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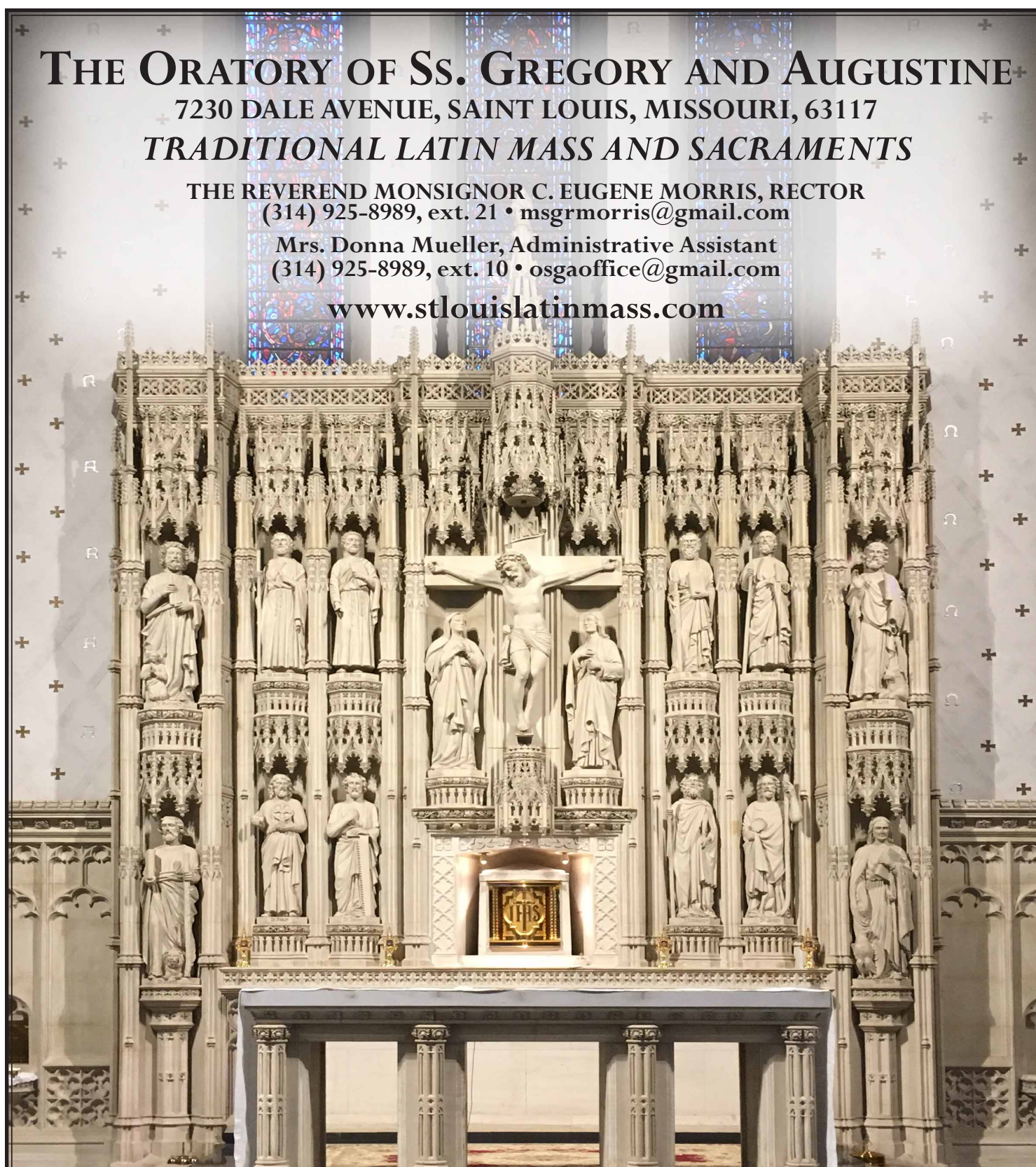
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THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

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

DAILY MASS:

Monday and Friday .....12:15 p.m.  
Tuesday and Thursday .....7:00 a.m.  
Wednesday .....6:30 p.m.

First Friday .....7:00 p.m.  
First Saturday .....8:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS:

Monday .....11:00 a.m. – Noon  
Wednesday .....5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
Friday .....11:00 a.m. – Noon  
First Friday .....6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.  
First Saturday .....7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:

Wednesday .....9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
First Friday .....9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.



Second Sunday after Easter

April 18, 2021

FROM THE RECTOR – Second Sunday after Easter

The Second Sunday after Easter is traditionally known as Good Shepherd Sunday reminding the newly baptized and initiated members of the faith to cling to Christ the Good Shepherd. In truth this celebration reminds all members of the family of God to hold fast to the faith that is rooted in the Cross of Christ. In the Epistle St. Peter reminds us of the price paid by Christ for our transgressions. He also reminds us that the Lord’s sufferings are the example we should follow in our daily lives. The only way for us to carry our daily crosses is to allow the voice of God to lead and guide us. And, in order for us to hear His voice we must put aside self-directedness, willfulness and pride. St. Peter says: *“For you were as sheep going astray: but you are now converted to the shepherd and bishop of your souls.”* To grow in humility, the cardinal virtue to deepen our trust in the Lord, requires a willingness to be humiliated. I would encourage the daily praying of the Litany of Humility attributed to and popularized by Cardinal Merry del Val. This great servant of God, Cardinal del Val, was known for his priestly zeal and pastoral charity coupled with a profound love of Christ and Holy Mother the Church. The Cardinal credits his growth in the virtue of humility as key to his ability to better cooperate with the graces of God. So, it must be for us as well. We must strive to grow in the virtue of humility to allow the other graces of God to flow easily in our lives. Christ is the Good Shepherd who cares deeply for the well-being, both spiritual and physical, of His sheep. For our part, we must rejoice in being members of His flock, docile and obedient to His voice so that we might also respond generously and promptly to His will.

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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!

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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 ending at 11:30 am. 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](mailto:oratoryevents@gmail.com) to sign up.

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MAY CROWNING FOR OUR LADY

Everyone is invited to join us in honoring our Blessed Mother on **Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>** with the traditional crowning of Our Lady. This will take place immediately following the 11:30 am Mass. We will meet in the back of church and process up to her statue with flowers for the crowning and recitation of the holy rosary. Flowers will be provided.

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CONFIRMATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The Oratory is blessed again to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation and the reception of First Holy Communion. Because we have a large number of young people being confirmed (over 40) there are two dates for the celebration of Confirmation: On Saturday, 5 June @ 9:00 am we will celebrate both Confirmation and First Holy Communion. On Saturday, 12 June we will celebrate Confirmation @ 9:00 am followed immediately by the celebration of Holy Mass. I have received permission from the Archdiocese to be the minister of Confirmation again this year. Please pray for the young people preparing to receive these sacraments and for their parents and catechesis.

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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

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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](mailto:Samantha.podesta@gmail.com) or text 314-583-9210.

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!

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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 ([msgormorris@gmail.com](mailto:msgormorris@gmail.com)) or call 314/644-2144. In advance, thank you for your generosity.

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PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE

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.*

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SAINT JOSEPH CHALLENGE PILGRIMAGE

Friends: The 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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](mailto:consecratedlife@archstl.org).

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wednesday, 21 April: *Adoration – 9 am to 6 pm*
- Saturday, 24 April: Holy Mass @ 8:00 am
- Saturday, 24 April: Server Training @ 9:15 am
- Wednesday, 28 April: *Adoration – 9 am to 6 pm*
- Saturday, 1 May: First Saturday Confessions @ 7am & Holy Mass @ 8am

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LITANY OF HUMILITY

Author: Rafael Cardinal Merry del Val

O Jesus, meek and humble of heart, Hear me.  
From the desire of being esteemed, *Deliver me, O Jesus.*  
From the desire of being loved, *Deliver me, O Jesus*  
From the desire of being extolled, *Deliver me, O Jesus*  
From the desire of being honored, *Deliver me, O Jesus*  
From the desire of being praised, *Deliver me, O Jesus*  
From the desire of being preferred to others, *Deliver me, O Jesus*  
From the desire of being consulted, *Deliver me, O Jesus*  
From the desire of being approved, *Deliver me, O Jesus*  
From the fear of being humiliated, *Deliver me, O Jesus*  
From the fear of being despised, *Deliver me, O Jesus*  
From the fear of suffering rebukes, *Deliver me, O Jesus*  
From the fear of being calumniated, *Deliver me, O Jesus*  
From the fear of being forgotten, *Deliver me, O Jesus*  
From the fear of being ridiculed, *Deliver me, O Jesus*  
From the fear of being wronged, *Deliver me, O Jesus*

- Saturday, 1 May: Church Cleaning (Knights of Columbus)@ 10am
- Wednesday, 5 May: **NO ADORATION**
- Friday, 7 May: *Adoration – 9 am to 6 pm*
- Friday, 7 May: First Friday Confessions @ 6pm & Holy Mass @ 7pm
- Sunday, 9 May: Mother’s Day Brunch
- Sunday, 9 May: May Crowning

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, 19 April – *Feria in Paschaltide*  
12:15 pm: Donny Mueller

Tuesday, 20 April – *Feria in Paschaltide*  
7:00 am: Bernice Wojcicki (d)

Weds., 21 April – *St. Anselm*  
6:30 pm: Patricia DeWitt (d)

Thursday, 22 April– *Ss. Soter & Caius*  
7:00 am: Gus & Zita Otto (d)

Friday, 23 April – *St. George*  
12:15 pm: Lucy Bemowski (d)

Saturday, 24 April – *St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen*  
8:00 am: Ruth Dyer (d)

Sunday, 25 April – *Third Sunday after Easter*  
6:45 am: Pro Populo  
8:00 am: Blanche Rolwes (d)  
11:30 am: Vince & Judy Bemowski

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