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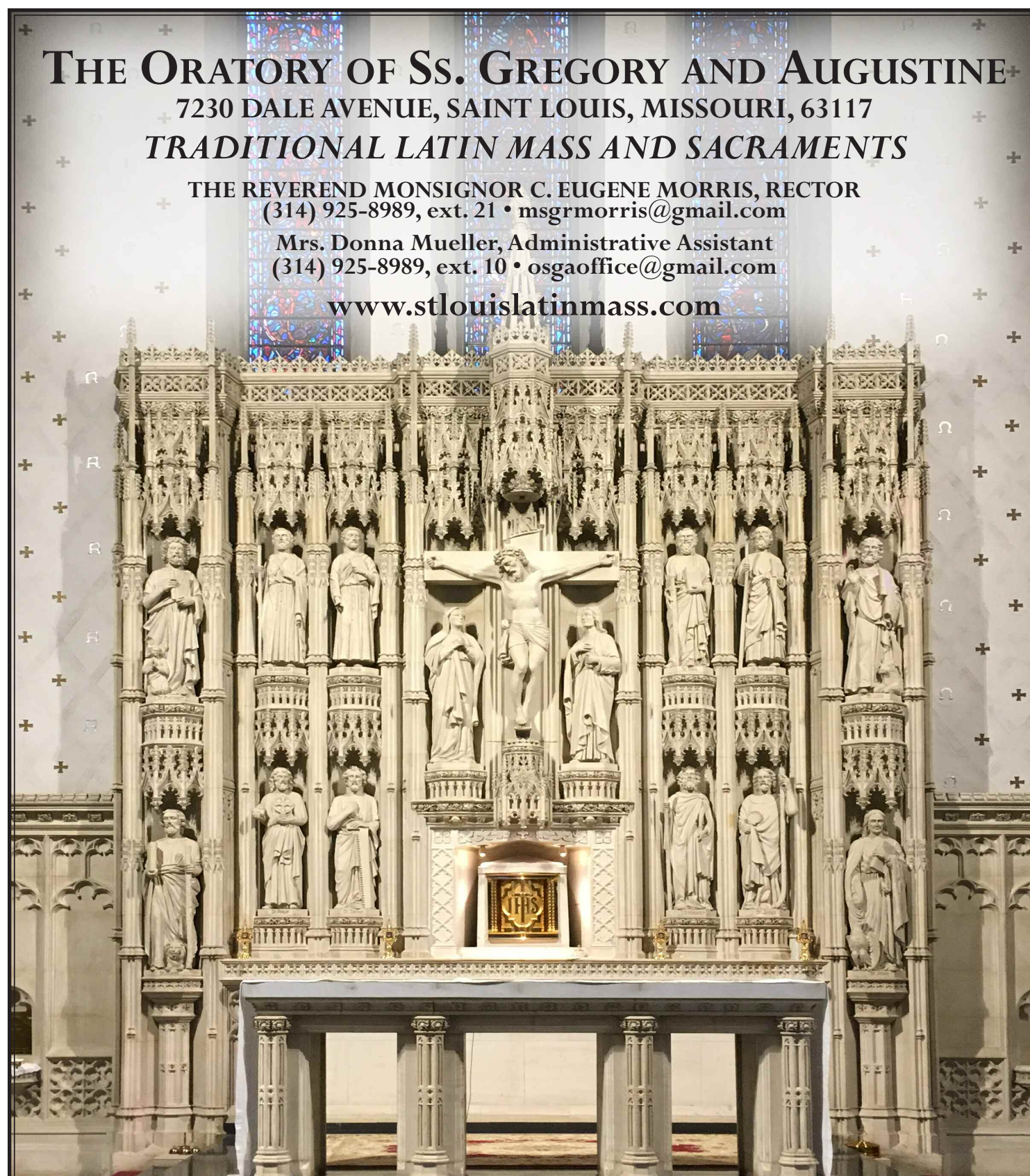
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THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS
SUNDAY MASS:..... 8:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.
DAILY MASS:

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.

Octave of Christmas

December 29, 2019

FROM THE RECTOR
This Sunday in the Octave of Christmas is surrounded by other beautiful feasts and saints’ celebrations that remind us of the fullness of the Paschal Mystery revealed in its inception with the Incarnation. These octave days are given to us precisely because the profundity of this great mystery is not sufficiently experienced in just one day or one celebration. Instead, the Church gives us eight days to ponder the glories of the Christ Child and His willingness to become one with His creation. So too, we are never alone in our contemplation but continue to be aided by our Blessed Mother who reveals the necessity of trust and confidence in the Lord even when experiences are beyond our understanding. Moreover, we have the witness of the Holy Innocents and the martyr, Stephen who shed their blood for the Christ, one at the beginnings of the Incarnation and the other at the beginnings of the glorious Resurrection of the Lord. The blood of the martyrs is not in conflict with Christmas joy but rightly situates the power of the Cross and its Triumph over sin and death. This power and triumph have already been made manifest in the baby in the arms of His Mother. The words of St. John the Evangelist in his Prologue give us even further opportunity for meditation as with sit in joy before the Word Made Flesh and rejoice in the generosity, love and mercy of Our Heavenly Father who gives us the gift of His Son. As we rejoice in Christ our King present among us, let us rededicate ourselves to His service; let us join Our Lady, Simeon and the prophetess Anna in recognizing that our salvation is now at hand!

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TODAY: OPEN HOUSE at the RECTORY: 29 December
Please join Msgr. Morris and Fr. Blake for an Open House at the Rectory on Sunday, 12/29/19. Stop by anytime between **12:30–3:00pm**, tour your priests’ house decorated for the holidays, and have some refreshments.

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THE CHRISTMAS OCTAVE
The Oratory will celebrate High Mass every day during the Octave of Christmas. Beginning on 26 December and concluding on 1 January in addition to our normal schedule for Holy Mass there will be celebrated an additional High Mass. We will also have the blessing of several Solemn High Masses during the Octave. The times for Holy Mass are listed below. Everyone is encouraged to attend to truly celebrate well the Incarnation of Christ our Savior.

- Wednesday, December 25th: Midnight (NO confessions before Holy Mass)
- Thursday, December 26th: 7:00 pm (confessions from 6 – 6:45 pm)
- Friday, December 27th: 7:00 pm (confessions from 6 – 6:45 pm)
- Saturday, December 28th: 8:00 am (confessions from 7 – 7:45 am)
- Sunday, December 29th: **Normal Sunday Schedule**
- Monday, December 30th: 7:00 pm (confessions from 6 – 6:45 pm)
- Tuesday, December 31st: 7:00 pm (confessions from 6 – 6:45 pm)
- Wednesday, January 1st: 10:30 am (NO Confessions schedule this morning)

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YEAR-END UPDATES

patience as we work to complete this project. I am truly blessed by the growth of our community and thank God for the opportunity to serve as the rector.

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SUNDAYS IN JANUARY/MISSAL ASSISTANCE

- 29 December – Sunday in the Octave of Christmas (p. 37)
- 1 January –Octave Day of Christmas (p. 41)
- 5 January – Holy Name of Jesus (p.45)
- 6 January – Epiphany (p. 51)
- 12 January – The Holy Family (p. 56)
- 19 January – 2nd Sunday after Epiphany (p. 61)
- 26 January – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany (p. 65)

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, 30 December – *6th Octave Day of Christmas*
7:00 pm: Agnes Schoenfeld

Tuesday, 31 December – *7th Octave Day of Christmas*
7:00 am: Agnes Schoenfeld
7:00 pm: Robert Jeffrey Martin

Wednesday, 1 January – *Octave Day of Christmas*
10:30 am: John Michael Collins

Thursday, 2 January – *Feria in Christmastide*
7:00 am: John Michael Collins

Friday, 3 January – *Sacred Heart of Jesus*
12 Noon: John Michael Collins
7:00 pm: Agnes Schoenfeld

Saturday, 4 January – *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Widow*
8:00 am: John Michael Collins

Sunday, 5 January – *Holy Name of Jesus*
8:00 am: Pro Populo
11:30 am: John Michael Collins

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

PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE
12/8 - 12/22 Kenney 12/22 - 12/29 Raymond
12/29 - 1/5 Flannigan 1/5 - 1/12 Gelhot
1/12 - 1/19 Petrick 1/19 Schuette
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- UP COMING EVENTS**
- 30 December: Holy Mass at 7:00 pm
 - 31 December: Holy Mass at 7:00 pm
 - **1 January 2020: Holy Mass at 10:30 am**
 - 3 January: First Friday
 - 4 January: First Saturday
 - 6 January: Epiphany – Holy Mass @ 7 pm

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SERVERS SCHEDULE
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

December 29th – **Sunday in the Octave of Christmas**

- 8:00 am: Caleb & John Colton
- 11:30 am: Ryan Lavery, Austin Jackson, Tommy Lattenzi, Sebastian Filla, Sebastian Petrick

2020. You can make modifications to your account at any time; if you do nothing, your current elections will continue. If you are still receiving envelopes and you are enrolled in online giving, please contact Donna to have the envelopes discontinued ~ it helps the Oratory save costs. If you are not enrolled in online giving...you can join at any time! Please call Donna if you need assistance. All contributions must be made by Tuesday, December 31st in order to be included in your 2019 contribution statement. *Thank you!*

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GREGORIAN MASSES
The practice of Gregorian Masses is an ancient tradition in which it is held in faith that a continuous series of thirty Masses would release the soul of a deceased person from the punishments of Purgatory. I have been requested to celebrate Gregorian Masses for John Michael Collins II and have accepted this request for the month of January. As such, all of the intentions for the month of January will be for Mr. Collins. I appreciate your generosity in requesting Mass Intentions and your patience as you wait for those Masses to be fulfilled. Please continue to pray for All the Poor Souls.

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DIRECTORY UPDATE
The Oratory Directory which was begun long ago is still projected for publication. There have been several factors that have contributed to its delay: time has been spent verifying the addresses in the directory with the those in the database for the Oratory; new parishioner registration has increased, and those names are being added to the directory. It is hoped that a finished product will be available in late January or early February. I am extremely grateful to those who have worked very hard on this project – Mary Agnew, Kip Babbington, Marilyn Lonigro, and Kiera Petrick. I am also grateful for everyone’s