

THE ORATORY OF SS. GREGORY AND AUGUSTINE

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TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS AND SACRAMENTS

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THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

SUNDAY MASS:8:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

DAILY MASS:

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.

CONFESIONS

Sundays7:00 -- 7:45 a.m.

Wednesdays5:30 -- 6:15 p.m.

Fridays11:00 -- 11:45 a.m.

FROM THE RECTOR – Passion Sunday

I have commented privately that I continue to be amazed by the richness and beauty of the encounter with truth that is experienced in celebrating the Traditional Latin Mass. One of the great sources of spiritual richness for me is the structure of the liturgical calendar and how it assists us in not only celebrating the Paschal Mystery but forces us to penetrate more deeply into these mysteries. This dynamic is made manifest in our celebration this Sunday of Passion Sunday. In the new calendar, Passion Sunday and Palm Sunday are collapsed into one reality which is an unfortunate occurrence precisely because entrance in to the Lord's Passion and Death requires not only recalling His triumphal entrance into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday) but also meditating on the hardness of heart, hatred of truth and rejection of God that was swirling around Our Lord before and during His entrance into the Holy City. Passion Sunday inserts us into the events surrounding our Lord and leading to His Passion and Death. This profound meditation on these Sacred Mysteries forces us to acknowledge our own sins and their contribution to the Lord's suffering. It is fitting that the Church is suffering from the deprivation of access to the Most Holy Eucharist precisely because it provides us an opportunity to carry this cross and journey with the Lord. Let us entreat the Holy Spirit to provide us with strength and courage to die with Christ in order that we might truly live!

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HOLY WEEK/SACRED TRIDUUM

The Archbishop has informed the priests and the Archdiocese that public Masses are suspended for Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum. Since we have had success in live streaming the Holy Mass it is the plan to **LIVE STREAM** the Sacred Triduum as well. Please check the Oratory website frequently for updated information. The times for the celebration of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday will change in light of the current mandates.

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SUNDAYS WITHOUT HOLY MASS

What should be done with a Sunday without Holy Mass.

I would offer the following suggestions:

1. Our First Mass at the Oratory is normally 8 am. Rise in time for the 8 o' clock hour with all family members present and spend that time prayer. I would encourage using your Missals to access the Epistle and Gospel for the Sundays we are away and read that as a family. Spend some time in silent prayer together, and then make a spiritual communion using the below prayer. You could use the following online resource to assist with readings if you do not have a Missal (<http://www.extraordinaryform.org>). You may also desire to live stream the Holy Mass. There are several resources on line to assist you:
(<https://fsspjoliet.wordpress.com/2017/12/08/fraternity-of-saint-peter-fssp-live-mass-channel>) and
(<https://www.tridentinecatholic.com>). There are other resources online for live streaming the Holy Mass.
2. Pray the rosary as a family (hopefully this is already happening, but if not now is a good time to begin).
3. Make an effort to come to confession during this time of being away from Holy Mass. The times for confession are listed on the website, and in the bulletin.
4. Spend some time in spiritual reading either individually or as family
5. **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

*My Jesus,
I believe that you are truly present
in the most Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I am not able at this moment
to receive You sacramentally,
I ask that you spiritually enter into my heart.
I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen. (Padre Pio)*

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CONFESIONS

The Oratory will continue to celebrate the sacrament of confession at the following times:

- Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 6:00 am (during the Lenten season)
- Wednesday evenings @ 5:30 pm
- Friday mornings @ 11:00 am
- Sunday mornings @ 7:00 am

During the times for confession, the Church will be open and available for private prayer. The same precautions remain in place: if you are not feeling well, please remain at home; keep a safe distance away from others when in the Church; take the necessary steps to keep yourself, your families, and those around safe through good hygiene.

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CANCELLATIONS

In accord with the Archdiocesan mandate, the following events are cancelled:

- All weekday Masses
 - All Sunday Masses
 - Stations of the Cross on Fridays of Lent
 - Coffee Hours on the 2nd & 4th Sundays
 - Men's Day of Recollection scheduled for 28 March
 - Women's Day of Recollection scheduled for 4 April
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CHARITABLE GIVING

Since we are not able to be present for Holy Mass, there will not be an opportunity for a collection during these Sundays. For those already signed up for Online giving please continue to do so. For those who are not signed-up, there is information below that will assist you. You can do a one-time donation or set up something that is on-going. Finally, for those who would prefer, you can mail in your donations. Your financial assistance will remain extremely important during these next several weeks and possibly beyond. In advance, thank you for your generosity.

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ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is available for the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine. The information below will assist you in setting up Online Giving if you are interested in doing so. Please visit the following link to sign up for Online Giving for the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine: <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/4785>. Click on the green button "create new account" to set up your account. If you need assistance setting up your account please call OSV at 1-800-348-2886, option 2, then option 1. You can also access online giving from your phone. Simply download the app for free from the Apple or Google store. The name of the app is "Online Giving by Our Sunday Visitor". From there it is the same login process as it is on the website. If you have any questions, please call Donna at 314-925-8989 x10. We also have a link on the website. Thank you for your generosity in these times of uncertainty.

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.

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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.

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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 **LIVE STREAM** 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**

While we will not be able to be together physically, this still an opportunity to enter spiritually into the Sacred Triduum. More information will be forthcoming.

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PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE

Due to the suspension of public masses, the Pilgrim Virgin Statue schedule is also on hold until the resumption of regular Holy Mass at the Oratory.

The Sunday that Holy Mass resumes, we will pick up the schedule where we left off with the Petrick family handing it off to the Stein family, then Alexander family receiving it the following Sunday, then the Podesta family, etc. A revised schedule will be posted when those dates become known. In advance thank you for your patience.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, 31 March – **Tuesday of Passion Week**

Mass Intention: Claire Marie Lucy Barnard (d)

Wednesday, 1 April – **Wednesday of Passion Week**

Mass Intention: Claire Marie Lucy Barnard (d)

Thursday, 2 April – **Thursday of Passion Week**

Mass Intention: Claire Marie Lucy Barnard (d)

Friday, 3 April – **Friday of Passion Week**

Mass Intention: Claire Marie Lucy Barnard (d)

Saturday, 4 April – **Saturday of Passion Week**

Mass Intention: Nancy Sydow

Sunday, 5 April – **Palm Sunday**

Mass Intention: Pro Populo

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~ 03/22/2020 ~

ACTUAL

Online Giving
Year to Date Total

\$ 3,314.65
\$ 214,989.63

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

Ss. Gregory and Augustine, pray for us!



Todd Grizzle, CFA, AIF

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