

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 – Sexagesima Sunday

During the season of Septuagesima, the Church sets before us for contemplation Adam, Noah and Abraham, Old Testament figures who are intimately involved in salvation history. Noah's fidelity to the Lord and obedience to the will of the Father along with his constancy during the flood are a foreshadowing of the coming of the salvific work of Christ and the response that we should have to Our Savior and what He accomplishes for us. Like Noah we are called to fidelity and obedience; so too, fidelity and obedience are fruits of the cleansing waters of baptism that Christ provides for His chosen ones. If the ark saved the world at one time, the wood of the cross has saved the whole world for all time. The perfect response to the saving waters of baptism is the life of humble service to Our Lord; we must decrease in order that Christ might increase in us. As we continue to prepare for Lent and strive to root out sin and grow in holiness, let us give particular attention to fidelity and obedience as necessary virtues in our spiritual growth. Let us listen attentively to St. Paul's exhortation to the Corinthians and find our strength in suffering and glorify the Lord through our sacrifices.

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40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Calling all Pro-Life Advocates! **40 Days for Life** will be holding its Spring Campaign starting Ash Wednesday, March 2nd, 2022 and ending on Palm Sunday April 10, 2022. Join us for 40 days of Peaceful Prayer, Hourly Vigil, Fasting and Fellowship at the Planned Parenthood abortion facility at 317 Salem Place in Fairview Heights. We staff at least 2 people every hour for 12 hours a day for 40 days. Our hours will be 7am- 7pm. Pray with us in peaceful public witness. Let mothers know you care about them. You may sign up online and enter a password at: coalitionforlifestl.com to view and use the vigil calendar or contact: theresa@coalitionforlifestl.com/ 618-520-1255 or christy@coalitionforlifestl.com/ 618-401-8607. **The Pro-Life Coordinator for the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine is Aurora Miller who can be reached at aurora.1851@yahoo.com.**

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COALITION FOR LIFE – 40 DAYS FOR LIFE AT THE ORATORY

The Oratory has been approved by Coalition for Life in their "Adopt a Day" Campaign to pray, fast, and keep vigil on two days this year: Saturday, 6 March at the Fairview Heights Planned Parenthood. We will cover 6 hours that day with at least two people each hour from 10 am until 4 pm; Saturday, 9 April from 7 am until 1 pm. More information is contained on the flyers. Join us in making this event and sacrifice memorable for the Oratory and your families during Lent. For more information contact Msgr. Morris (msgrmorris@gmail.com) or Aurora Miller (aurora.1851@yahoo.com).

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BLESSING & IMPOSITION OF THE BROWN SCAPULAR

Those who desire to have a scapular blessed and imposed on them, on the First Sunday of Lent, 6 March 2022 after the 8 am Holy Mass, I will bless and impose scapulars on those who present themselves at the communion rail. Please bring your own scapular, have it unwrapped and off your neck if you are already wearing it. As there might a great number of people presenting themselves for this blessing, the only thing that will be blessed this day is the scapular. Any questions, please contact Msgr. Morris directly (msgrmorris@gmail.com).

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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 elisabethkenney@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 11:15 am until 12:45 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays (beginning Thursday, 3 March 2022).

We will also have the opportunity for Eucharistic Adoration on the following days and times (beginning Thursday, 3 March 2022):

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

Please sign up for Adoration at: www.adorationpro.org/stlouislatinmass

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**

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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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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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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!**

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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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

- 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

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday, 21 February – *Feria*
12:15 pm: Susan Fussner (d)
- Tuesday, 22 February – *Chair of St. Peter*
7:00 am: Colton Marks
- Wednesday, 23 February – *St. Peter Damian*
6:30 pm: John Matthew Grgurich (d)
- Thursday, 24 February – *St. Matthias*
7:00 am: Susan Fussner (d)
- Friday, 25 February – *Feria*
12:15 pm: Peggy Dunn (d)
- Sunday, 27 February – *Quinquagesima*
6:45 am: Pro Populo
8:00 am: Ron & Martha Rheinheimer
11:30 am: John Matthew Grgurich (d)

~ 02/13/2022 ~	
	<u>ACTUAL</u>
Weekly Collection Total	\$ 10,743.03
Online Giving	\$ 4,907.00
Total	\$ 15,650.03
Needed	\$ 8,692.00 (\$ 6,958.03)
Year to Date Total	\$ 378,978.27

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

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