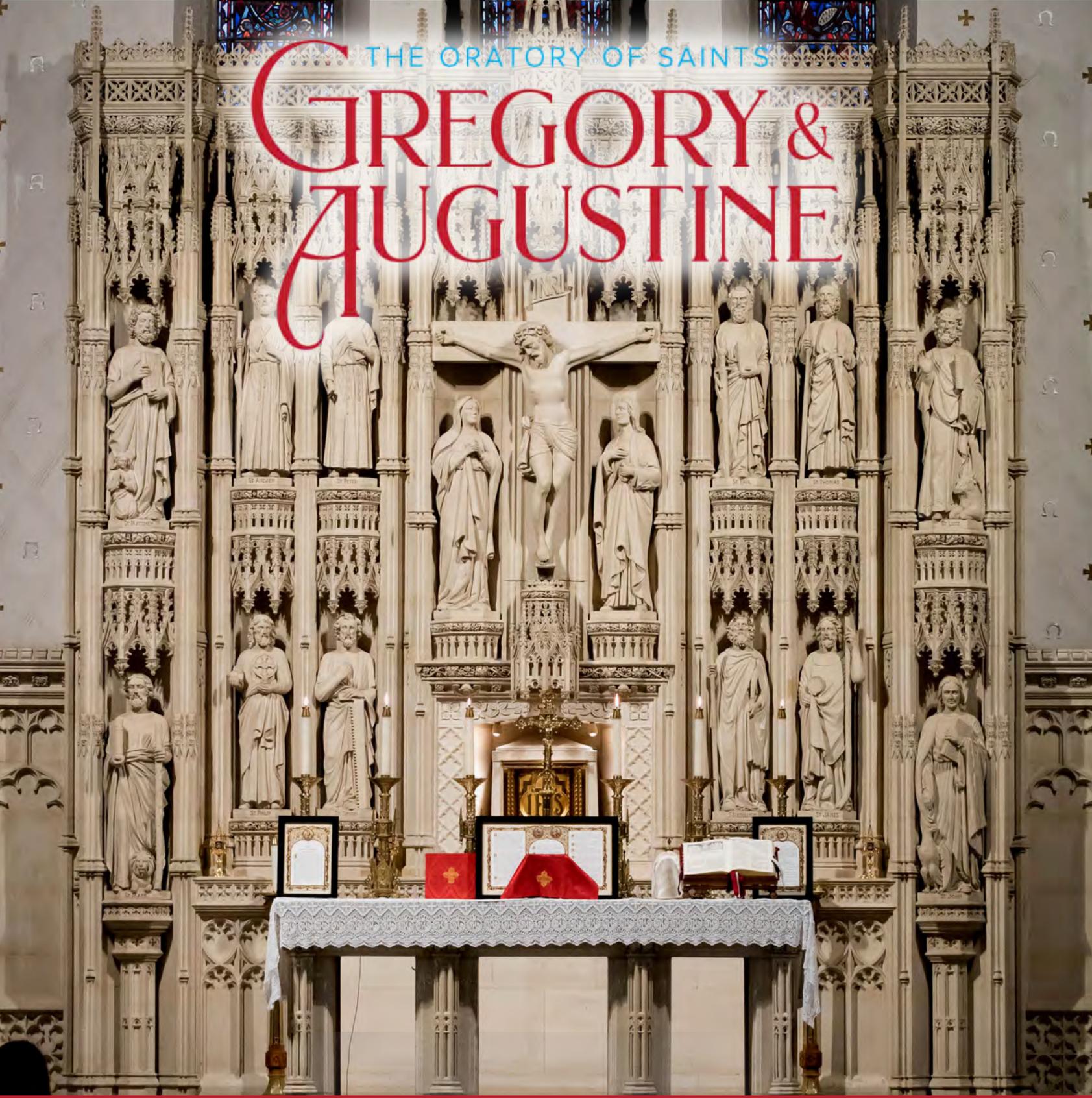


THE ORATORY OF SAINTS

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 – Palm Sunday

The reflections on this day provided by Holy Mother Church are simple and because of their simplicity extremely profound. The Church teaches us that the liturgical reality we celebrate reflects the twofold the Church has toward the Cross. The sacred liturgy begins with the blessing of palms, includes a procession calling to the mind the Lord's joyful and triumphal entrance into Jerusalem. All aspects of the blessing, distribution, and procession with palms evokes in us the scene that took place two thousand years ago when the Savior entered His city in order to redeem His people. The Holy Mass follows the ceremonies related to the palms and forces the faithful to confront the sorrow of the Redeemer's Passion and the part our sins have played in the Lord's suffering. Through today's celebrations, we are one step closer to entrance into the holiest of days where we recall the triumph of life over death, celebrate the victory of mercy and sacrifice over selfishness and sin. All of our preparations during this Lenten pilgrimage were undertaken in large part to assist us in not turning away from the horror of the cross in order to be able to rejoice in the victory the cross brings. We suffer! Yet, Christ conquers sin, suffering, and death on the cross. Let us rejoice and give thanks to God!

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THOUGHTS ON PASSIONTIDE VEILING

As we move closer to the holiest days of the Church year, it is helpful to meditate upon the veiling of statues and the removal of the relics. Thank you to Anna Kalinowski for providing this succinct, timely and most especially, prayerful information.

1) The Gospel of Passion Sunday, John 8 46:59 says, "They took up stones therefore to cast at Him: but Jesus hid Himself and went out of the temple." This reminds us of the humiliation to which Our Lord subjected Himself in hiding from the Pharisees. And, if the Master's glory is eclipsed, it is but right the servants (the statues of Our Lady and the Saints) also be so. Thus, they are veiled.

2) Furthermore, the veiling increases the breathtaking suspense of the great mysteries by carrying on that progressive stripping that takes place in Septuagesima and Lent. In Septuagesima, flowers are no longer used. In Passiontide, the relics are taken away and the statues hidden. Finally, after the Liturgy of Holy Thursday, the altars themselves (except the altar of repose) are stripped bare to show the desolation of Good Friday.

3) The crucifixes are unveiled on Good Friday, which beautifully highlights the primacy of the Cross for salvation. Good Friday is the climax, even the crown jewel of the Triduum. The rest of the statues are unveiled at the Easter Vigil during the Gloria. This highlights the joy of Heaven won only through the Crucifixion.

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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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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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EASTER VIGIL BBQ

Weather permitting, we will host our Annual Easter Vigil BBQ after the Easter Vigil on April 16, 2022 at the school building patio area near the school playground. Burgers, hot dogs, chips, and drinks will be provided. Please bring lawn chairs as seating will be limited to the picnic tables in the playground area.

Assistance with grilling and set up for the event is needed on Friday and Saturday – please contact Samantha Podesta at (314) 583-9210 if you are able to assist for even an hour!

EASTER VIGIL – COOKIE BAKE OFF!

Who has the best cookies? Find out at the Easter Vigil BBQ! Bring your favorite homemade cookies to compete and to share at the BBQ along with a copy of the recipe to be placed with your cookies for sharing with our Oratory family. Bring your appetite and go home with new favorite recipes! Be prepared to write them down or to take a picture of them. Winners will be chosen from three categories: chocolate cookies, non-chocolate cookies, and specialty diet (i.e., gluten free or dairy free). If you are interested in judging, contact Kiera Petrick at kmpetrick@yahoo.com.

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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 Friday Schedule**
- Saturday, 23 April: Holy Mass @ 8:15 am (confessions @ 7 am)

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LOW SUNDAY (24 April) EASTER EGG HUNT

Our annual Low Sunday Easter Egg Hunt will be held after the 11:30am Mass on Sunday, April 24, 2022 at the school playground, please join us. Please contact Erin Flannigan (314) 494-1569 if you are interested in assisting with this fun event!

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FLORIANI

WHO: Floriani presents The Sacred in Saint Louis

WHEN: Thursday, 28 April @ 7:00 pm

WHERE: Oratory of Saints Gregory & Augustine (Free & Open to the Public)

WHAT: Floriani is a Phoenix-based men's vocal ensemble dedicated to serving the Church through the beauty of sacred music.

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BAPTISMS (January–March 2022):

(In alphabetical order)

- Clement Harris Blaxton (Philip & Julia)*
- Peter Andrew D' Cunha (Napoleon & Lauren)*
- Philomena Grace Dailey (Sean & Amanda)*
- Raphael Joseph Hofmann (Grant & Alicia)*
- Nicolas Peregrine Klinger (Jacob & Lindsey)*

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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COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As requested, we are planning to offer additional coffee hours for both the 8:00 am and 11:30 am Masses beginning in May. With these additional offerings comes the need for assistance. It is clear that as a community we enjoy each other’s company after both of these Holy Masses; however, the success of these gatherings will only be sustainable if everyone takes part in set-up and clean-up instead of leaving these responsibilities to only the same few each time. Please consider volunteering to help. The more assistance given, the less frequently people will need to commit to a particular Sunday. Please contact Samantha Podesta at (314) 583-9210 if you would be willing to assist with coffee hour after either Mass, the more help we have, the faster it gets done!

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ORATORY SIGNS

The signs for the Oratory have been taken down because they have been ravaged by the weather and were falling apart. Please know that conversations are underway as to replacing the current signs as well as something more permanent. If you have any suggestions as to signage for the Oratory, please contact Msgr. Morris (msgrmorris@gmail.com). Rest assured that the lack of signs does not indicate anything about the on-going presence and future of the Oratory.

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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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NEW FAMILIES for MARCH (alphabetical order):

A warm welcome to our new parishioners!

- The Appelbaum Family ~ Stephen & Deann, and Ally
- The Benedick Family ~ Jake & Katie, Aden, Emily, Briar, Madeleine, and Cora
- The Coursey Family ~ Nathan & Catherine
- Valerie D’Souza
- The Dreyer Family ~ Mike & Michelle
- Joseph Esserman
- Mary Hampton Hayden
- Jeffrey Hoffmeyer

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

- Nancy McCafferty
- Olivia Rosebrough
- The Stinehart Family ~ Connor & Rachel, and Lewis

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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, 10 April: Coffee Hour after the 8:00 am Holy Mass in the St. Joseph Room
- Sunday, 10 April: Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Tuesday, 12 April: Eucharistic Adoration from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm; Confessions from 11:15 am until 12:45 pm
- Wednesday, 13 April: Holy Hour from 5:00 pm until 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, 13 April: Tenebrae @ 9:00 pm
- Thursday, 14 April: **HOLY THURSDAY; (cf. Schedule above)**
- Thursday, 14 April: Tenebrae @ 9:00 pm
- Friday, 15 April: **GOOD FRIDAY; (cf. Schedule above)**
- Friday, 15 April: Tenebrae @ 9:00 pm
- Saturday, 16 April: **EASTER VIGIL; (cf. Schedule above)**
- Sunday, 17 April: **EASTER SUNDAY; (cf. Schedule above)**
- Sunday, 17 April: Vespers @ 2:00 pm (N.B. Time change)

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PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE 2022

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday, 11 April – *Monday of Holy Week*
12:15 pm: Ted & Kaitlin Alfermann Family
- Tuesday, 12 April – *Tuesday of Holy Week*
7:00 am: Donald John Mueller
- Wednesday, 13 April – *Wednesday of Holy Week*
6:30 pm: Henry Rheinheimer
- Thursday, 14 April – **HOLY THURSDAY**
4:00 pm: Priests of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis
- Friday, 15 April – **GOOD FRIDAY**
- Saturday, 16 April – **HOLY SATURDAY/EASTER VIGIL**
2:00 pm: Pro Populo
- Sunday, 17 April – **EASTER SUNDAY**
8:00 am: Pro Populo
11:30 am: Nancy Long Mueller

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