

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 – 5th Sunday after Epiphany

“Called through pure mercy to belong to the mystical Body of Christ, we must in our turn show mercy to our neighbor since we are made one with him in Christ Jesus. Even in the Church such unreserved charity is a difficult matter; it requires perseverance and patience, since in God’s kingdom here on earth there are both good and bad, and it is only when our Lord comes to judge men ... that He will separate the one from the other for all Eternity.” (St. Andrews Daily Missal) These words require attentive contemplation from us. St. Paul asserts charity above all things for it is charity that binds and holds us together. How hard it is to develop a charitable heart and to live in peace and love with one another. And yet we must strive daily to make this a reality because our deepest desire is union with the Lord. As we draw close to the season of Lent spend these weeks of Septuagesima contemplating the sacrifices you will undertake in order that you might grow in love offering to the other the mercy you have received from God.

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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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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 sponsor a round, or otherwise help with the trivia night, please email: oratoryevents@gmail.com.

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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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ORATORY CHOIR

The Oratory’s polyphonic choir is accepting new members! We are currently in particular need of men’s voices. Please prayerfully consider directing your time and talents to glorify the Lord in this way. Contact Mrs. Kenney at elisabethrkenney@gmail.com or leave your contact information on the sheet on the information table if you are interested.

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THE LENTEN SEASON

The season of Septuagesima begins on Sunday, 13 February 2022 and provides us with the opportunity to better prepare ourselves for our Lenten Season which begins on Ash Wednesday, 2 March 2022. In order to spiritually assist the faithful of the Oratory during the Lenten season there will be additional opportunities for both confession and the celebration of the Holy Mass.

During Lent, in addition to the times already published, **Confessions** will be heard from 11:30 am until 12:45 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays (beginning 8 March 2022).

We will also have the opportunity for **Eucharistic Adoration** on the following days and times (beginning Friday, 4 March 2022):

- Wednesday: 5:00 pm to 6:15 pm
- Tuesday/Thursday: 11:00 am until 1:00 pm
- First Friday: 1:00 pm until 6:00 pm

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated on the Fridays of Lent after the conclusion of the 12:15 pm Holy Mass with the exception of the First Friday in March (4 March) and April (1 April).

Finally, the schedule for **Holy Week** has been determined and will allow us to celebrate the full Sacred Triduum this year. I share this information with you this early so that you might plan your schedules accordingly: **HOLY THURSDAY @ 4:00 PM; GOOD FRIDAY @ 3:00 PM; HOLY SATURDAY @ 2:00 PM**

All of this information will continue to be available both in our bulletin and on-line. Also, next Sunday there will be a sheet on the Oratory table in the vestibule that will have all this information for our Lenten season.

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LENTEN DAYS OF RECOLLECTION

In order to assist the faithful during the Lenten season, there will be a Day of Recollection for both the women and men of the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine. The day begins with Holy Mass at 8:15 am and concludes by 2 pm. The retreat is open to non-parishioners and everyone is encouraged to attend. The cost for the day is \$25 and includes lunch. **Further information can be found on the Oratory table in the vestibule of Church.**

- The Men’s Day of Recollection – 19 March 2022
- The Women’s Day of Recollection – 26 March 2022

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SAINT JOSEPH CHALLENGE: APRIL 30 – MAY 1, 2022

The 7th Annual Joseph Challenge Pilgrimage is coming up April 30-May 1, 2022 <https://josephchallenge.com/>. It’s an incredible experience for men aged 18+. Last year was the Year of St. Joseph and we had our largest group ever with over 50 men participating. 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 guy at church who never likes to be outdone. 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 (Mass, Holy Hour, etc.) Even if you can walk, bring more guys to walk with you. **Ite Ad Joseph!**

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NEW FAMILIES for JANUARY (alphabetical order):

A warm welcome to our new parishioners!

- The Garrett Family ~ Patrick & Kate, Jack and William
- The Griffin Family ~ Jim & Kay
- Gene Kain
- The McDonald Family ~ Jonathan & Laura
- Katie McManus
- The Pickert Family ~ Todd & Susan, Thomas and Matthew
- The Santschi Family ~ Logan & Brittany, John Wayne, Jesse, and Olivia
- The Vecchio Family ~ Anthony & Mary

MASS INTENTIONS

The Oratory remains grateful for the request for Mass Intentions. The intentions are satisfied as they are received with the first available opening in the Oratory's calendar. If you have a specific day to request, please contact the Oratory directly. Also, if you would like to know the date on which the Holy Mass is to be celebrated, please include an email address with your request and that information will be provided to you. In advance, thank you for your generosity.

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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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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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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 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: Coffee Hour after 8am Holy Mass
- Sunday, 13 February: Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Thursday, 17 February: Knights of Columbus Meeting @ 7:00 pm

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- Saturday, 19 February: Church Cleaning @ 9:30 am (Altar & Rosary Society/Knights of Columbus)
- Sunday, 20 February: Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Saturday, 26 February: Knights of Columbus Trivia Night
- Sunday, 27 February: Coffee Hour after 11:30am Holy Mass
- Sunday, 27 February: Vespers @ 4:30 pm

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PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE 2022

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@sbglobal.net TO BE ADDED OR TAKEN OFF THE PILGRIM STATUE SCHEDULE. NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, 7 February – *St. Romuald, Abbot*

12:15 pm: Susan Fussner (d)

Tuesday, 8 February – *St. John of Matha, Confessor*

7:00 am: Colton Marks

Weds., 9 February – *St. Cyril, Doctor / Bishop*

6:30 pm: John Matthew Grgurich (d)

Thursday, 10 February – *St. Scholastica, Virgin*

7:00 am: Charles Kubik (d)

Friday, 11 February – *The Apparition of the BVM Immaculate*

12:15 pm: Susan Fussner (d)

Saturday, 12 February – *6th Sunday after Epiphany (anticipated)*

8:15 am: Msgr. C. Eugene Morris

Sunday, 13 February – *Septuagesima Sunday*

6:45 am: Pro Populo

8:00 am: Juraj & Joanna Susovica

11:30 am: Timothy Sydlowski

~ 01/30/2022 ~

ACTUAL

Weekly Collection Total	\$ 8,317.92
Online Giving	\$ 4,860.00
Total	\$ 13,177.92
Needed	\$ 8,692.00 (\$ 4,485.92)
Year to Date Total	\$ 348,181.71

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

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beloved Father, Thy
will be done on
earth as it is in
Heaven. Be thou my
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
honor You, living my days as You
have given me the license to live it. I
offer up this Fiat, through Mary, to
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