS ON CONFESSION

*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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## ORATORY CHOIR

The Oratory's polyphonic choir is accepting new members! We are currently in particular need of men's voices. Please prayerfully consider directing your time and talents to glorify the Lord in this way. Contact Mrs. Kenney at [elisabethrkenney@gmail.com](mailto:elisabethrkenney@gmail.com) or leave your contact information on the sheet on the information table if you are interested.

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## SAINT JOSEPH CHALLENGE: APRIL 30 – MAY 1, 2022

The 7th Annual Joseph Challenge Pilgrimage is coming up April 30-May 1, 2022 <https://josephchallenge.com/>. It's an incredible experience for men aged 18+. Last year was the Year of St. Joseph and we had our largest group ever with over 50 men participating. Sign up today! Tell your husband, your brother(s), or your son(s) to sign up!

Invite your friends, your parish men's group, Knights of Columbus councils, and that guy at church who never likes to be outdone. Yeah, invite him too. He could use it. Even if you can't come, invite five men. Spread the word. Even if you can't walk, come for the non-walking portions (Mass, Holy Hour, etc.) Even if you can walk, bring more guys to walk with you. **It's Ad Joseph!**

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## MASS INTENTIONS

The Oratory remains grateful for the request for Mass Intentions. The intentions are satisfied as they are received with the first available opening in the Oratory's calendar. If you have a specific day to request, please contact the Oratory directly. Also, if you would like to know the date on which the Holy Mass is to be celebrated, please include an email address with your request and that information will be provided to you. In advance, thank you for your generosity.

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## YOUNG ADULT GATHERING – 5 FEBRUARY 2022

Please join us after 8:15 AM Holy Mass in the St. Joseph's room for our young adult pancake breakfast! To RSVP, please email [osgayoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:osgayoungadults@gmail.com) or RSVP on the event posting on the Oratory's Facebook page. We hope to see you there! **Please note:** this event is for adults age 21-35.

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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 items on the back porch of the rectory (accessible via 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](mailto:info@stlouis.org) to request an application today or visit our website [www.youngcatholicprofessionals.org](http://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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### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 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 sponsor a round, or otherwise help with the trivia night, please email: [oratoryevents@gmail.com](mailto:oratoryevents@gmail.com).

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, 30 January: Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Wednesday, 2 February: Candlemas celebration @ 6:30 pm
- Friday, 4 February: First Friday
- Saturday, 5 February: First Saturday
- Saturday, 5 February: Young Adults gathering after 8:15 Holy Mass
- Sunday, 6 February: Vespers @ 4:30 pm

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- Saturday, 12 February: Holy Mass @ 8:15 am (Confessions @ 7:00 am/(Deposition of the Alleluia)
- Sunday, 13 February: Septuagesima Season begins
- Sunday, 13 February: Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Thursday, 17 February: Knights of Columbus Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- Saturday, 19 February: Church Cleaning @ 9:30 am (Altar & Rosary Society/Knights of Columbus)
- Sunday, 20 February: Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Sunday, 27 February: Vespers @ 4:30 pm

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### PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE 2022

01/09-01/16 Hayward	01/16-01/23 Fowler
01/23-01/30 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 Lejeda	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@sbccglobal.net](mailto:saalex@sbccglobal.net) TO BE ADDED OR TAKEN OFF THE PILGRIM STATUE SCHEDULE. NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

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### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, 31 January – *St. John Bosco, confessor*  
12:15 pm: Colton Marks

Tuesday, 1 February – *St. Ignatius, bishop/martyr*  
7:00 am: Gregory M. Rheinheimer

Weds., 2 February – *Purification of the BVM*  
6:30 pm: Robert Lee Thouvenot (d)

Thursday, 3 February – *St. Blasé, bishop/martyr*  
7:00 am: Wiktor & Zofia Kozlowski (d)

Friday, 4 February – *St. Andrew Corsini/Sacred Heart*  
12:15 pm: Dr. Patrick Dillon  
7:15 pm: John Matthew Grgurich (d)

Saturday, 5 February – *St. Agatha, virgin/martyr*  
8:15 am: Patricia & Joan Schneider (d)

Sunday, 6 February – *5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*  
6:45 am: Pro Populo  
8:00 am: Margaret Susovica  
11:30 am: John Matthew Grgurich (d)

~ 01/23/2022 ~

#### ACTUAL

Weekly Collection Total	\$ 5,763.22
Online Giving	\$ 3,434.00
Total	\$ 9,197.22
Needed	\$ 8,692.00 (\$ 505.22)
Year to Date Total	\$ 335,003.79

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Father. Be always  
my eternal Father. Do  
not leave my soul.

Do not abandon me. Do not  
leave me out of Your sight, my Father,  
for I am Your child, whom You have  
created to please You, to adore You, to  
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