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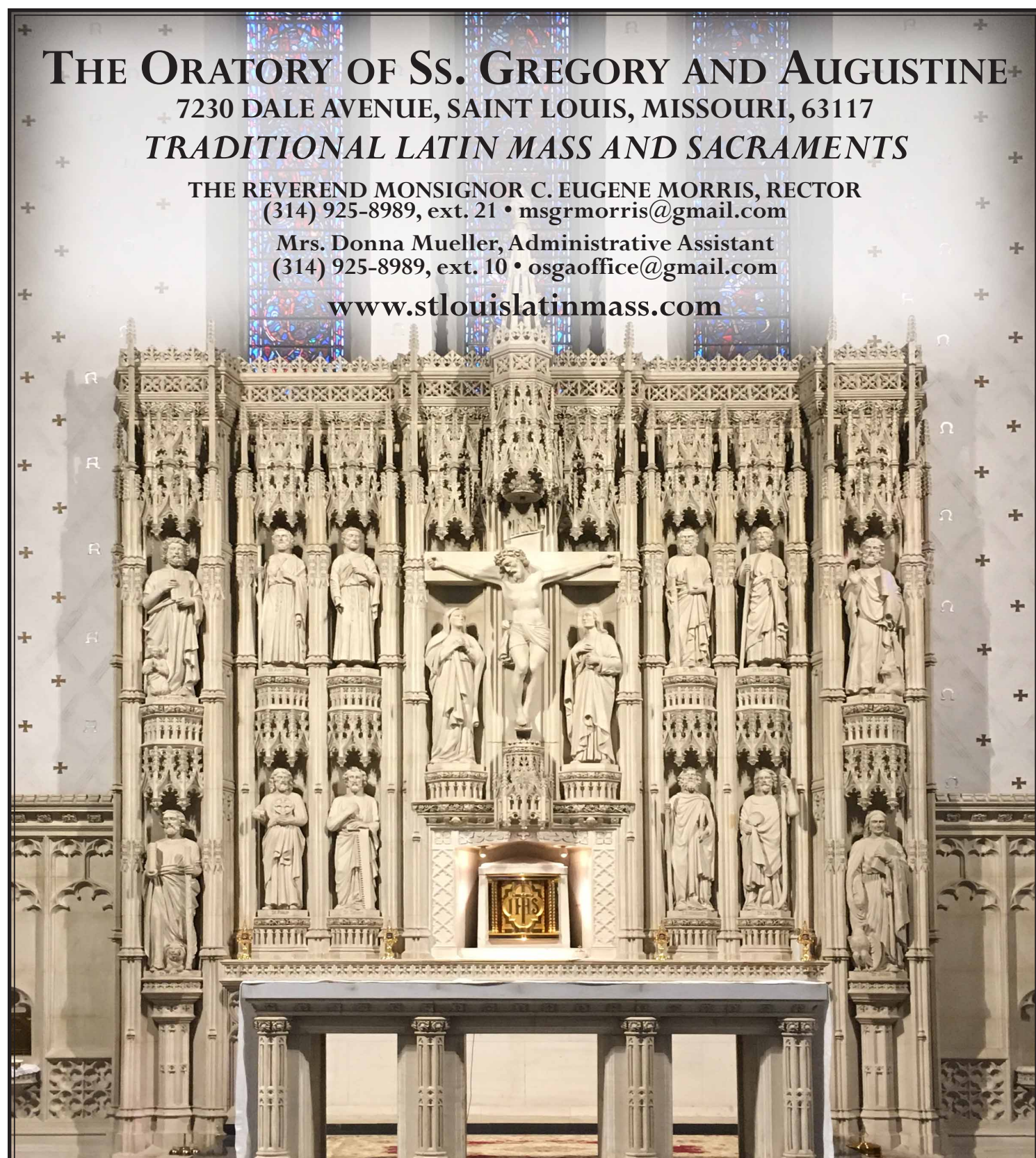
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THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS
SUNDAY MASS:.....6:45, 8:00 & 11:30 a.m.

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.

Fifth Sunday after Easter

May 9, 2021

FROM THE RECTOR – Fifth Sunday after Easter

The Church continues to exhort us to rejoice in the new life Christ has won for us. The season of Paschaltide requires these many days of prayer and reflection precisely because the august mystery of the Lord’s victory over sin and death is so profound that the mind can never fully grasp what has been given to us. In our Gospel from Saint John, Our Savior tells us to ask the Father for anything and in His Divine Providence He will bestow it upon us. Great faith is required to approach the Father, but the Son’s Passion, Death and Glorious Resurrection give us courage and strength. So too, Our Lord’s Ascension inspires confidence in us because He has gone before us to prepare a place for us. What more could we ask of God to engender confidence in us to go to the Father in the Son through the Spirit for all that we need? St. James reminds us in the Epistle that this life of faith must translate into action as well. To believe the things of God requires doing the things of God. Of course, our participation in the sacramental life of the Church is precisely that: doing that which God commands! We are also called to practice profound charity, live a confident hope and strengthen the gift of faith already received. All of this is accomplished through daily prayer, deliberate acts of service, and hearts full of mercy and compassion. Let us continue to rejoice in the new life given to us through the Cross. Through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother, may our souls magnify the Lord through all that we do.

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MAY CROWNING FOR OUR LADY

TODAY, we honor our Blessed Mother 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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BLESSED MOTHER’S DAY

Blessed Mother’s Day to all the mothers of the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine. Please know not only of the gratitude of all those you have cared for but also of our prayers for your continued strength and well-being. Please also pray for all those mothers who are deceased. May God grant them eternal rest and peace!

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MISSA CANTATA @ 12:15 pm HOLY MASS

The growth of the Oratory of Ss. Gregory & Augustine is a great testament to the power and effectiveness of the Traditional Latin Mass. The treasury of beauty, dignity and solemnity available to the faithful through the celebration of the Traditional Mass and sacraments is an enormous source of grace and strength to all who are privileged to worship God in this most perfect manner. In order to continue making these great treasures available to the faithful, when the opportunity presents itself, Holy Mass will be celebrated as a *Missa Cantata* or Sung Mass. As the information below provides the normative celebration of Holy Mass is the Solemn High Mass:

This high Mass is the norm; it is only in the complete rite with deacon and subdeacon that the ceremonies can be understood. Thus, the rubrics of the Ordinary of the Mass always suppose that the Mass is high. Low Mass, said by a priest alone with one server, is a shortened and simplified form of the same thing. Its ritual can be explained only by a reference to high Mass. For instance, the celebrant goes over to the north side of the altar to read the Gospel, because that is the side to which the deacon goes in procession at high Mass; he turns round always by the right, because at high Mass he should not turn his back to the deacon and so on. A sung Mass (Missa Cantata) is a modern compromise. It is really a low Mass, since the essence of high Mass is not the music but the deacon and subdeacon. Only in churches which have no ordained person except one priest, and in which high Mass is thus impossible, is it allowed to celebrate the Mass (on Sundays and feasts) with most of the adornment borrowed from high Mass, with singing and (generally) with incense. The Sacred Congregation of Rites has on several occasions (9 June 1884; 7 December 1888) forbidden the use of incense at a Missa Cantata; nevertheless, exceptions have been made for several dioceses, and the custom of using it is generally tolerated (Le Vavas seur, op. cit., I, 514-5). In this case, too, the celebrant takes the part of deacon and subdeacon; there is no kiss of peace. (The Catholic Encyclopedia)

The form of Holy Mass as either a *Missa Cantata* which we celebrate at the 11:30 am Holy Mass or the Low Mass which is the norm for daily Mass are concessions that recognize the limitations that are often present for the normal parish setting. However, the Oratory is blessed with a number of gifted men who are able to chant Holy Mass. As a consequence, there will be some major feast days that fall on Monday or Friday when the Holy Mass will be a *Missa Cantata*. For those who come to Holy Mass during their lunch hour, this celebration will not increase the length of Holy Mass. In advance, deep gratitude is expressed to all those who assist in the celebration of Holy Mass. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact the rector, Msgr. Morris.

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CALL FOR NEW MEMBERS – ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY

Attention ladies of the Oratory! The Altar & Rosary Society is a common cornerstone of Latin Mass communities. Services performed include: cleaning main and side altars and sacristy; the care of altar linens, cloths, and the servers' attire; decorating for special feast days. If you are interested in contributing to the Altar & Rosary Society, please contact Erin Turntine at (314) 856-5340 or email whteroses@hotmail.com

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NEW FAMILIES for APRIL (alphabetical order):

A warm welcome to our new parishioners!

- Francis Breen
- Kenney Family ~ Chris & Isabel, Louis, Emile, and Jerome
- Murphy Family ~ Dottie & Rich
- Pat Openlander
- Schulte Family ~ Colin & Bernadette, Philomena and Caleb

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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.

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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.

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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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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.

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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 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!

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PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE

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.

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MONTH OF MAY: THE MONTH OF MARY

The month of May, by tradition dating back to the 13th century, is dedicated to Our Blessed Mother. Paul VI wrote in his encyclical on the month of May the following:

The month of May is almost here, a month which the piety of the faithful has long dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God. Our heart rejoices at the thought of the moving tribute of faith and love which will soon be paid to the Queen of Heaven in every corner of the earth. For this is the month during which Christians, in their churches and their homes, offer the Virgin Mother more fervent and loving acts of homage and veneration; and it is the month in which a greater abundance of God's merciful gifts comes down to us from our Mother's throne.

We are delighted and consoled by this pious custom associated with the month of May, which pays honor to the Blessed Virgin and brings such rich benefits to the Christian people. Since Mary is rightly to be regarded as the way by which we are led to Christ, the person who encounters Mary cannot help but encounter Christ likewise. For what other reason do we continually turn to Mary except to seek the Christ in her arms, to seek our Savior in her, through her, and with her? To Him men are to turn amid the anxieties and perils of this world, urged on by duty and driven by the compelling needs of their heart, to find a haven of salvation, a transcendent fountain of life. (Mense Maio, #1-2)

Let us truly dedicate ourselves, our families, this nation and world to the Immaculate Heart of May especially through a daily recitation of the rosary and other acts of piety dedicated to Our Mother. Let us particularly call upon the intercession of Our Lady of Walsingham who is the patroness and protector of the Oratory of Ss. Gregory & Augustine.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wednesday, 12 May: *Adoration – 9 am to 6 pm*
- Thursday, 13 May: Ascension, Confessions @ 6 pm; Holy Mass @ 7pm
- Saturday, 15 May: Church Cleaning (Altar & Rosary Society) @ 9:30 am
- 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 @ 7pm
- Saturday, 22 May: Vigil of Pentecost, Confessions @ 9am; Holy Mass @ 10 am
- 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 @ 7 am; Holy Mass @ 8 am (**due to the Vigil of Pentecost, this is the correct date)

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, 10 May – *St. Antoninus*
12:15 pm: Sarah Louise Adams (d)

Tuesday, 11 May – *Feria in Paschaltide*
7:00 am: Roger Eldridge

Weds., 12 May – *Vigil of the Ascension*
6:30 pm: Anthony Bommarito (d)

Thursday, 13 May– *Ascension*
7:00 am: Fr. Bede Price
7:00 pm: Albert Huntz

Friday, 14 May – *Octave Day in Ascension*
12:15 pm: Rush H. Limbaugh (d)

Sunday, 16 May – *Sunday in the Octave of Ascension*
6:45 am: Pro Populo
8:00 am: Fr. Raymond Hagar
11:30 am: Sylvia Blessing (d)