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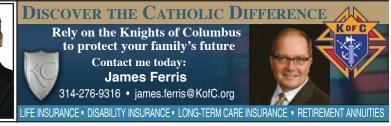
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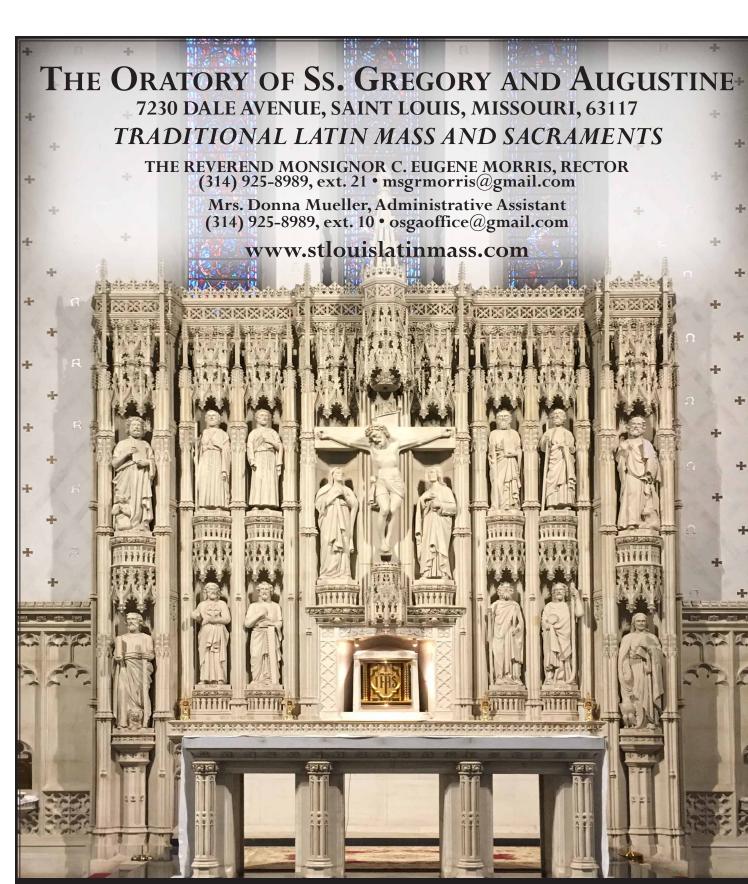
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THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS SUNDAY MASS:8:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

FIRST FRIDAY AND SATURDAY:

First Friday of each month:7:00 p.m. First Saturday of each month:8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

 Sundays
 7:45 a.m.

 Wednesdays
 5:30 -- 6:15 p.m.

 Fridays
 11:00 -- 11:45 a.m.

Third Sunday of Lent

March 15, 2020

FROM THE RECTOR – Third Sunday of Lent

Christ conquers Satan! That declarative statement should be the only motivation needed to continue our fidelity to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We have undertaken our Lenten disciplines in order to make ourselves empty that Christ might fill us up. We are aware of our sinfulness, maybe all too well and feel powerless to overcome our faults and failings. This is what Satan wants us to believe, that we are not strong enough to overcome sin and put on the new man who is Christ. Our Gospel from Saint Luke detailing the Lord's victory over Satan reminds us what the truth actually is: Christ is always the Victor over sin and death. This must translate into a firm conviction that I too can share in this victory if I am remain faithful and stay with the Lord. That I am sinner is true; that Christ is the conqueror of sin is also true. Prepare yourself for sharing in His victory by joyfully making sacrifice. Remain with the Lord by dying to sin and allowing Christ to give you new life!

SEASON OF LENT

During Lent, in addition to the times already published, confessions will be heard before the 7 am Masses on Tuesday and Thursday, beginning at 6 am. <u>These confession times will begin on Thursday, 12 March 2020</u>.

Stations of Cross will be celebrated each Friday of Lent at 7 pm. On the two First Fridays of Lent (6 March and 3 April) Stations will begin after the conclusion of Holy Mass.

Finally, the schedule for Holy Week has been determined and again will have the opportunity to celebrate each day of the Sacred Triduum. This information is shared early so that you might plan your schedules accordingly: HOLY THURSDAY @ 5:00 PM; GOOD FRIDAY @ 3PM; HOLY SATURDAY @ 4:30 PM.

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ARCHDIOCESAN LENTEN REGULATIONS

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him." (John 3:16-17)

The Church has always helped us fulfill these words of Jesus by prescribing very definite penance for all Catholics, so that we too might have Eternal life. Accordingly, the Pope and the American Bishops have outlined obligatory fast and abstinence as follows:

- Ash Wednesday (February 26, 2020) and Good Friday (April 10, 2020) are days of abstinence for all Catholics over the age of 14. On these two days, fast, as well as abstinence, is also obligatory for those from the ages of 18-59. Abstinence means refraining from meat. Fast means one full meal a day, with two smaller meals and nothing between meals (liquids are permitted). No Catholic will lightly excuse himself or herself from this obligation.
- All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence from meat.
 Here again Catholics will not hold themselves lightly
 excused, but if there is a serious health problem, this
 obligation would not apply.

We should strive to make all days of Lent a time of prayer and penance. Following are several resources that can aid in finding different forms of prayer and penance.

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.

CHURCH CLEANING: Saturday, March 21 @ 9:30 a.m.

We will be cleaning the church and we need LOTS of help! In addition to light work such as dusting, the pews and kneelers need to be washed, which is a big job, but "many hands make light work"!

We hope you will take time out of your Saturday morning to help make the church sparkle for Holy Week.

Please bring BUCKETS and RAGS!! THANK YOU!!

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LENTEN DAYS OF RECOLLECTION

In order to assist the faithful during the Lenten season, there will be a Day of Recollection for both the women and men of the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine. The day begins with Holy Mass at 8:00 am concludes by 2:30 pm. The retreat is open to non-parishioners and everyone is encouraged to attend. The cost for the day is \$25 and includes lunch. Further information can be found on the Oratory table in the vestibule of Church.

- The Men's Day of Recollection 28 March 2020
- The Women's Day of Recollection 4 April 2020

HELP NEEDED!!!!!!!!

We are in need of volunteers to serve lunch and clean up after lunch for the upcoming Days of Recollection. For March 28th - we are in need of women to serve the Men's Day. For April 4th - we are in need of men to serve the Women's Day. If you would like to volunteer to assist and are able to do so, please contact Heather Stein heatherrstein@gmail.com. In advance, thank you for your generosity.

JOSEPH CHALLENGE PILGRIMAGE

Men ages 18 and up are invited to participate in the Joseph Challenge Pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Joseph in Downtown St. Louis the weekend of May 2-3, 2020. The pilgrimage is intended to challenge men to grow deeper in their faith. For more information and to register, visit josephchallenge.com or contact Chris Horan at cmhoran@protonmail.com.

MEAL TRAINS ~ PLEASE SIGN UP

Please help us welcome to the Oratory little Colette Zelie who was born on 02/17/20 to Tim & Erin Hughes. We would like to help by providing meals to the Hughes family. Please visit the following link

to sign up & for more details: https://mealtrain.com/1w546w

Please also help us welcome to the Oratory little Rocco Augustus who was born on 3/5/20 to Anthony & Samantha Podesta. We would like to help by providing meals to the Podesta family. Please visit the following link to sign up & for more details: https://mealtrain.com/w1v87e

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OFFICE OF TENEBRAE

"Tenebrae" is the name given to the service of Matins and Lauds belonging to the last three days of Holy Week and normatively anticipated the evening before. These services are marked by a somber and sober, nearly mournful praying of the Divine Office. The structure of the office is sparse reflecting the seriousness of these sacred days and the sadness that should accompany all of us because Christ our Savior suffered for our sins.

The Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine will have the opportunity to pray Tenebrae on the following evenings:

- Wednesday, 8 April @ 10:00 pm Tenebrae of Holy Thursday
- Thursday, 9 April @ 10:00 pm Tenebrae of Good Friday
- Friday, 10 April @ 10:00 pm Tenebrae of Holy Saturday

Last year this time of prayer and meditation during Holy Week met with great success and a great many people joined for prayer. We are blessed to have the choir of *Una Voce St. Louis* to lead us in prayer. While this is late in the evening, I would encourage as many of the faithful to attend as possible. This is a wonderful, solemn and profound way to enter more deeply into the Sacred Triduum and the Paschal Mystery which has brought us our salvation.

2/23 - 3/1 Schuette 3/1 - 3/8 Filla 3/8 - 3/15 Petrick 3/15 - 3/22 Stein 3/22 - 3/29 Alexander 3/29 - 4/5 Taormina 4/12 - 4/19 Grizzle 4/5 - 4/12 Podesta 4/19 - 4/26 Turntine 4/26 - 5/3 Kelly 5/3 - 5/10 Wisniewski 5/10 - 5/17 Jones 5/24 - 5/31 Carapella 5/17 - 5/24 Armstrong 6/7 - 6/14 Hayward 5/31 - 6/7 Cook 6/14 - 6/21 Fowler 6/21 - 6/28 Houlard 6/28 - 7/5 Catalano 7/5 - 7/12 Kenney 7/12 - 7/19 Raymond 7/19 - 7/26 Flannigan

PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE

8/2 - 8/9 Horan

SUNDAYS IN MARCH/MISSAL ASSISTANCE

• 26 February – Ash Wednesday (p. 96)

7/26 - 8/2 Gelhot

• 1 March – 1st Sunday of Lent (p. 105)

• 8 March – 2nd Sunday of Lent (p. 111)

- 15 March 3rd Sunday of Lent (p. 115)
- 19 March St. Joseph (p. 449)
- 22 Fourth Sunday of Lent (p. 120)
- 25 March Annunciation (p. 453)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 20 March: Stations of the Cross @ 7pm
- 21 March: Church cleaning @ 9:30 am
- 22 March: Coffee Hour after the 11:30 am Holy Mass
- 27 March: Stations of the Cross @ 7pm
- 28 March: Men's Day of Recollection

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MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, 17 March – *Feria of Lent* 7:00 am: Claire Marie Lucy Barnard (d)

Wednesday, 18 March – *Feria of Lent* 6:30 pm: Claire Marie Lucy Barnard (d)

Thursday, 19 March – *St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM* 7:00 am: Claire Marie Lucy Barnard (d)

Friday, 20 March – *Feria of Lent* 12 Noon: Claire Marie Lucy Barnard (d)

Sunday, 22 March – 4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday) 8:00 am: Pro Populo 11:30 am: Claire Marie Lucy Barnard (d)

SERVERS SCHEDULE

March 1st – First Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 am: Joseph & Anthony Dixon
- 11:30 am: Austin Jackson, Cameron Ackerman, Philip Petrick, Simon Wisniewski, Luke Lavery

March 8th – Second Sunday of Lent

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

March 15th – Third Sunday of Lent

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

March 22nd – Fourth Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 am: Caleb & Eli Colton
- 11:30 am: Gregory Grizzle, Austin Jackson, Tommy Lattenzi, Simon Wisniewski, Sebastian Petrick

Our Lady of Walsingham, intercede for us who have recourse to thee!

Ss. Gregory and Augustine, pray for us!