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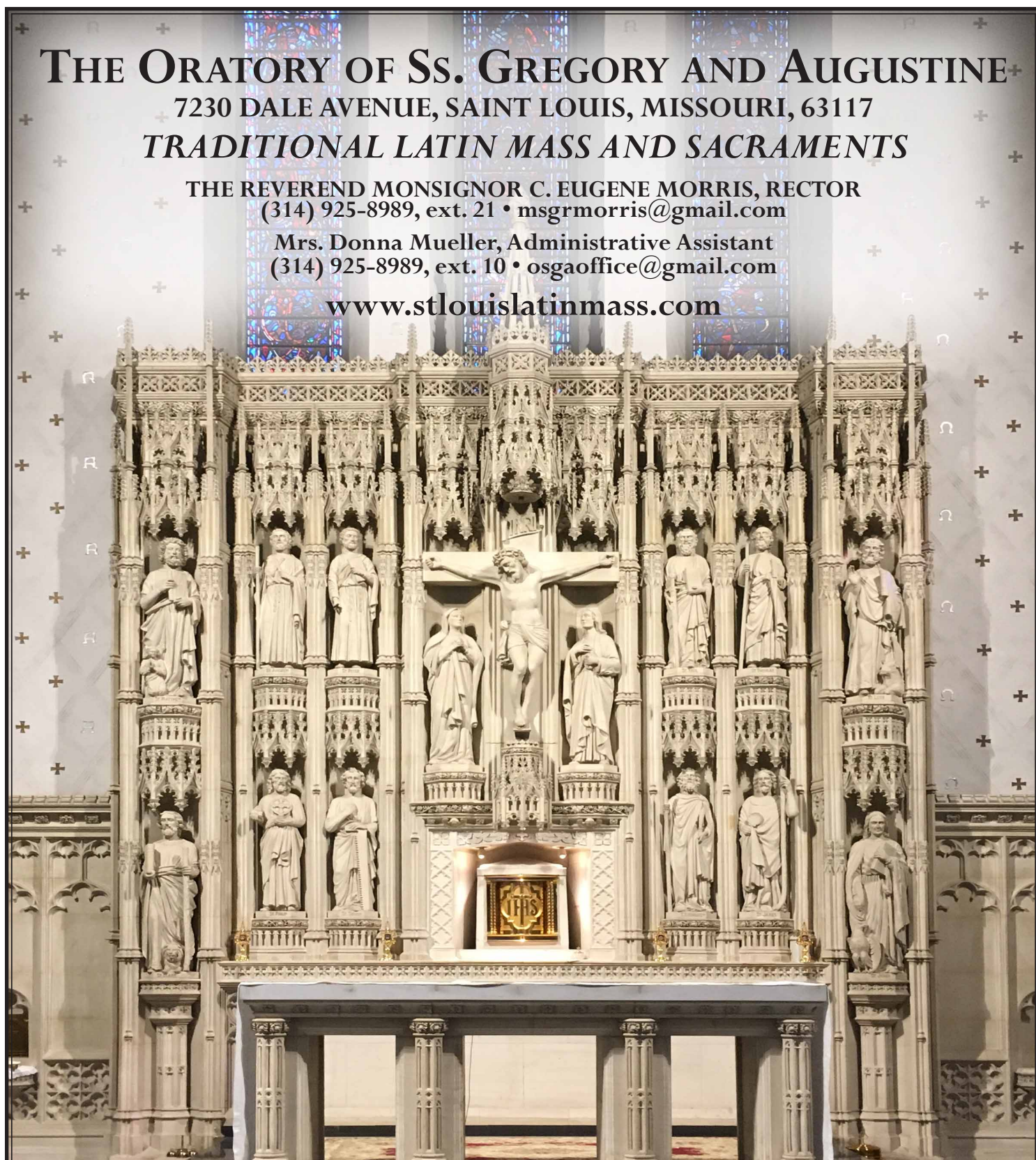
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THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

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

DAILY MASS:

Monday and 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.

Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist (Third Sunday after Easter)

April 25, 2021

FROM THE RECTOR – Feast of St. Mark the Evangelist (Third Sunday after Easter)

Today in the older calendar that existed prior to 1955, the Church celebrates St. Mark the Evangelist. It is known that St. Mark was a disciple of St. Paul and wrote the most active of the four gospels focusing clearly on the missionary work of our Lord. It is the shortest of the gospels because St. Mark’s concern was to clear and vividly set forth the work of Christ in bringing about our salvation. The Introit for today’s Holy Mass speaks about the reception of protection against “the workers of iniquity” (Introit) and the Collect reminds of our need to be receptive and vigilant so that “we may ever profit by his [St. Mark] teaching and be defended by his prayers” (Collect). The celebration of any saints calls to mind the power of grace to assist us in living rightly in the sight of God: as these holy men and women have done, so I can and should do as well ought to be our thought each time we contemplate the lives of the saints. As we celebrate today the life of St. Mark, we are mindful of this but also of the exhortation to proclaim the good news of Christ to the ends of the earth. Our baptismal dignity grafts us unto Christ and requires from us a convicted and daily witness to His Truth even to the shedding our blood. Tradition asserts that St. Mark was martyred in Alexandria with his body eventually finding its resting place in the city of Venice in the grand cathedral dedicated to him. Let us pray today through his intercession for a willingness to sacrifice our own lives in order to boldly proclaim the Gospel message of Jesus Christ!

MONDAY, 26 APRIL ** SCHEDULE CHANGE **

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no confessions on Monday, 26 April at 11:00 am because the Archbishop will be here; but there *will be* Holy Mass at 12:15 pm.

ORATORY TEENS

Who says all the young kids get to have all the fun at Easter? NOT US! Come to a barbecue and an Easter egg NIGHT hunt just for you! On Saturday, May 8, we will start up at 6 PM with the BBQ and the nighttime egg hunt will follow. Sunset is supposed to be around 8 PM that evening, so we will go through 9 PM allowing you to hunt for your eggs, redeem for prizes, and play other games.

Who: Any Oratory teens that are 7th grade and up (feel free to bring friends that your parents know).

What: BBQ and Easter Egg Night Hunt

When: Saturday, May 8; 6-9 PM.

Where: Meet in the parking lot next to the playground

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 to sign up.

MAY CROWNING FOR OUR LADY

Everyone is invited to join us in honoring our Blessed Mother on **Sunday, May 9th** 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.

COFFEE HOUR RETURNS

Coffee Hour is returning to the Oratory on Sunday, 16 May 2021 after the 11:30 am Mass. In order to respect the current cultural climate regarding social distancing, the coffee hour will take place off the parking lot between the school and Church; specifically, the coffee area will be set-up near the steps to the St. Francis Chapel. In the coming weeks more information will be forthcoming.

25th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On Sunday, 23 May 2021 at the 11:30 am Holy Mass, the Oratory will celebrate Solemn High Mass in honor of the 25th Anniversary of the ordination to the priesthood of our rector, Msgr. Morris. Immediately following Holy Mass will a brief presentation in the

Church followed by a reception on the school parking. Please plan to attend the reception even if you have celebrated one of the earlier Masses. As always, please pray for Msgr. Morris and all the priests of the Archdiocese that the Lord will continue to bless them with fidelity, courage and strength in their service to Christ and Holy Mother the Church.

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.

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 (cmhoran@protonmail.com) 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 (msgrmorris@gmail.com) or call 314/644-2144. In advance, thank you for your generosity.

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
05/16-05/23 Taormina	05/23-05/30 Podesta
05/30-06/06 Grizzle	06/06-06/13 Turntine
06/13-06/20 Kelly	06/20-06/27 Wisniewski
06/27-07/04 Jones	07/04-07/11 Armstrong
07/11-07/18 Carapella	07/18-07/25 Cook
07/25-08/01 Hayward	08/01-08/08 Fowler
08/08-08/15 Haulard	08/15-08/22 Catalano
08/22-08/29 Kenney	08/29-09/05 Raymond
09/05-09/12 Flannigan	09/12-09/19 Gelhot
09/19-09/26 Horan	09/26-10/03 Schuette
10/03-10/10 Filla	10/10-10/17 Petrick
10/17-10/24 Stein	10/24-10/31 Alexander

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

CREDO EVENT

Vaccine Forum - The FACTS, with open Q&A, Sun., 2 May 2021 @ 1 p.m. Register at [CREDOstLouis.org](https://www.credoostlouis.org). Questions – call or text: 314-322-0337.

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

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

- Saturday, 1 May: Church Cleaning (Knights of Columbus) @ 10 am
- Wednesday, 5 May: **NO ADORATION**
- Friday, 7 May: *Adoration – 9 am to 6 pm*
- Friday, 7 May: First Friday Confessions @ 6 pm & Holy Mass @ 7 pm
- Saturday, 8 May: Teen BBQ & Easter Egg Hunt from 6-9 pm
- Sunday, 9 May: Mother’s Day Brunch @ 9 am-11:30 am
- Sunday, 9 May: May Crowning
- Wednesday, 12 May: *Adoration – 9 am to 6 pm*
- Sunday, 16 May: Coffee Hour after 11:30 am Mass
- Wednesday, 19 May: *Adoration – 9 am to 6 pm*
- Thursday, 20 May: Knights of Columbus Meeting @ 7 pm
- Sunday, 23 May: 25th Anniversary Celebration for Msgr. Morris after the 11:30 am Holy Mass
- Wednesday, 26 May: *Adoration – 9 am to 6 pm*
- Saturday, 29 May: Juventutem Confessions @ 7am & Holy Mass @ 8 am

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, 26 April – *Ss. Cletus & Marcellinus*
12:15 pm: Patricia DeWitt (d)

Tuesday, 27 April – *St. Peter Canisius*
7:00 am: Raymond J. Sacks

Weds., 28 April – *St. Paul of the Cross*
6:30 pm: Pat & Mark Manley

Thursday, 29 April – *St. Peter of Verona*
7:00 am: Lucy Bemowski (d)

Friday, 30 April – *St. Catherin of Siena*
12:15 pm: Joan Scally (d)

Saturday, 1 May – *Ss. Phillip & James*
8:00 am: Priests in Purgatory

Sunday, 2 May – *Fourth Sunday after Easter*
6:45 am: Pro Populo
8:00 am: Dan Scally
11:30 am: Ronald J. Rheinheimer (d)

~ 04/18/2021 ~	
	<u>ACTUAL</u>
Weekly Collection Total	\$ 7,331.21
Online Giving	\$ 2,308.00
Total	\$ 9,639.21
Needed	\$ 5,827.00 (\$3,812.21)
Year to Date Total	\$ 376,918.83

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