

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 – Third Sunday of Lent

Christ conquers Satan! That declarative statement should be the only motivation needed to continue our fidelity to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. We have undertaken our Lenten disciplines in order to make ourselves empty that Christ might fill us up. We are aware of our sinfulness, maybe all too well and feel powerless to overcome our faults and failings. This is what Satan wants us to believe, that we are not strong enough to overcome sin and put on the new man who is Christ. Our Gospel from Saint Luke detailing the Lord's victory over Satan reminds us what the truth actually is: Christ is always the Victor over sin and death. This must translate into a firm conviction that I too can share in this victory if I am remain faithful and stay with the Lord. That I am a sinner is true; that Christ is the conqueror of sin is also true. Prepare yourself for sharing in His victory by joyfully making sacrifice. Remain with the Lord by dying to sin and allowing Christ to give you new life!

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CARING FOR THE ORATORY CAMPUS

It was brought to the attention of the Oratory from those who work in the school building during the day that they are discovering an excessive amount of trash on the school grounds and parking lot. While we are not the only ones who use that area, I would appreciate everyone's attentiveness in picking up any trash that might be left behind. I would also ask that cigarette butts and the like be disposed of properly. This exhortation to cleanliness would also extend to Church. Sadly, there have been numerous occasions when dirty diapers, used tissues and other trash have been left in the pews. As our numbers continue to grow, it will be even more important for all of us to collectively maintain our beautiful Church and the grounds of the Oratory. In advance, thank you for your attentiveness in this matter.

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THE LENTEN SEASON

Confessions are heard from 11:15 am until 12:45 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Eucharistic Adoration on the following days and times:

- 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/stlouislattinmass

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).

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- **HOLY THURSDAY @ 4:00 PM**
- **GOOD FRIDAY @ 3:00 PM**
- **HOLY SATURDAY @ 2:00 PM**

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EASTER SUNDAY

For Easter Sunday there will only be **TWO** Masses: 8:00 am and 11:30 am. Both of these will be Sung Mass.

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THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

The Oratory will celebrate High Mass every day during the Octave of Easter. Everyone is encouraged to attend to truly celebrate well the Resurrection of Our Savior. The schedule will be as follows:

- Sunday, 17 April: **Easter Sunday**; Masses @ 8:00 am & 11:30 am
- Monday, 18 April: **Normal Monday Schedule**
- Tuesday, 19 April: Holy Mass @ 12:15 pm; (confessions @ 11 am)
- Wednesday, 20 April: **Normal Wednesday Schedule**
- Thursday, 21 April: Holy Mass @ 12:15 pm; (confessions @ 11 am)
- Friday, 22 April: **Normal Sunday Schedule**
- Saturday, 23 April: Holy Mass @ 8:15 am (confessions @ 7 am)

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OFFICE OF TENEBRAE

"Tenebrae" is the name given to the service of Matins and Lauds belonging to the last three days of Holy Week and normatively anticipated the evening before. These services are marked by a somber and sober, nearly mournful praying of the Divine Office. The structure of the office is sparse reflecting the seriousness of these sacred days and the sadness that should accompany all of us because Christ our Savior suffered for our sins.

The Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine will have the opportunity to pray Tenebrae on the following evenings:

- **Wednesday, 13 April @ 9:00 pm – Tenebrae of Holy Thursday**
- **Thursday, 14 April @ 9:00 pm – Tenebrae of Good Friday**
- **Friday, 15 April @ 9:00 pm – Tenebrae of Holy Saturday**

This is a wonderful, solemn, and profound way to enter more deeply into the Sacred Triduum and the Paschal Mystery which has brought us our salvation.

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FIRST CONFESSION

On Saturday, March 5th, 17 young people of the Oratory of Ss. Gregory & Augustine received their First Confession. I am grateful to their teachers in preparing them well and to Jake and Terri Fowler for the leadership of our CCD Program. Please continue to pray for all our young people enrolled in the CCD program here at the Oratory especially those preparing for Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

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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: coalitionforlifetl.com to view and use the vigil calendar or contact: theresa@coalitionforlifetl.com/ 618-520-1255 or christy@coalitionforlifetl.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 (msgormorris@gmail.com) or Aurora Miller at aurora.1851@yahoo.com.

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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 8:00 am and concludes by 2:00 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 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.

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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NEW FAMILIES for FEBRUARY (alphabetical order):

A warm welcome to our new parishioners!

- The Bauer Family ~ Matthew & Emily, Sophia, Ana, and Timmy
- Maureen Ellis
- The Johnson Family ~ Rick & Jami, Jacob, Luke, Lucy, & Owen
- The Jones Family ~ Vince & Sarah
- Tim Markowski
- Jennifer Rosales
- The Rosales Family ~ Roland & Ramona

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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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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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

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- Sunday, 27 March: Coffee Hour after the 11:30 am Holy Mass in the St. Joseph Room
- 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
- 1 April: First Friday
- 2 April: First Saturday

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PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE 2022

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, 21 March – *St. Benedict*
12:15 pm: Tim & Nancy Huck & Family
- Tuesday, 22 March – *Feria*
7:00 am: Colton Marks
- Wednesday, 23 March – *Feria*
6:30 pm: Aldo & Jamie Escudero & Family
- Thursday, 24 March – *St. Gabriel the Archangel*
7:00 am: Fr. Sam Conedera, S.J.
- Friday, 25 March – *ANNUNCIATION*
12:15 pm: Jimmy Killeen (d)
- Saturday, 26 March – *Feria*
8:00 am: Horan Family
- Sunday, 27 March – *Laetare Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent)*
6:45 am: Pro Populo
8:00 am: Fr. Sam Conedera, S.J.
11:30 am: Charles Thomas McKinnon (d)

~ 03/13/2022 ~	
<u>ACTUAL</u>	
Weekly Collection Total	\$ 7,158.36
Online Giving	\$ 5,445.00
Total	\$ 12,603.36
Needed	\$ 8,692.00 (\$ 3,911.36)
Year to Date Total	\$ 423,013.88

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

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