

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 after Easter

When Christ offers His life on the Cross and destroys death and the power of sin once for all, He brings us into union with the Father and the Holy Spirit. It is this union with the Blessed Trinity that completes us and makes us whole. Apart from God we are nothing and apart from God we are nothing. With God and the communion into which we are drawn, we find lasting joy and peace. This is what we continue to celebrate in our Easter season. In the Holy Gospel from Saint John, Our Lord reminds us of the true joy that He alone can give us; no one can take this joy from us. This authentic Christian joy is something to contemplate and then live in our daily lives. How often do we allow the vagaries of the world to impede our growth in joy? How often do we allow sinfulness to dampen our zeal for the things of God and to weaken our resolve to do the things of God? These are not rhetorical questions but need to be a part of our daily examen as we strive to remain joyful in the presence of God. Let us pray for an increase of this virtue of joy and find our lasting peace in the triumph of the Cross.

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## MOTHERS' DAY BRUNCH

All mothers of the Oratory are invited to a special Mothers' Day Brunch on Sunday, May 15th, following the 8:00 am Holy Mass. The complimentary brunch will be served by members of the Oratory's Knights of Columbus council in the school building. In order to facilitate proper planning, we need to track the number of attendees. Mothers are asked to RSVP ahead of time. Please email [oratoryevents@gmail.com](mailto:oratoryevents@gmail.com) to sign up.

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## ASCENSION THURSDAY

On Thursday, 26 May we will celebrate the Ascension of our Lord. That day the Oratory has the privilege of hosting two Solemn High Masses celebrating priestly anniversaries. At 12:15 pm that day, Fr. Thomas Keller of the Archdiocese of St. Louis will celebrate a Solemn High Mass in honor of his 25<sup>th</sup> priestly anniversary. Fr. Keller has been an integral part of the Oratory of St. Gregory and Augustine since its inception. In the evening, Fr. Zach Edgar of the Diocese of Springfield, IL will celebrate Solemn High Mass at 7:15 pm in honor of his 10<sup>th</sup> priestly anniversary. Fr. Edgar has been a great help to the Oratory during the last several years especially on First Friday & Saturday. After both Holy Masses there will be a reception in the St. Joseph Room. Please plan to join in prayers of gratitude for 35 years of priestly life and service. **THERE WILL BE NO 7:00 AM MASS THAT MORNING.**

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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 plate, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 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

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.

**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](mailto: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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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Sunday, 8 May: **NO** Coffee Hour (Mother’s Day)
- Sunday, 8 May: Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Tuesday, 10 May: **NO HOLY MASS & 7:00 AM**
- Wednesday, 11 May: Holy Hour from 5:00 – 6:00 pm
- Sunday, 15 May: Knights of Columbus Mother’s Day Brunch
- Sunday, 15 May: Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Wednesday, 18 May: Holy Hour from 5:00 – 6:00 pm
- **Wednesday-Friday, 18-20 May: Rectory Office Closed**
- Saturday, 21 May: Church Cleaning @ 9:30 am (Altar & Rosary Society / Knights of Columbus)
- Sunday, 22 May: Coffee Hour after the 11:30 Holy Mass
- Sunday, 22 May: Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Wednesday, 25 May: Holy Hour from 5:00 – 6:00 pm
- **Thursday, 26 May: ASCENSION: Holy Mass @ 12:15 pm; Holy Mass @ 7:15 pm**
- **Saturday, 28 May: Confessions @ 7:00 am / Holy Mass @ 8:15am**
- Sunday, 29 May: Vespers @ 4:30 pm

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**PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE 2022**

04/17-04/24	Byule	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
05/29-06/05	Buchheit	06/05-06/12	Kiser
06/12-06/19	Hofman	06/19-06/26	Grgurich

06/26-07/03	Byule	07/03-07/10	Agnew
07/10-07/17	Leljedal	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@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, 9 May – *St. Gregory Nazianzen*  
12:15 pm: Nancy Long Mueller
- Tuesday, 10 May – *St. Antonius*  
Mass Intention: Colette Overman (d)
- Wednesday, 11 May – *Octave Day of St. Joseph*  
6:30 pm: Janice Morgan (d)
- Thursday, 12 May – *Sts. Nereus, Achilleus, Domitilla & Pancras*  
7:00 am: Clara Hoeckelmann
- Friday, 13 May – *St. Robert Bellarmine*  
12:15 pm: The Ashlock Family
- Sunday, 15 May – *4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter*  
6:45 am: Pro Populo  
8:00 am: Logan Schuette  
11:30 am: Maureen Dybala

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~ 05/01/2022 ~	
	<b><u>ACTUAL</u></b>
Weekly Collection Total	\$ 8,393.72
Online Giving	\$ 9,243.60
Total	\$ 17,637.32
Needed	\$ 8,692.00 (\$ 8,945.32)
Year to Date Total	\$ 515,794.63

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