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THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

SUNDAY MASS:.....6:45, 8:00 & 11:30 a.m.

DAILY MASS:

Monday and Friday12:15 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday7:00 a.m.
Wednesday6:30 p.m.

First Friday7:00 p.m.
First Saturday8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS:

Monday11:00 a.m. – Noon
Wednesday5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Friday11:00 a.m. – Noon
First Friday6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.
First Saturday7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Wednesday9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
First Friday9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Low Sunday

April 11, 2021

FROM THE RECTOR – Low Sunday

This Sunday has attached to it a variety of different names expressing the powerful character of this Sunday within the Octave of Easter. Often times it is referred to as *Quasimodo Sunday* taken from the first words of the Introit. It is also called **Low Sunday** reflecting the completion of the great feast of Easter just celebrated. Our Gospel from Saint John presents us with the doubt of Saint Thomas. At first reflection St. Thomas’ doubt stems from a resistance to accepting the truth proclaimed to him by his brethren. They have seen the Lord and rejoice in what they have seen, and their joy compels them to witness to this truth. The confirmation of the apostles should be sufficient for St. Thomas. Yet, the life of faith not only involves the confirmation of others but also the intentional and deliberate choice on the part of each person to choose Christ, to believe and cling to Him alone. The doubt of St. Thomas also provides the Lord an opportunity to confirm each of us in our faith: “*Because thou hast seen Me, Thomas, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and have believed.*” While there are times when we struggle with our faith, there is never a reason to lose hope for the Lord has already blessed us in our journey of faith.

TODAY: LOW SUNDAY EASTER EGG HUNT

The Oratory is able this year to have our annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 11th (Low Sunday) after the 11:30am Mass. Please join us at the school playground.

IN THANKSGIVING

A word of gratitude to everyone who assisted in making our celebration of Lent, the Sacred Triduum and Easter Sunday truly beautiful gifts of praise to God. For all those who assisted in veiling our statues and preparing the Altar of Repose; for the musicians, schola and choir; for the servers, Masters of Ceremony; the sacred ministers who assisted as deacon and subdeacon. May God reward your generosity!

MOTHER’S DAY BRUNCH

All mothers of the Oratory are invited to a special Mothers' Day Brunch on Sunday, May 9th, following the 8am Holy Mass. The complimentary brunch will be served by members of the Oratory's Knights of Columbus council in the school building. In order to facilitate proper planning Mothers are asked to RSVP by Monday, April 26. Please email oratoryevents@gmail.com to sign up.

NEW FAMILIES for MARCH (alphabetical order):

A warm welcome to our new parishioners!

- Buckley Family ~ Phillip & Michaela, Paul, Simon, and Nina
- Buyle Family ~ Kenny & Julie, Raymond, Lucia, Silas, and Ambrose
- Vicki Chandler
- Dineen Family ~ Tom & Mary Beth
- Vince Mantia
- Carolyn Norton
- Jack Ryan
- Elizabeth Reilly

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

With warmer weather approaching, the Oratory would like to begin planning our social events for the remainder of the year. This requires the reestablishment of the Social Committee to help plan and execute these social events. With our growing community and COVID regulations, any events will require more volunteers to assist; please don’t be shy and

lend a helping hand! If you would like to be part of this committee, please contact Samantha Podesta via email Samantha.podesta@gmail.com or text 314-583-9210.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Did you know: A Knights of Columbus Council was started at the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine in late 2019. The Council has aspirations to do great things in service to the Oratory, to support the Extraordinary Form of the Mass, and for the community at-large. The Coronavirus pandemic has hindered our ability to meet and accomplish much, but we are still recruiting and open for membership. Meetings are the 3rd Thursday of the month. If you are a Knight and wish to transfer your membership, or are interested in joining, please contact Chris Horan or the Oratory office. Vivat Jesus!

USHERS

As our community continues to grow so too do the needs of the Oratory. We are in need of ushers for all three Masses. In addition to assisting with the collection and at Holy Communion, ushers may be called upon to assist the faithful in finding seats in the Church and also welcoming those who are new to the community. If you are willing and interested in assisting as an usher, please contact the Msgr. Morris (msgrrmorris@gmail.com) or call 314/644-2144. In advance, thank you for your generosity.

PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE

03/21-03/28 Flannigan 03/28-04/04 Gelhot
04/04-04/11 Horan 04/11-04/18 Schuette
04/18-04/25 Filla 04/25-05/02 Petrick
05/02-05/09 Stein 05/09-05/16 Alexander
Drop off and pick-up statue at back of church under Oratory table.

SAINT JOSEPH CHALLENGE PILGRIMAGE

Friends: The 6th Annual Joseph Challenge Pilgrimage is coming up May 1-2, 2021. (<https://josephchallenge.com/>). It's an incredible experience for men aged 18+ Oh, and if it makes a difference, Pope Francis has declared a Year of St. Joseph.

Sign up today! Tell your husband, your brother(s), or your son(s) to sign up! Invite your friends, your parish men's group, Knights of Columbus councils, and that annoying guy who

quotes Animal House every five minutes. Yeah, invite him too. He could use it.

Even if you can't come, invite five men. Spread the word. Even if you can't walk, come for the non-walking portions. Even if you can walk, bring more guys to walk with you.

SEARCHING FOR A NEW HOME

A community of religious women will be coming to St. Louis in July of 2021 to establish their presence in the archdiocese. They are looking to rent, for at least one year, a 7-8 bedroom residence. It would be helpful to have a location that is on a public transportation route to St. Louis University. If you are aware of a possible residence that they can call their convent, please contact Sister Marysia Weber, R.S.M. at consecratedlife@archstl.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, 11 April: Easter Egg Hunt
- Wednesday, 14 April: **Adoration – 9 am to 6 pm**
- Thursday, 15 April: Knights of Columbus Meeting @7pm
- Saturday, 17 April: Church Cleaning (Women of the Oratory) @ 9:30 am
- Wednesday, 21 April: **Adoration – 9 am to 6 pm**
- Saturday, 24 April: Server Training @ 9:15 am
- Wednesday, 28 April: **Adoration – 9 am to 6 pm**

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, 12 April – **Feria in Paschaltide**
12:15 pm: Ann L. Morris-Kenney (d)

Tuesday, 13 April – **St. Hermenegild, Martyr**
7:00 am: Ann L. Morris-Kenney (d)

Weds., 14 April – **St. Justin, Martyr**
6:30 pm: Joseph Andrew Decker (d)

Thursday, 15 April– **Feria in Paschaltide**
7:00 am: Ann L. Morris-Kenney (d)

Friday, 16 April – **Feria in Paschaltide**
12:15 pm: Alfred Rozanski (d)

Sunday, 18 April – **Second Sunday after Easter**
6:45 am: Pro Populo
8:00 am: Patricia DeWitt (d)
11:30 am: Bill Riley (d)

~ 04/04/ 2021 ~	
	<u>ACTUAL</u>
Weekly Collection Total	\$ 6,648.00
Online Giving	\$ 4,133.00
Total	\$ 10,781.00
Needed	\$ 5,827.00 (\$4,954.00)
Year to Date Total	\$ 357,503.77

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