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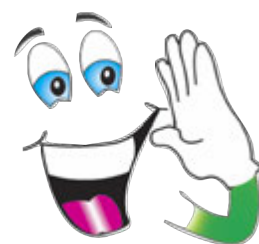
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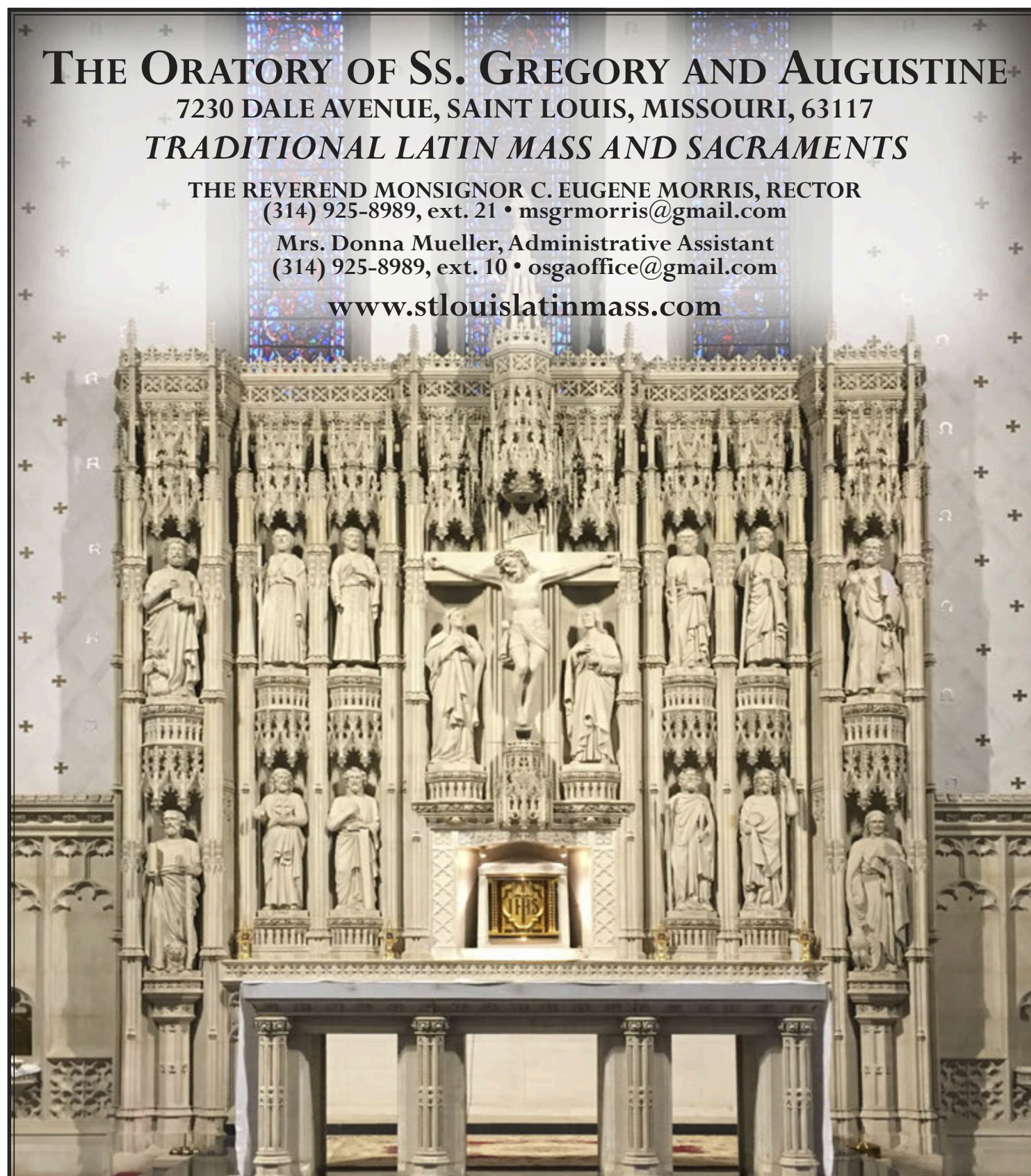
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Tuesday7:00 a.m.
Wednesday6:30 p.m.
Thursday7:00 a.m.
FridayNoon

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

CONFESSIONS

Sundays7:00 -- 7:45 a.m.
Wednesdays5:30 -- 6:15 p.m.
Fridays11:00 -- 11:45 a.m.

Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary

February 2, 2020

FROM THE RECTOR

Today’s Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary provides us the opportunity to liturgically celebrate and contemplate the mystery of the Incarnation yet again. In reflecting on the purification of Our Blessed Mother we are able to draw closer to the love of our Father made manifest in His Son. So too, we are reminded that the Incarnation is the beginning of the light of Christ that dispels the darkness of sin. God becomes man for the salvation of the world and invites us each on a daily basis to rejoice in this new life that is presented to us. Following the Blessed Virgin Mary’s example, we should spend time contemplating the things of God, holding them in our hearts and in humility willingly doing whatever we are commanded to do. Through the same Holy Spirit that overshadowed Our Lady, let us be instruments through which the light of Christ shines forth for the whole world!

ST. LUKE’S TRIVIA NIGHT

When: Saturday, February 22, 2020 – Doors open at 6pm. Trivia begins at 7pm.

Where: Immaculate Conception Hall in Maplewood

What: \$200 per table of 8. Includes beer & soda (feel free to bring your own snack and beverages). Test your knowledge with a fun night of general trivia. Space is limited so reserve your table by emailing Julia Beaudoin at julia@ba-doyen.com or call 314-781-2468.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Calling all Pro-Life Advocates! **40 Days for Life** will be holding our Spring Campaign starting Ash Wednesday February 26, 2020 and ending on Palm Sunday April 5, 2020. Join us for 40 days of Peaceful Prayer, Hourly Vigil, Fasting and Fellowship at the Planned Parenthood abortion facility at 317 Salem Place in Fairview Heights. We staff at least 2 people every hour for 12 hours a day for 40 days. Our hours will be 7am- 7pm.

Pray with us in peaceful public witness. Let mothers know you care about them. Your church or organization can “Adopt A Day” and staff multiple hours or you can come on your own. Will you consider organizing “Adopt A Day” in your parish or assisting your Pro-Life Coordinator? Think about bringing your lay organization for an hour of prayer. You may sign up online and enter a password at: coalitionforlifestl.com to view and use the vigil calendar or contact: theresa@coalitionforlifestl.com/ 618-520-1255 or christy@coalitionforlifestl.com/ 618-401-8607.

The Pro-Life Coordinator for the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine is Aurora Miller who can be reached at aurora.1851@yahoo.com.

CATECHESIS ON CONFESSION

One of the great graces that has come during my time as rector has been the opportunity to spend time in the confessional and to make the sacrament available to the faithful. A priest friend of mine told me from his own early experience as a pastor, that the more frequently confession is offered, the more frequently the faithful will come. That has been my experience with my life at the Oratory. I want to take this opportunity to offer a few words on the nature of our confessions needing to be entire and complete.

The Catechism of the Council of Trent provides a thorough and complete explication of the Sacrament of Penance. I want to draw particular attention to the exhortation that confession should be complete and entire. The Church teaches us that we are responsible for confessing all of our mortal sins in both number (how often) and kind (nature of the sin itself). As such when we come for confession, we should not only present those sins that are on our hearts or that have easily come to mind but also confess all sins we can recall after a thorough examination of conscience.

If the times for confession do not work well with your schedule, I am always willing to meet you in Church for the sacrament itself. Finally, I encourage everyone to access a thorough and complete guide for

examining your conscience. This will assist you in recalling your serious sins as well as venial sins which also work against growing in holiness

FOSTERING EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

I have been approached about the possibility of having Eucharistic Adoration at the Oratory. I am very excited about the possibilities that exist before us. As the community has continued to grow, we are now able (I believe) to move forward with increasing our devotional life. There are at least two possibilities before us. Option #1: A Holy Hour after the 11:30 am Mass on the First Sunday of the month. Option #2: Extended Eucharistic Adoration from the conclusion of Holy Mass on First Friday until to the evening Mass on First Friday. Option #2 provides a longer period of time for Adoration which I think would be spiritually profitable for the whole community.

In order for Option #2 to be viable there needs to be enough interest from the faithful to make sure that at least two people are present with Our Eucharistic Lord every half hour during the period of adoration.

In the coming weeks, a survey will be made available to the community to see in which direction we will be able to move. As you wait for the survey please prayerfully consider what time you might be able to make available to be with Our Eucharistic Lord.

BAPTISMS at the ORATORY

The celebration of the sacrament of baptism is just one of the many signs of our growth and health. Over the last several months, there have been a number of baptisms. Please pray for these new members of the Catholic faith, for their parents and godparents.

- Adeline Elizabeth Kiel, daughter of Justin and Elise
- Lorenzo Fulton Primo, son of Salvatore and Claire
- Ambrose Oliver Winkels, son of Gavin and Carli
- Andrew Joseph Pieper, son of James and Natalie
- Maximilian Jude Rheinheimer, son of Mark and Stephanie

FRESH OR FROZEN MEALS FOR THE RHEINHEIMER FAMILY

A meal train has been set up for the Rheinheimer family who recently welcomed their new baby - Maximillian Jude. Help us welcome Max by assisting the family with meals. Please use the link below to sign up to bring them a meal: <https://www.takethenameal.com/BAAC6131>

FRESH OR FROZEN MEALS FOR THE SOLDINIE FAMILY

A meal train has been set up for Ricky and Leah Soldinie who just welcomed their fifth baby, Valor Joseph, on January 7. Help us welcome Valor Joseph by assisting the family with their meals. Please use the link below to sign up to bring them a meal: <https://mealtrain.com/m1knq7>

ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS

Annual Giving statements are available. You will find your statement in the boxes on the back table in the Church vestibule. Please notify the office (via email please) immediately if any changes to your contact information need to be made regarding your name or address. This is also an opportunity to notify the office with any changes to phone number, cell number or email address. Again, please make every effort to notify the office of these changes through email. Our email address osgaoffice@gmail.com. In advance thank you for your generosity and attentiveness to these details.

MONEY COUNTERS

The Oratory is in search of people to assist with the counting of the Sunday collection. Currently, the money counters meet immediately after the conclusion of Holy Mass at 11:30 am. If we receive more interested and willing people to count it will reduce the frequency with which people would be asked to participate. Please consider donating your time to this necessary cause.

WOMEN’S CONFERENCE (MARCH)

Catholic Women for Christ: Archdiocese of St. Louis is holding its annual conference on **Saturday, 7 March 2020**. For more information please visit: catholicwomenforchrist.org.

YEAR-END UPDATES

If you are currently enrolled in online giving there is no need to do anything to continue your contributions for 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. *Thank you!*

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 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.

SUNDAYS IN FEBRUARY/MISSAL ASSISTANCE

- 2 February – Purification of the BVM (p. 437)
- 9 February – Septuagesima (p. 80)
- 16 February – Sexagesima (p. 85)
- 23 February – Quinquagesima (p. 91)
- 26 February – Ash Wednesday (p. 96)

UP COMING EVENTS

- 7 February: First Friday
- 9 February: Septuagesima
- 9 February: Coffee Hour after the 8 am Holy Mass
- 23 February: Coffee Hour after the 11:30 am Holy Mass
- 26 February: Ash Wednesday

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, 4 February – *St. Andrew Corsini*

7:00 am: Agnes Schoenfeld

Wednesday, 5 February – *St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr*

6:30 pm: Agnes Schoenfeld

Thursday, 6 February – *St. Titus, Bishop & Confessor*

7:00 am: Robert Jeffrey Martin

9:00 am: Agnes Schoenfeld

Friday, 7 February – *Sacred Heart*

12 Noon: Agnes Schoenfeld

7:00 pm: Jeffrey C. Martin

Sunday, 9 February – *Septuagesima*

8:00 am: Pro Populo

11:30 am: Agnes Schoenfeld

SERVERS SCHEDULE

February 2nd – **Purification of the BVM**

- 8:00 am: Joseph & Anthony Dixon
- 11:30 am: Austin Jackson, Cameron Ackerman, Tommy Lattenzi, Simon Wisniewski, Damien Filla

February 9th – **Septuagesima**

- 8:00 am: John & Eli Colton
- 11:30 am: Ryan Lavery, Lance Lavery, Sebastian Filla, Luke Lavery, Sebastian Petrick

February 16th – **Sexagesima**

- 8:00 am: Joseph & Anthony Dixon
- 11:30 am: Cameron Ackerman, Austin Jackson, Philip Petrick, Ben Armstrong, Peter Armstrong

February 23rd – **Quinquagesima Sunday**

- 8:00 am: Caleb & Eli Colton
- 11:30 am: Gregory Grizzle, Lance Lavery, Tommy Lattenzi, Sebastian Filla, Damien Filla

~ 01/26/2020 ~	
	ACTUAL
Weekly Collection Total	\$ 4,282.24
Online Giving	\$ 1,260.00
Total	\$ 5,542.24
Year to Date Total	\$ 172,031.80

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