

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 – Quinquagesima Sunday

Love and sacrifice are beautifully wedded to each other when Christ mounts the Cross. Throughout His public ministry, the Son endeavored by word and deed to make manifest the Father’s love for His chosen people. God offered Himself time and again and was rejected time and again through the sinfulness of the people and their refusal to be obedient to the covenant. The Father never abandoned us because of the love He bears us and in the fullness of time the gift of His Son is the definitive manifestation of that love He has towards us. For His part, the Son is obedient to the work and will of His Father including the gift of His broken body and the shedding of His precious blood. Like His Father, it is love that moves the Son to embrace the cross. As it is for Christ, so it must be for each us. With joy, confidence and peace we must embrace our daily crosses and the motivation for our joyous embrace must be the love shown to us by God that we desire to return. Simply put: if we accept God’s love and return that love to Him, the most concrete manifestation of this love is the Cross. What greater gift of love could you offer than to give your life as ransom for others. Embrace your daily crosses, pray for the opportunity to sacrifice and truly love others as God has loved you.

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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/stlouislainmass

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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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, March 12th at the Fairview Heights Planned Parenthood. We will cover 6 hours that day with at least two people each hour from 10 am until 4pm; Saturday, April 9th 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 at 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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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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DEACON AT HOLY MASS

The Oratory is blessed to have the presence of Deacon Stephen Pieper. Deacon Pieper is assigned to the parish of St. Alban Roe but remains present here at the Oratory. As his schedule permits, he will be present to assist with Holy Communion at Holy Mass and Exposition and Benediction.

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SUNDAYS IN FEBRUARY/MISSAL ASSISTANCE

- 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. Ite Ad Joseph!

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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.

**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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**ORATORY MEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM**

A team from the Oratory is once again being formed to play in the Friday night men's summer softball league at St. Luke's. The season will begin in late March or April and lasts through August. Men (18+) from the Oratory are welcome to join. We will request later start times on First Fridays so we can still attend Mass. If you are interested, call/text Gabe Jones: 314-852-7273. Families are welcome to tailgate during games throughout the season.

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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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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Sunday, 27 February: Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Wednesday, 2 March: Ash Wednesday: Holy Mass @ 12:15 pm & 6:30 pm; Confessions at 11 am and 5 pm
- Thursday, 3 March: Eucharistic Adoration from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm; Confessions from 11:15 am until 12:45 pm
- Friday, 4 March: First Friday
- Saturday, 5 March: First Saturday
- Sunday, 6 March: Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Tuesday, 8 March: Eucharistic Adoration from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm; Confessions from 11:15 am until 12:45 pm
- Wednesday, 9 March: Holy Hour from 5:00 pm until 6:00 pm
- Thursday, 10 March: Eucharistic Adoration from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm; Confessions from 11:15 am until 12:45 pm
- Friday, 11 March: Stations of the Cross at 1:00 pm
- Saturday, 12 March: **ST. GREGORY THE GREAT**; Holy Mass @ 8:15 am; Confessions at 7:00 am
- Saturday, 12 March: Oratory Day for Coalition for Life
- Sunday, 13 March: Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Tuesday, 15 March: Eucharistic Adoration from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm; Confessions from 11:15 am until 12:45 pm
- Wednesday, 16 March: Holy Hour from 5:00 pm until 6:00 pm
- Thursday, 17 March: Eucharistic Adoration from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm; Confessions from 11:15 am until 12:45 pm
- Friday, 18 March: Stations of the Cross at 1:00 pm

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- Saturday, 19 March: **FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH**; Blessing of Bread; Men's Day of Recollection
- Sunday, 20 March: Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Tuesday, 22 March: Eucharistic Adoration from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm; Confessions from 11:15 am until 12:45 pm
- Wednesday, 23 March: Holy Hour from 5:00 pm until 6:00 pm
- Thursday, 24 March: Eucharistic Adoration from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm; Confessions from 11:15 am until 12:45 pm
- Friday, 25 March: **THE ANNUNCIATION**; Stations of the Cross at 1:00 pm
- Saturday, 26 March: Women's Day of Recollection
- Sunday, 27 March: Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Tuesday, 29 March: Eucharistic Adoration from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm; Confessions from 11:15 am until 12:45 pm
- Wednesday, 30 March: Holy Hour from 5:00 pm until 6:00 pm
- Thursday, 31 March: Eucharistic Adoration from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm; Confessions from 11:15 am until 12:45 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 LeJedal	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, 28 February – *Feria*  
12:15 pm: Gregg Pickert (d)
- Tuesday, 1 March – *Feria*  
7:00 am: Charles Thomas McKinnon (d)
- Wednesday, 2 March – *ASH WEDNESDAY*  
12:15 pm: Fr. Paul Stark, S.J. (d)  
6:30 pm: Jimmy Killeen (d)
- Thursday, 3 March – *Feria*  
7:00 am: Boyd Kramer (d)
- Friday, 4 March – *St. Casimir*  
12:15 pm: Glenda Cleveland (d)  
7:15 pm: Colton Marks
- Saturday, 5 March – *Feria*  
8:15 am: Costula Demetruilas (d)
- Sunday, 6 March – *First Sunday of Lent*  
6:45 am: Pro Populo  
8:00 am: Maurice & Alice Kramer (d)  
11:30 am: Colton Marks

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

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