

THE ORATORY OF SAINTS GREGORY & AUGUSTINE



MASS

Sunday: 6:45, 8:00, 11:30am
Monday & Friday: 12:15pm
Tuesday & Thursday: 7:00am
Wednesday: 6:30pm
First Friday: 7:15pm
First Saturday: 8:15am

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CONFESSION

Monday & Friday: 11am - 12pm
Wednesday: 5:00 - 6:00pm
First Friday: 6:00 - 7:00pm
First Saturday: 7:00 - 8:00am

FROM THE RECTOR – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

It is far too easy to place our confidence in the things we know, understand, and see. As a consequence, the temptation presents itself to trust in our natural abilities and the things of the world rather than to trust and find confidence in the Lord. When the Lord heals in our Gospel today it is not only to manifest His Messianic power but also an opportunity to trust in the Lord who does truly desire to heal us. The leper and the centurion, from different worlds, different classes, suffering different things but they both share a trust in the Lord's promises. They approach, they ask, and their requests made in faith are granted as the fruit of that very faith. We do not always receive everything we ask for in prayer, but we always receive that which we need from God. What is required from us is the humility to trust in the Lord as we seek His healing power, the faith and confidence that God's providence will provide and then joyful hearts that proclaim the glory of God made manifest in our own lives.

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CANDLEMAS CELEBRATION: 2 February @ 6:30 pm

On Wednesday, 2 February 2022 @ 6:30 pm we will celebrate the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary traditionally known as Candlemas. After our entrance procession we will bless candles.

After the blessing of Candles, they will be distributed at the communion rail and then will be lit by the servers. Weather permitting, we will have a outdoor procession around the Church celebrating the Light of Christ. If the weather does not cooperate, our procession will proceed inside of the Church.

The candles also will be lit and held during the proclamation of the Gospel and then lit again from the Sanctus until the reception of Holy Communion. The candles can be taken home for your personal spiritual use and there will be more candles available on the Oratory table in the back of Church. Please take only those candles that are needed.

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DEPOSITIO ALLELUIA: 12 February @ 8:15 am

Farewell to the Alleluia on the Saturday before 1 Vespers of Septuagesima: The *deposition* (discontinuance) of the Alleluia on the eve of Septuagesima assumed in medieval times a solemn and emotional note of saying farewell to the beloved song. Although Pope Alexander II had ordered a very simple and somber way of 'deposing' the Alleluia, a variety of farewell customs prevailed in many countries up to the sixteenth century and beyond. They were inspired by the sentiment which Bishop William Durandus (d. 1296) voiced in his commentaries on the Divine Office: 'We part from the Alleluia as from a beloved friend, whom we embrace many times and kiss on mouth, head and hand, before we leave him.' The Oratory will offer Holy Mass on Saturday, 12 February @ 8:15 am and following Holy Mass we will bury the Alleluia at the Blessed Mother's altar. Confessions will be heard before Holy Mass @ 7:00 am. All are encouraged and invited to attend.

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AN UNFORTUNATE HAPPENSTANCE

After the 11:30 am Holy Mass this past Sunday a person or persons who are not members of the Oratory carted off all the water bottles with Epiphany water and all the small salt containers with Epiphany salt and half of the blessed chalk.

1. If you were present when this happened and know the people involved, I would appreciate that information. The Oratory is blessed with a great many resources not available at other parishes and we welcome others to have access to these resources. Nevertheless, what happened yesterday was nothing short of theft. There were still at least 200/300 bottles of water remaining for our own faithful to access along with a similar amount of salt. To take all of it off the table along with the baskets is selfish and unwarranted.

2. We are working to replace these bottles and hopefully will have new ones in the next week or so. Since we blessed a large quantity of water, please feel free to bring your own containers for water. If you need/want more than a gallon, please contact me so that I can keep track of how much water remains. So too, we are hoping to have more salt available, but we did not bless as much salt as we did water.

If you have any questions or information, please contact me at msgrmorris@gmail.com or call the rectory at 314/644-2144.

Let us continue to pray for the great blessing that the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine is for us and for the whole Archdiocese of St. Louis.

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PRO-LIFE INFORMATION

January 22, 2022 marks the 49th anniversary of the Supreme Court decisions that legalized abortion in the United States (Roe v. Wade & Doe v. Bolton). Since establishing the first U.S. diocesan pro-life office in 1973, the Archdiocese of St. Louis has consistently marked this tragic occasion with activities that focus on what hopeful, faith-filled people of God do to build a "culture of life and civilization of love" and accompany those facing unplanned pregnancies.

Please consult the Archdiocesan website for more information about the various pro-life activities during the month of January. (<https://www.archstl.org/respect-life-apostolate>).

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MEN'S CONFERENCE (FEBRUARY 2022)

Catholic Men for Christ: Archdiocese of St. Louis is holding its annual conference **IN-PERSON** on **Saturday, 12 February 2022**. The conference begins at 8:45 am and concludes at 4:30 pm and is being held at the Si Commons on the campus of St. Louis University High School. For more information please visit: catholicmenforchrist.org.

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WOMEN'S CONFERENCE (MARCH 2022)

Catholic Women for Christ: Archdiocese of St. Louis is holding its annual conference on **IN-PERSON** on **Saturday, 12 March 2022**. The conference begins at 8:45 am and concludes at 4:30 pm and is being held at the Si Commons on the campus of St. Louis University High School. For more information please visit: catholicwomenforchrist.org.

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CATECHESIS ON CONFESSION

The Catechism of the Council of Trent provides a thorough and complete explication of the Sacrament of Penance. I want to draw particular attention to the exhortation that confession should be complete and entire. The Church teaches us that we are responsible for confessing all of our mortal sins in both number (how often) and kind (nature of the sin itself). As such when we come for confession, we should not only present those sins that are on our hearts or that have easily come to mind but also confess all sins we can recall after a thorough examination of conscience.

Moreover, please keep in mind that if we are aware of mortal sin, we should not present ourselves for Holy Communion; rather, we should approach the sacrament of confession at the first available opportunity, confess our sins and only then come forward for Holy Communion. One should never feel embarrassed or ashamed to remain in the pew during the reception of Holy Communion because there are a host of reasons why people refrain from receiving Holy Communion and not all of those reasons are connected to mortal sin.

While the Oratory has increased the times for confession, I am aware that these times may not always be convenient for the various schedules we keep. If the times for confession do not work well with your schedule, I am always willing to meet you in Church for the sacrament itself. Finally, I encourage everyone to access a thorough and complete guide for examining your conscience. This will assist you in recalling your serious sins as well as venial sins which also work against growing in holiness.

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MISSAL ASSISTANCE/ SUNDAYS IN JANUARY 2022

- 23 January – 3rd Sunday after Epiphany (p.65)
- 30 January – 4th Sunday after Epiphany (p.69)

NEW FAMILIES for DECEMBER (alphabetical order):

A warm welcome to our new parishioners!

- The Ashlock Family ~ Sam & Sara, Raina, Autumn, and Eliza
- The Hohn Family ~ Bill & Mary
- The Robinson Family ~ Patrick & Barbara, Rachel and Esther
- Tony Seemiller
- The Smith Family ~ Craig & Janice, Peter, Christopher, Mary Michaela, and Andrew

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BAPTISMS (October – December 2021):

(In alphabetical order)

Vivian Therese Buckley (Joseph & Mary)
Siena Nicole Koschoff (Daniel & Katelyn)
Benedict Bruce Sinak (Matthew & Julie)
Emma Jane Standeford (Greg & Lauren)
Hope Anne Standeford (Greg & Lauren)
Jack Addison Standeford (Greg & Lauren)
Lucy Elizabeth Standeford (Greg & Lauren)
Joseph Gerard Weissler (Greg & Adilyn)

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BLESSED ITEMS

If you wish to have items blessed please drop them off at the rectory (Mon-Fri, 9am-2pm) and include your name and telephone number. Please make sure all items are clearly marked. Once Msgr. Morris has blessed the items Donna will call you to let you know the items are ready for pick up (from the rectory office, Mon-Fri, 9am-2pm). Please do not leave anything in the sacristy on the vesting table. If you cannot come during the hours stated above, please leave items on the back porch of the rectory (accessible via the parking lot between Church and school).

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YOUNG CATHOLIC PROFESSIONALS

Young Catholic Professionals St Louis has leadership opportunities in your city! YCP's mission is Working in Witness for Christ and offers young adults (age 20-39) the opportunity to develop professional and leadership skills while serving in a dynamic apostolate. Email info@stlouis.org to request an application today or visit our website www.youngcatholicprofessionals.org to learn more!

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INFORMATION TABLE (AGAIN!)

No one is to place any information, literature, holy cards, etc. On the table without the explicit permission of the rector. Going forward – items left on the table without permission will be immediately removed and thrown away. Please contact the rector if you want to leave something on the table.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TRIVIA NIGHT: SATURDAY, 26 FEBRUARY 2022

The Knights of Columbus is hosting a Trivia Night on 26 February 2022 to raise money for the council in order to perform more charitable works for the community and to support the Oratory. If you would like to register a table, sponsor a round, or otherwise help with the trivia night, please email: oratoryevents@gmail.com.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, 23 January: Coffee Hour after the 11:30 am Holy Mass
- Sunday, 23 January: Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Sunday, 30 January: Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Wednesday, 2 February: Candlemas celebration @ 6:30 pm
- Friday, 4 February: First Friday
- Saturday, 5 February: First Saturday
- Sunday, 6 February: Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Saturday, 12 February: Holy Mass @ 8:15 am (Confessions @ 7:00 am/(Deposition of the Alleluia)
- Sunday, 13 February: Septuagesima Season begins
- Sunday, 13 February: Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Thursday, 17 February: Knights of Columbus Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- Saturday, 19 February: Church Cleaning @ 9:30 am (Altar & Rosary Society/Knights of Columbus)
- Sunday, 20 February: Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Sunday, 27 February: Vespers @ 4:30 pm

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PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE/ 2022

01/09-01/16 Hayward	01/16-01/23 Fowler
01/23-01/30 Blum	01/30-02/06 Alexander
02/06-02/13 Haulard	02/13/02/20 Catalano
02/20-02/27 Kenney	02/27-03/06 Raymond
03/06/03/13 Flannigan	03/13-03/20 Gelhot
03/20-03/27 Horan	03/27-04/03 Schuette
04/03-04/10 Filla	04/10-04/17 Petrick
04/17-04/24 Buyle	04/24-05/01 Agnew
05/01-05/08 Leljedal	05/08-05/15 Podesta
05/15-05/22 Grizzle	05/22-05/29 Turntine

Drop off and pick-up statue at back of church. Place on the floor to left of the Oratory table. Be in contact with each other to ensure that the statue will transfer on schedule. PLEASE CONTACT SHARON ALEXANDER saalex@sbccglobal.net TO BE ADDED OR TAKEN OFF THE PILGRIM STATUE SCHEDULE. NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, 24 January – *St. Timothy*
12:15 pm: John Matthew Grgurich (d)

Tuesday, 25 January – *Conversion of St. Paul*
7:00 am: Grant Leljedal

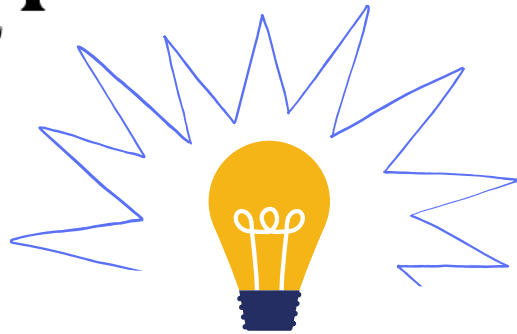
Weds., 26 January – *St. Polycarp*
6:30 pm: John Matthew Grgurich (d)

Thursday, 27 January – *St. John Chrysostom*
7:00 am: Colton Marks

Friday, 28 January – *St. Peter Nolasco*
12:15 pm: Susan Fussner (d)

Sunday, 30 January – *4th Sunday after Epiphany*
6:45 am: Pro Populo
8:00 am: Gregg Pickert (d)
11:30 am: James Malloy (d)

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earth as it is in
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Father. Be always
my eternal Father. Do
not leave my soul.

Do not abandon me. Do not
leave me out of Your sight, my Father,
for I am Your child, whom You have
created to please You, to adore You, to
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