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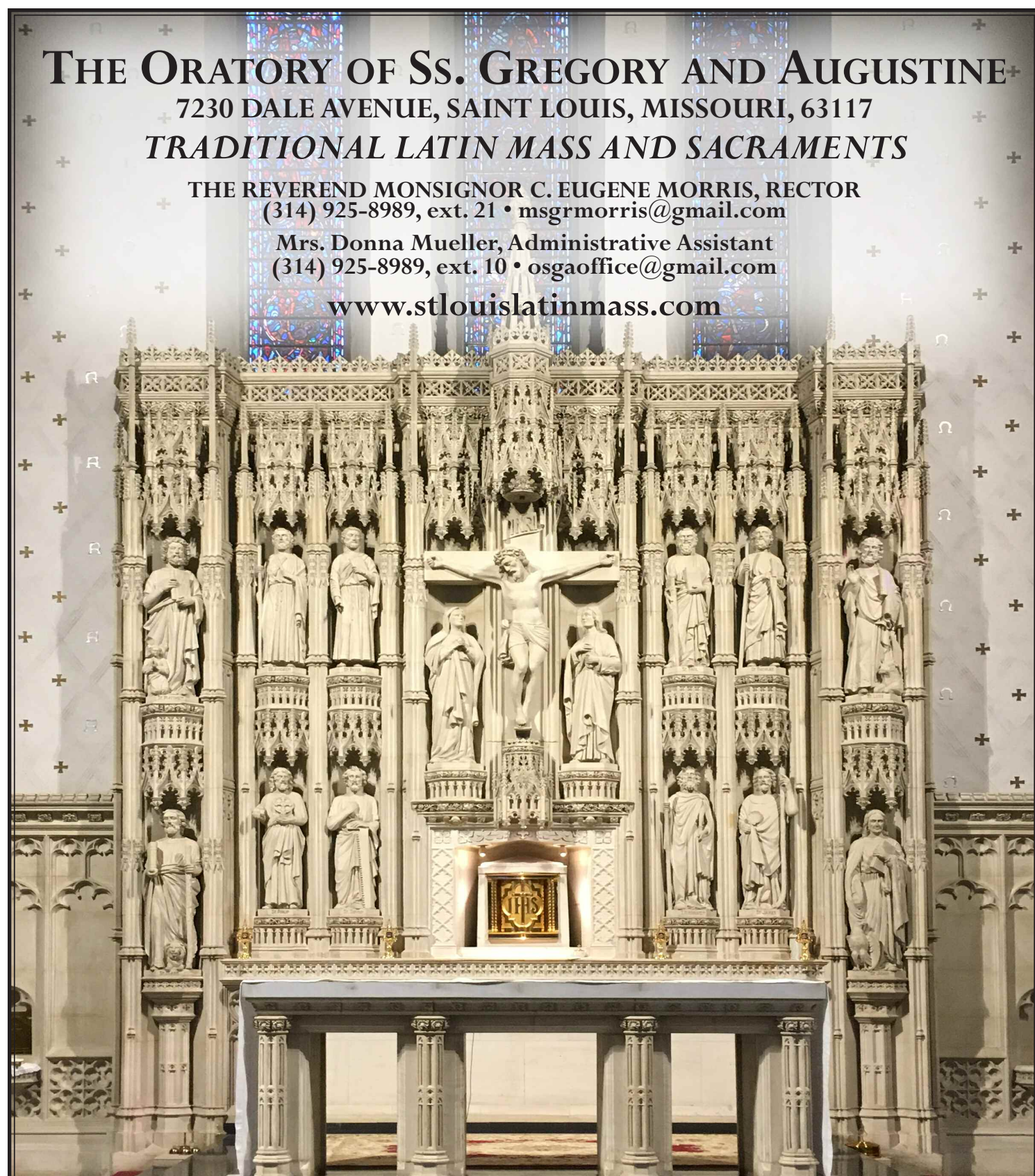
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THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS
SUNDAY MASS:..... 8:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
DAILY MASS:

Tuesday..... 7:00 a.m.
Wednesday..... 6:30 p.m.
Thursday..... 7:00 a.m.
Friday..... Noon

FIRST FRIDAY AND SATURDAY:
First Friday of each month:..... 7:00 p.m.
First Saturday of each month:..... 8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Sundays..... 7:00 -- 7:45 a.m.
Wednesdays..... 5:30 -- 6:15 p.m.
Fridays..... 11:00 -- 11:45 a.m.

FROM THE RECTOR

The end of this year of grace and favor reminds us that our citizenship is not here on earth, but in the glories of Heaven. Sadly, contemporary man, within and outside of the Church, have neglected their eternal destiny. Rather, they accept the common understanding of the importance only of this earthly life coupled with a misunderstanding of God’s infinite mercy. There is an unhealthy confidence in their own righteousness and if there is any acknowledgement of sin it is joined with a presumption of the Lord’s mercy. As St. Augustine reminds us: ***God does not create us with our consent, but He will not save us without that consent.*** We must cooperate with grace and prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord of Justice by coming to know and be known by the Lord of Mercy. We begin now our future in Heaven. Consequently, what is before us is the opportunity to not only thank God for what we have received this past year, but to also prepare ourselves for the coming year of Grace. How will I live better my Catholic life? What sins will I root out of my life? What relationships must be transformed in order to better live the dignity we’ve received by baptism? These are not rhetorical questions, but we must ask them with faith and listen attentively to the Lord. The Lord comes with Justice to rule the world. Let us welcome the King of Glory!

THANKSGIVING DAY

The Oratory will celebrate its normal 7:00 am Holy Mass on Thanksgiving Day (Thursday, 28 November 2019). Please come for Holy Mass and offer the most fitting act of thanksgiving, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

SECURITY BREACH IN THE RECTORY

This past Sunday, 11/17/19, we experienced a security breach. We believe someone entered through the unlocked door of the St. Francis Chapel and made their way to the Rectory during the 10 am Mass. They pilfered through the offices of Msgr. Morris and Fr. Blake. In the process they found the 8 am collection and stole it. The police were called and took the necessary steps to try to identify the thief.

We are deeply troubled by this incident and are currently working on security measures to ensure this does not happen again. Unfortunately, the thief took the collection bag which contained all of the cash and checks that were collected at the 8am Mass (on 11/17/19). For those of you who contributed, we have no idea to know who you are. Please contact Donna at the office and let her know if you contributed to the collection with cash or check so we can try to get a better idea of what was stolen. We also strongly encourage those of you who wrote a check to stop payment immediately on the check you wrote and closely monitor your bank account for both attempted withdrawals and deposits. If you incur any costs with your bank to stop payment on the check, please let us know so that the Oratory can assist with that cost.

Every effort is being made to quickly implement security protocols that will keep this from every happening again. Some of these security measures are already in place and more will be implemented in the coming days and weeks. In advance, thank you for both your patience and understanding.

As your rector, I deeply regret this situation ever happened. We are deeply grateful for your generosity and work very hard to be good stewards of the blessings bestowed upon the Oratory. Finally, let us pray for the person or persons who stole from us: for forgiveness and for their conversion and transformation of heart.

Please don’t hesitate to contact Msgr. Morris or Donna with any questions or concerns you may have.

CHURCH CLEANING

In preparation for the beginning of the new Church year and the celebration of Christmas, the St. Luke’s community will be cleaning the Church on **Saturday, 7 December @ 10:00 am.** We are in need of a great deal of assistance dusting the pews, washing the kneelers, cleaning the sanctuary and the statuary. As the saying goes: “Many hands make light work”. Please make every effort to come and spend whatever time you have assisting in the cleaning. This is also First Saturday. Come for Holy Mass and remain to help clean our beautiful Church!

THE RORATE CAELI MASS:

When: 14 December 2019 @ 6:30 am

The Rorate Caeli Mass is a traditional Advent devotion wherein the Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Advent is offered just before dawn.

The Mass takes its title, Rorate Caeli, from the first words of the Introit, which are from Isaiah 45:8:

“Rorate, caeli, desuper, et nubes pluant justum, aperiatur terra, et germinet Salvatorem.”

“Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the just: let the earth be opened and bud forth a Saviour.”

The Rorate Mass is lit only by candlelight. Because it is a votive Mass in Mary’s honor, white vestments are worn instead of Advent violet. In the dimly lit setting, priests and faithful prepare to honor the Light of the world, Who is soon to be born, and offer praise to God for the gift of Our Lady. As the Mass proceeds and sunrise approaches, the church becomes progressively brighter, illumined by the sun as our Faith is illumined by Christ.

The readings and prayers of the Mass foretell the prophecy of the Virgin who would bear a Son called Emmanuel, and call on all to raise the gates of their hearts and their societies to let Christ the King enter; asking for the grace to receive eternal life by the merits of the Incarnation and saving Resurrection of Our Lord.

CONFESSIONS – 14 DECEMBER 2018 from 8:00 am until 11:00 am.

The faithful of both the Oratory and St. Luke will have the opportunity for an extended period of confessions on Saturday morning, 14 December 2018 from 9 am until 11 am. Both Msgr. Morris and Fr. Blake will be available for confession during that time. If you have had difficulty getting to confession,

this may serve as the perfect opportunity to take advantage of the tribunal of mercy especially in preparation for Christmas.

ADVENT GIVING TREE

The Oratory will join St. Luke the Evangelist for the Giving Tree this year during the Advent Season. The GIVING TREE will be up next weekend! Again, this year support will be given to the Saint Vincent DePaul clients of Saint Luke the Evangelist and families that are served by Birthright.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

The celebration of the Lord’s Birth on Christmas Day will be slightly different from years past. The principal Holy Mass will be at Midnight. This will be High Mass assisted by our choir. On Christmas morning, the Oratory will celebrate Holy Mass at 10:30 am. This will be Low Mass without the presence of the organ. Part of this schedule is determined by the Holy Mass being celebrated by Saint Luke at 9 am on Christmas morning.

PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE

11/10 - 11/17 Hayward	11/17 - 11/24 Fowler
11/24 - 12/1 Houlard	12/1 - 12/8 Catalano
12/8 - 12/22 Kenney	12/22 - 12/29 Raymond
12/29 - 1/5 Flannigan	1/5 - 1/12 Gelhot

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, 26 November – ***St. Sylvester, Abbot***
7:00 am: Frank Dames

Wednesday, 27 November – ***Our Lady, Miraculous Medal***
6:30 pm: Walter Hoff

Thursday, 28 November – ***Feria***
7:00 am: Janet Medvid

Friday, 29 November – ***Feria***
12 Noon: Msgr. Gerard Glynn

Sunday, 1 December – ***1st Advent***
8:00 am: Pro Populo
11:30 am: Adam Snively

1/12 - 1/19 Petrick	1/19 Schuette
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NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER

The Oratory has a new telephone number – **314/925-8989**. This new number allows the community more direct access to both the Rector and the Administrative Assistant and this will provide clarity for those unfamiliar with our unique situation to reach the Oratory more readily. Please begin calling this new number now.

UP COMING EVENTS

- 24 November: Coffee Hour after the 11:30 am Mass
- 28 November: Thanksgiving Day – Holy Mass @ 7:00 am
- **1 December: First Sunday of Advent**
- 6 December: First Friday
- 7 December: First Saturday
- 7 December: Advent by Candlelight @ 6:30 pm
- 8 December: Coffee Hour after the 8:00 am Mass
- 14 December: Rorate Caeli Mass @ 6:30 am
- 14 December: Confessions @ 8:00 am
- 22 December: Coffee Hour after the 11:30 am Mass
- **25 December: CHRISTMAS DAY – Holy Mass at Midnight and 10:30 am**

SERVERS SCHEDULE

December 1st – **1st Sunday of Advent**

- 8:00 am: Joseph & Anthony Dixon
- 11:30 am: Gregory Grizzle, Austin Jackson, Phillip Petrick, Sebastian Petrick, Damien Filla

December 8th – **Immaculate Conception**

- 8:00 am: John & Eli Colton
- 11:30 am: Cameron Ackerman, Lance Lavery, Luke Lavery, Sebastian Filla, Tommy Lattenzi

December 15th – **3rd Sunday of Advent**

- 8:00 am: Joseph & Anthony Dixon
- 11:30 am: Ryan Lavery, Austin Jackson, Phillip Petrick, Simon Wisniewski, Sebastian Petrick

December 22nd – **4th Sunday of Advent**

- 8:00 am: Caleb & Eli Colton
- 11:30 am: Gregory Grizzle, Cameron Ackerman, Peter Armstrong, Ben Armstrong, Simon Wisniewski

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