

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 – Sunday in the Octave of Ascension

This Sunday after the Ascension is an opportunity for us to prepare for the coming of the Holy Spirit. Of course, it is situated in the context of the Lord’s glorious Ascension to His place in the Heavenly Kingdom. Often times, the glories of the Ascension are overshadowed by the Resurrection and Pentecost, celebrations and feasts that on one level relate more to our lived experiences of sin, forgiveness and the power of the Spirit. However, the celebration of the Ascension provides an opportunity to contemplate the fullness of the Paschal Mystery now complete as Christ takes His place at the right hand of the Father. It is from heaven that Our Savior continues the work of priestly mediation interceding on our behalf to the heavenly Father for forgiveness and mercy. So too, the Ascension is the celebration of the king’s enthronement. Having established His kingdom on the cross, Our Lord now takes possession of His kingdom, sitting upon His throne and bringing with Him the fruits of the Incarnation. As the disciples watched Our Lord ascend to glory, they were admonished to return to Jerusalem and wait for the Holy Spirit. This is specifically what we are doing today: preparing ourselves for the coming of the Spirit. We do this through steadfast prayer and constant faith, hope, and love. The Lord has not left us alone but sends the Spirit to teach, admonish, and bind us together. As we await the coming of the Holy Spirit, let us, like the apostles, rejoice in the glories of the Savior.

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CIVIC HOLIDAYS

Beginning, this Memorial Day (30 May 2022), on civic holidays that fall on Monday, Wednesday or Friday, the Holy Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 am. This particularly will be the case for Memorial Day, 4th of July, and Labor Day.

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DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS

During the summer months there will be several times that daily Mass is cancelled during the week. I will be giving a retreat, visiting family, participating in several conferences and taking some vacation time. If it is possible that a priest is available, then the schedule will remain as usual. There will always be a priest present for Holy Mass on Sundays. I appreciate both the patience and the prayers of the faithful of the Oratory. Know that you are always in my daily prayers.

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CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The Oratory is blessed again to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation and the reception of First Holy Communion. On Saturday, 18 June @ 9:00 am we will celebrate both Confirmation and First Holy Communion. The Rector has received permission from the Archdiocese to be the minister of Confirmation again this year. Included in the permission given by Archbishop Rozanski was the directive to celebrate the sacrament according to the ritual of Paul VI. As is our practice, we will celebrate Confirmation in Latin and then immediately celebrate Holy Mass during which our First Communicants will receive Our Eucharistic Lord. Please pray for the young people preparing to receive these sacraments and for their parents and catechists.

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CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

The External Solemnity of Corpus Christi will be celebrated on Sunday, 19 June 2022. The Oratory is blessed to have a Corpus Christi procession through the streets of Richmond Heights. The procession will begin immediately after the conclusion of the 11:30 am Holy Mass. In addition to our First Communicants, (and other First Communicants who would have made their first communion in a different parish this year), the procession will include a Knights of Columbus Honor Guard, the choir leading us in various hymns and the opportunity during our procession to pray the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and other prayers to assist us in giving fitting glory and praise to our Eucharistic Lord. All parishioners are encouraged to attend and to invite others to walk with Our Lord.

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HOUSELING CLOTH

In keeping with the practice of the Oratory to incorporate more traditional practices, the houseling cloth has been introduced here at the Oratory. From A Sacristan’s Guide to the Traditional Roman Rite: “In some places, it is the custom that at the distribution of Holy Communion, that as well as using the communion place, that large cloth is held below the mouths of the communicants. This is found in the Roman Missal of 1920. This cloth is to be of white line. In most places, this has been replaced by a long cloth that is laid on the communion rails.” Since the communion rail is an extension of the altar for the lay faithful this cloth has come to represent the corporal used on the altar for Our Lord’s Sacred Body. The manner of use of the cloth varies, but it is appropriate to place one’s hands underneath the cloth or place your hands on the cloth itself. Placing elbows on the cloth

should be avoided not only for its protection but also to safeguard the reception of Holy Communion by not having hands of front of the mouth during reception. A particular word of gratitude to Michelle Scarfino for bringing this project to completion.

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SCHEDULING BAPTISMS

The Oratory is blessed with a growing community that is evident by the increased number of baptisms. Given that the Oratory shares the space with St. Luke the Evangelist along with the other liturgical rites celebrated by the Oratory itself, it is prudent to schedule baptisms on the 2nd and 3rd Saturdays of the month beginning at 10 am. There will be Saturdays that no baptisms can be scheduled because of various liturgical events but keeping baptism on these two Saturdays will assist in scheduling for both the parents and the Oratory. Families expecting newborns and anticipating that they will be baptized here at the Oratory, should schedule their baptism at the earliest convenience. This process of scheduling baptisms will go into effect on 1 September 2022.

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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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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 MEN’S SOFTBALL TEAM

The Oratory men’s softball team will be competing on Friday nights throughout the summer on the St. Luke’s softball field (McMahon Field). All are welcome to come cheer them on! Upcoming games are as follows (and subject to change):

- June 3rd: 8:30pm and 9:30pm
• June 10th: 8:30pm

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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 ([msgormorris@gmail.com](mailto:msgormorris@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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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Sunday, 29 May: Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Wednesday, 1 June: Holy Hour from 5:00 – 6:00 pm
- Friday, 3 June: First Friday
- Saturday, 4 June: First Saturday
- Sunday, 5 June: Coffee Hour after the 8:00 Holy Mass
- Sunday, 5 June: Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Wednesday, 8 June: Holy Hour from 5:00 – 6:00 pm
- Saturday, 11 June: Church Cleaning @ 9:30 am (Altar & Rosary Society / Knights of Columbus)
- Sunday, 12 June: Coffee Hour after the 11:30 Holy Mass
- Sunday 12 June: Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Wednesday, 15 June: Holy Hour from 5:00 – 6:00 pm
- Saturday, 18 June: Confirmation/1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion @ 9:00 am
- Sunday, 19 June: Knights of Columbus Meeting @ 9:45 am (in SJR)
- Sunday, 19 June: Corpus Christi Procession
- Wednesday, 22 June: **NO HOLY HOUR/NO HOLY MASS**
- Sunday, 26 June: Coffee Hour after the 11:30 Holy Mass
- Sunday, 26 June: Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Wednesday, 29 June: Holy Hour from 5:00 – 6:00 pm

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**PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE 2022**

05/15-05/22 Grizzle	05/22-05/29 Turntine
05/29-06/05 Buchheit	06/05-06/12 Kiser
06/12-06/19 Hofman	06/19-06/26 Grgurich
06/26-07/03 Buyle	07/03-07/10 Agnew
07/10-07/17 LeJedal	07/17-07/24 Podesta

07/24-07/31 Grizzle	07/31-08/07 Turntine
08/07-08/14 Kelly	08/14-08/21 Wisniewski
08/21-08/28 Jones	08/28-09/04 Holman
09/04-09/11 Carapella	09/11-09/18 Cook
09/18-09/25 Hayward	09/25-10/02 Fowler
10/02-10/09 Blum	10/09-10/16 Alexander
10/16-10/23 Haulard	10/23-10/30 Catalano
10/30-11/06 Kenney	11/06-11/13 Raymond
11/13-11/20 Flannigan	11/20-11/27 Gelhot
11/27-12/04 Horan	12/04-12/11 Schuette
12/11-12-18 Filla	12/18-12/25 Petrick

*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](mailto: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, 30 May – *Octave of Ascension*  
9:00 am: Joseph & Phyllis Schicker (d)
- Tuesday, 31 May – *St. Angela Merici*  
7:00 am: Harry & Margaret Fechte (d)
- Wednesday, 1 June – *Octave of Ascension*  
6:30 pm: Jim Sturm (d)
- Thursday, 2 June – *Octave of Ascension*  
7:00 am: Jim Sturm (d)
- Friday, 3 June – *Sacred Heart*  
12:15 pm: Rebecca Ann Rheinheimer  
7:15 pm: Jim Sturm (d)
- Saturday, 4 June – *Vigil of Pentecost*  
8:15 am: Jim Sturm (d)
- Sunday, 5 June – *Pentecost*  
6:45 am: Rev. Paul Stark, S.J.  
8:00 am: Sue Schaefer  
11:30 am: Jim Sturm (d)

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~ 05/22/2022 ~	
	<b><u>ACTUAL</u></b>
Weekly Collection Total	\$ 4,545.67
Online Giving	\$ 5,547.00
Total	\$ 10,092.67
Needed	\$ 8,692.00 (\$ 1,400.67)
Year to Date Total	\$ 546,262.27

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