

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 – Septuagesima

Today we celebrate Septuagesima Sunday and benefit from the wisdom of Holy Mother Church as She assists us preparing ourselves for our Lenten Retreat. How blessed we are to have these weeks to prepare ourselves for this journey that requires spiritual strength and constancy. One does not prepare for a marathon the day before it begins. So it is with the Lenten season. Our preparation needs to begin now in order to be well prepared for Ash Wednesday and the subsequent days of Lent. During these three weeks use your time wisely in preparation to undertake more intense prayer, greater fasting and more concrete acts of generosity. Keeping a good Lent allows us to better celebrate and rejoice in the glories of the victory of the Cross. Keeping a good Lent begins now with thoughtful preparation. In your deliberations, be practical and concrete in order to find success in your sacrifices before God. Be mindful that the sacrifices you make, the times spent in prayer, and your generosity to those around you serve to draw you more deeply and intimately into relationship with the Triune God. Seek first the kingdom of God and all good things shall come to you!

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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.

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WOMEN'S CONFERENCE (MARCH 2022)

Catholic Women for Christ: Archdiocese of St. Louis is holding its annual conference on 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.

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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 or leave your contact information on the sheet on the information table if you are interested.

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THE LENTEN SEASON

The season of Septuagesima begins on Sunday, 13 February 2022 and provides us with the opportunity to better prepare ourselves for our Lenten Season which begins on Ash Wednesday, 2 March 2022. In order to spiritually assist the faithful of the Oratory during the Lenten season there will be additional opportunities for both confession and the celebration of the Holy Mass.

During Lent, in addition to the times already published, **Confessions** will be heard from 11:30 am until 12:45 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays (beginning 8 March 2022).

We will also have the opportunity for **Eucharistic Adoration** on the following days and times (beginning Friday, 4 April 2022):

- Wednesday: 5:00 pm to 6:15 pm
- Tuesday/Thursday: 11:00 am until 1:00 pm
- First Friday: 1:00 pm until 6:00 pm

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated on the Fridays of Lent after the conclusion of the 12:15 pm Holy Mass with the exception of the First Friday in March (4 March) and April (1 April).

Finally, the schedule for **Holy Week** has been determined and will allow us to celebrate the full Sacred Triduum this year. I share this information with you this early so that you might plan your schedules accordingly: **HOLY THURSDAY @ 4:00 PM; GOOD FRIDAY @ 3:00 PM; HOLY SATURDAY @ 2:00 PM**

All of this information will continue to be available both in our bulletin and on-line. Also, next Sunday there will be a sheet on the Oratory table in the vestibule that will have all this information for our Lenten season.

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LENTEN DAYS OF RECOLLECTION

In order to assist the faithful during the Lenten season, there will be a Day of Recollection for both the women and men of the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine. The day begins with Holy Mass at 8:15 am and concludes by 2 pm. The retreat is open to non-parishioners and everyone is encouraged to attend.

The cost for the day is \$25 and includes lunch. **Further information can be found on the Oratory table in the vestibule of Church.**

- The Men's Day of Recollection – 19 March 2022
- The Women's Day of Recollection – 26 March 2022

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SUNDAYS IN FEBRUARY / MISSAL ASSISTANCE

- 13 February – Septuagesima (p. 80)
- 20 February – Sexagesima (p. 85)
- 27 February – Quinquagesima (p. 91)
- 2 March – Ash Wednesday (p. 96)

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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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NEW FAMILIES for JANUARY (alphabetical order):

A warm welcome to our new parishioners!

- The Garrett Family ~ Patrick & Kate, Jack and William
- The Griffin Family ~ Jim & Kay
- Gene Kain
- The McDonald Family ~ Jonathan & Laura
- Katie McManus
- The Pickert Family ~ Todd & Susan, Thomas and Matthew
- The Santschi Family ~ Logan & Brittany, John Wayne, Jesse, and Olivia
- The Vecchio Family ~ Anthony & Mary

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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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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.

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 to request an application today or visit our website www.youngcatholicprofessionals.org to learn more!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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
- Saturday, 26 February: Trivia Night
- Sunday, 27 February: Vespers @ 4:30 pm
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PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE 2022

01/23-01/30 Blum 01/30-02/06 Alexander
02/06-02/13 Haulard 02/13-02/20 Catalano

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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@sbglobal.net TO BE ADDED OR TAKEN OFF THE PILGRIM STATUE SCHEDULE. NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, 14 February – *St. Valentine, Priest & Martyr*
12:15 pm: John Matthew Grgurich (d)

Tuesday, 15 February – *Sts. Faustinus & Jovita, Martyrs*
7:00 am: Channing Fukuda (d)

Wednesday, 16 February – *Feria*
6:30 pm: Lucy Hanson

Thursday, 17 February – *Feria*
7:00 am: Colton Marks

Friday, 18 February – *St. Simeon, Bishop & Martyr*
12:15 pm: Margaret Emil Rheinheimer

Sunday, 20 February – *Sexagesima*
6:45 am: Pro Populo
8:00 am: Mary Lou Rheinheimer
11:30 am: The Petrick Family

~ 02/06/2022 ~

ACTUAL

Weekly Collection Total	\$ 10,896.36
Online Giving	\$ 4,250.17
Total	\$ 15,146.53
Needed	\$ 8,692.00 (\$ 6,454.53)
Year to Date Total	\$ 363,328.24

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

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beloved Father, Thy
will be done on
earth as it is in
Heaven. Be thou my
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
honor You, living my days as You
have given me the license to live it. I
offer up this Fiat, through Mary, to
Jesus, to You, Eternal Father.

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