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## Twelfth sunday after Pentecost

# August 23, 2020

#### FROM THE RECTOR – Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Our Gospel today from Saint Luke reminds us that the attaining of Heaven involves the keeping of God's commandments here on earth. Our fidelity to God's law which is inscribed on our hearts requires diligence, fidelity, and perseverance. So too, the commands of God involve the daily practice of the virtue of charity. This is the second part of the Gospel for today which tells the parable of the Good Samaritan. The Good Samaritan is clearly an example and model of charity and at the same time he is one outside of the law of God for the Samaritans and Jews were at odds with each other about the proper place and forms of worship. Regardless of these profound differences, the man who did not truly understand the law lived well the law of God through this perfect and generous charity. We are called to do the same. Of course, we are always in constant need of God's assistance in order to successfully live out this life of virtue. How blessed we are in the Archdiocese of Saint Louis to have as our patron, Louis, King of France. Among many of his saintly qualities were his generosity, patience, and forbearance. He truly prized the kingdom of God above all things and strove to live in this life cooperating with grace in order to attain to true life everlasting. Let us call upon our great patron, St. Louis, to assist us in becoming men and women of true charity, love, and peace!

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Sign-ups for Eucharistic have begun: Please sign up at https://oratory.weadorehim.com

Eucharistic Adoration will begin at the Oratory on **Wednesday, September 2**<sup>nd</sup> at 9 am with Exposition and continue until 6 pm that day concluding with Benediction. Sign-up sheets are available in the back of Church for the next two weeks. All slots must be filled with at least two adorers in order for us to move forward with adoration.

We will also have Adoration on the **First Friday of the month, September 4**<sup>th</sup> from 9 am until 6 pm. Again, all slots must be filled.

Please direct questions/concerns to Joel Stein at 314-201-3487

Please prayerful considering spending an hour with the Lord.

#### **ARCHDIOCESAN REGULATIONS**

It has been communicated to the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine that we need to be more diligent in response to the Archdiocesan Regulations regarding COVID-19. Specifically, the faithful of the Oratory are reminded of the regulation to wear a face mask coming into and exiting the Church. During the celebration of Holy Mass, at the discretion of the pastor/rector, the wearing of face masks is not required. Again, I encourage everyone to exercise good and sound judgment, be cognizant of those around you and let us work together to continue the good work that the Oratory is doing.

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#### **VISITING CLERGY**

This past Sunday we had the assistance of Fr. Sam Conedera, SJ celebrating the 11:30 am Holy Mass. With the addition of a 3<sup>rd</sup> Mass on Sunday at 6:45 am, I have asked for assistance from some of my brother priests to offer one of the Sunday Masses. Periodically, depending on their schedules, there will be visiting clergy at either the 8 am Low Mass or the 11:30 am High Mass. We are specifically blessed with the assistance of Fr Conedera, SJ and Fr. Linus Dolce, OSB. Please pray in gratitude for their generosity and for an increase in priestly vocations.

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#### **SOCK ANGEL CAMPAIGN**

August/September 2020

The Knights of St. Peter Claver (a fraternal organization in the Church akin to the Knights of Columbus) have initiated a campaign that will provide socks to those in need in our city.

#### Any and all types of **NEW SOCKS** are welcome!

So be an angel and please drop <u>NEW Socks</u> in the Box in the Oratory's vestibule during the months of August & September The socks will be delivered to:

 Peter and Paul Community Services https:// www.stspeterandpaulstl.org/homeless-shelter • St. Patrick Center of Stl - https://stpatrickcenter.org/ Thank you for your generosity. Please consider becoming a Knight or Lady of St. Peter Claver!

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#### **FESTIVAL OF SAINT LOUIS**

#### Monday, August 24th, 4:00pm

 Adoration and First Vespers for the Feast of Saint Louis Oratory of Ss. Gregory & Augustine
 7230 Dale Ave., St. Louis, MO 63117

#### Tuesday, August 25th, 5:00am

 Sung Matins and Lauds for the Feast of Saint Louis Epiphany Catholic Church
 6596 Smiley Ave., St. Louis, MO 63139

#### Tuesday, August 25th, 12:15pm

Solemn Mass of Saint Louis
 Oratory of Ss. Gregory & Augustine
 7230 Dale Ave., St. Louis, MO 63117

#### Tuesday, August 25th, 4:00pm

 Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction Oratory of Ss. Gregory & Augustine
 7230 Dale Ave., St. Louis, MO 63117

#### Tuesday, August 25th, 5:00pm

- Accompany a statue of Our Lady and a relic of Saint Louis in a joyful and prayerful procession:
- <u>Starting Point</u>: Oratory of Ss. Gregory & Augustine, 7230
   Dale Ave., St. Louis, MO 63117
   <u>Ending Point</u>: St. Louis statue on Art Hill Fine Arts Dr., St. Louis, MO 63110
   Route is approximately 2 miles (Not recommended for those with limited mobility)

#### Tuesday, August 25th, 6:30pm

 Final Rosary at the Statue of Saint Louis followed by a celebratory reception
 Come to thank Saint Louis for his intercession and ask for his continued protection
 Art Hill, Fine Arts Dr., St. Louis, MO 63110

#### **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. The Gregorian Masses for the month of August are being offered for Alex A. & Rita O. Okwuashi. Two of their children are parishioners here at the Oratory. Please join me in praying for the repose of their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed.

#### **CHURCH KNEELERS**

As many of you may be aware, many of the kneelers in the Church are in need of repair because they are cracked and/or the padding as worn out. We have secured a bid for this project and are planning on proceeding with replacing all the kneelers in the Church. The cost of replacing all the kneelers is \$20,000.00. We are blessed with the financial resources to complete this project; however, if you are able and willing to contribute to this project to offset some of the cost, please contact the Rector by email: <a href="magnetic-m

#### PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE

8/9 - 8/16 Carapella 8/16 - 8/23 Cook 8/23 - 8/30 Hayward 8/30 - 9/6 Fowler 9/6 - 9/13 Houlard 9/13 - 9/20 Catalano 9/20 - 9/27 Kenney 9/27 - 10/4 Raymond 10/4 - 10/11 Flannigan 10/11 - 10/18 Gelhot 10/18 - 10/25 Horan 10/25 - 11/1 Schuette 11/1 - 11/8 Filla 11/8 - 11/15 Petrick

Drop off and pick up statue at back of church under Oratory table

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Saturday, 22 August: 8:00 am Mass for the Immaculate Heart of Mary (Confessions @ 7 am)
- Monday, 24 August: Vigil of St. Louis, King of France
- Tuesday, 25 August: Celebration of St. Louis, King of France
- Saturday, 29 August: 8:00 am Mass for the Beheading of St. John the Baptist (Confessions @, 7 am)
- Wednesday, 2 September: Adoration 9 am to 6 pm
- Friday, 4 September: Adoration 9 am to 6 pm
- Friday, 4 September: First Friday
- Saturday, 5 September: First Saturday
- Wednesday, 9 September: Adoration 9 am to 6 pm
- Wednesday, 16 September: Adoration − 9 am to 6 pm
- Wednesday, 23 September: Adoration 9 am to 6 pm

#### SERVERS' SCHEDULE

#### Sunday, August 23

6:45am Low Mass

Acolytes: Steven Gilroy

#### 8:00am Low Mass

• Acolytes: Anthony Jones

### 11:30am High Mass

- Master of Ceremonies: Cameron Ackerman
- Thurifer: Ryan Lavery
- Acolyte 1: Michael Turntine
- Acolyte 2: Simon Wisniewski
- Crucifer: Lance Lavery
- Choir Master of Ceremonies: Matt Menendez
- Torchbearers: Sebastian Filla, Philip Petrick

#### Sunday, August 30

6:45am Low Mass

• Acolytes: Tom Lattenzi

#### 8:00am Low Mass

Acolytes: Gregory Grizzle

#### 11:30am High Mass

- Master of Ceremonies: Matt Menendez
- Thurifer: Lance Lavery
- Acolyte 1: Luke Lavery
- Acolyte 2: Damian Filla
- Crucifer: Sebastian Filla
- Choir Master of Ceremonies: Cameron Ackerman

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, 24 August – *St. Bartholomew, Apostle* 12:15 pm: Alex A. & Rita O. Okwuashi

Tuesday, 25 August – *St. Louis, King of France* 7:00 am: Pro Populo 12:15 pm: Alex A. & Rita O. Okwuashi

Weds., 26 August – *Feria* 6:30 pm: Alex A. & Rita O. Okwuashi

Thursday, 27 August – *St. Joseph Calasance, Confessor* 7:00 am: Alex A. & Rita O. Okwuashi

Friday, 28 August – *St. Augustine* 12:15 pm: Alex A. & Rita O. Okwuashi

Saturday, 29 August – Beheading of St. John the Baptist 8:00 am: Alex A. & Rita O. Okwuashi

Sunday, 30 August – 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost 6:45 am: Pro Populo 8:00 am: Alex A. & Rita O. Okwuashi

11:30 am: Carla Filla

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

Ss. Gregory and Augustine, pray for us!