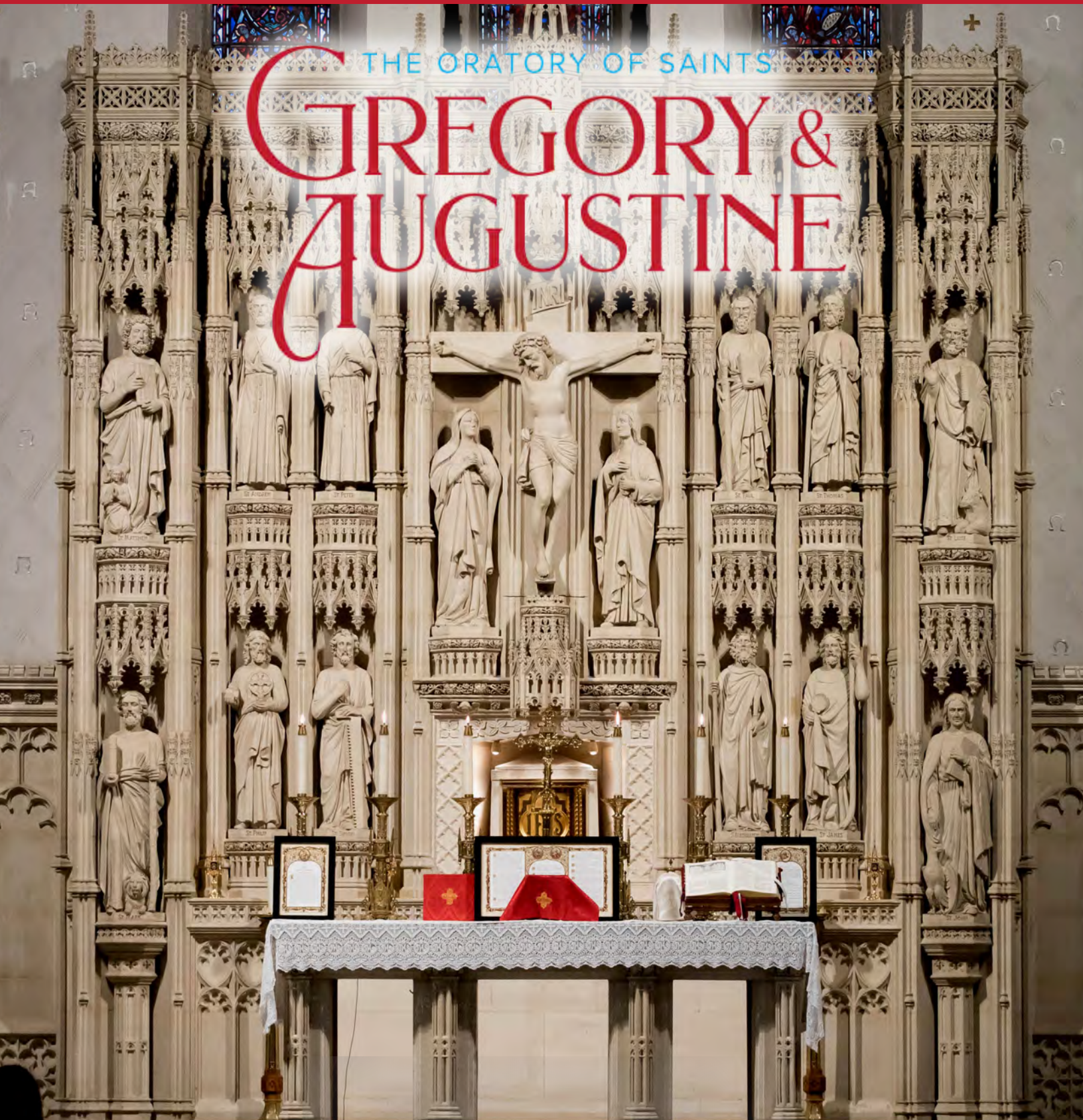


THE ORATORY OF SAINTS GREGORY & AUGUSTINE



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 – Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called Laetare Sunday taking its name from the opening words of the Introit: *Rejoice, O Jerusalem!* Our joy is exhorted not only because our Lenten pilgrimage has considerably advanced but also, and more importantly, because we are yet again reminded of the power of Christ's salvific work on the Cross. The Church teaches us through the sacred liturgy and the Divine Office of the work of our Heavenly Father with His Chosen people setting them free from slavery in Egypt and then feeding them with manna, giving them the Law on Mount Sinai on their sojourn to the Promised Land. Moses is God's prophet, but in Christ we have Moses fulfilled. And the work of Christ frees us from the slavery to sin, feeds us with His own Body and delivers us to the new Jerusalem in Heaven. These are all reasons to rejoice and give thanks to God. Continue your Lenten journey with diligence and joy. Now more than ever do not waver or stumble carrying your cross. Life's difficulties provide ample opportunities for us to configure ourselves to Christ crucified. And for that opportunity and the blessings bestowed upon us, let us rejoice in the Lord!

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CARING FOR THE ORATORY CAMPUS

It was brought to the attention of the Oratory from those who work in the school building during the day that they are discovering an excessive amount of trash on the school grounds and parking lot. While we are not the only ones who use that area, I would appreciate everyone's attentiveness in picking up any trash that might be left behind. I would also ask that cigarette butts and the like be disposed of properly. This exhortation to cleanliness would also extend to Church. Sadly, there have been numerous occasions when dirty diapers, used tissues and other trash have been left in the pews. As our numbers continue to grow, it will be even more important for all of us to collectively maintain our beautiful Church and the grounds of the Oratory. In advance, thank you for your attentiveness in this matter.

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THE LENTEN SEASON

Confessions are heard from 11:15 am until 12:45 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Eucharistic Adoration on the following days and times:

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

Please sign up for Adoration at: www.adorationpro.org/stlouislatinmass

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).

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- **HOLY THURSDAY @ 4:00 PM**
- **GOOD FRIDAY @ 3:00 PM**
- **HOLY SATURDAY @ 2:00 PM**

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EASTER SUNDAY

For Easter Sunday there will only be **TWO** Masses: 8:00 am and 11:30 am. Both of these will be Sung Mass.

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THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

The Oratory will celebrate High Mass every day during the Octave of Easter. Everyone is encouraged to attend to truly celebrate well the Resurrection of Our Savior. The schedule will be as follows:

- Sunday, 17 April: **Easter Sunday**; Masses @ 8:00 am & 11:30 am
- Monday, 18 April: **Normal Monday Schedule**
- Tuesday, 19 April: Holy Mass @ 12:15 pm; (confessions @ 11 am)
- Wednesday, 20 April: **Normal Wednesday Schedule**
- Thursday, 21 April: Holy Mass @ 12:15 pm; (confessions @ 11 am)
- Friday, 22 April: **Normal Sunday Schedule**
- Saturday, 23 April: Holy Mass @ 8:15 am (confessions @ 7 am)

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OFFICE OF TENEBRAE

"Tenebrae" is the name given to the service of Matins and Lauds belonging to the last three days of Holy Week and normatively anticipated the evening before. These services are marked by a somber and sober, nearly mournful praying of the Divine Office. The structure of the office is sparse reflecting

the seriousness of these sacred days and the sadness that should accompany all of us because Christ our Savior suffered for our sins.

The Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine will have the opportunity to pray Tenebrae on the following evenings:

- **Wednesday, 13 April @ 9:00 pm – Tenebrae of Holy Thursday**
- **Thursday, 14 April @ 9:00 pm – Tenebrae of Good Friday**
- **Friday, 15 April @ 9:00 pm – Tenebrae of Holy Saturday**

This is a wonderful, solemn and profound way to enter more deeply into the Sacred Triduum and the Paschal Mystery which has brought us our salvation.

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FIRST CONFESSION

On Saturday, March 5th, 17 young people of the Oratory of Ss. Gregory & Augustine received their First Confession. I am grateful to their teachers in preparing them well and to Jake and Terri Fowler for the leadership of our CCD Program. Please continue to pray for all our young people enrolled in the CCD program here at the Oratory especially those preparing for Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

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40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Calling all Pro-Life Advocates! **40 Days for Life** will be holding its Spring Campaign starting Ash Wednesday, March 2nd, 2022 and ending on Palm Sunday April 10, 2022. Join us for 40 days of Peaceful Prayer, Hourly Vigil, Fasting and Fellowship at the Planned Parenthood abortion facility at 317 Salem Place in Fairview Heights. We staff at least 2 people every hour for 12 hours a day for 40 days. Our hours will be 7am- 7pm. Pray with us in peaceful public witness. Let mothers know you care about them. You may sign up online and enter a password at: coalitionforlifetl.com to view and use the vigil calendar or contact: theresa@coalitionforlifetl.com / 618-520-1255 or christy@coalitionforlifetl.com / 618-401-8607. The Pro-Life Coordinator for the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine is Aurora Miller who can be reached at aurora.1851@yahoo.com.

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COALITION FOR LIFE – 40 DAYS FOR LIFE AT THE ORATORY

The Oratory has been approved by Coalition for Life in their "Adopt a Day" Campaign to pray, fast and keep vigil on two days this year: Saturday, March 12th at the Fairview Heights Planned Parenthood. Saturday, April 9th from 7 am until 1 pm. More information is contained on the flyers. Join us in making this event and sacrifice memorable for the Oratory and your families during Lent. For more information contact Msgr. Morris (msgrrmorris@gmail.com) or Aurora Miller at aurora.1851@yahoo.com.

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MASS INTENTIONS

We are once again in need of Mass Intentions for Holy Mass. In order to facilitate the opportunity to have a Mass Intention celebrated on a particular day for a departed loved one, a special occasion, or a special intention please contact Donna in the parish office (314-644-2144 x10). As a reminder, the offering for a Mass intention is \$10 per Mass. When you call to request a particular day, remember that Masses are normally celebrated only on First Saturday and one of the Sunday Masses must be celebrated for the faithful of the Oratory.

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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 FEBRUARY (alphabetical order):

A warm welcome to our new parishioners!

- The Bauer Family ~ Matthew & Emily, Sophia, Ana, and Timmy
- Maureen Ellis
- The Johnson Family ~ Rick & Jami, Jacob, Luke, Lucy, & Owen
- The Jones Family ~ Vince & Sarah
- Tim Markowski
- Jennifer Rosales
- The Rosales Family ~ Roland & Ramona

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ORATORY MEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM

A team from the Oratory is once again being formed to play in the Friday night men's summer softball league at St. Luke's. The season will begin in late March or April and lasts through August. Men (18+) from the Oratory are welcome to join. We will request later start times on First Fridays so we can still attend Mass. If you are interested, call/text Gabe Jones: 314-852-7273. Families are welcome to tailgate during games throughout the season.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, 27 March: Coffee Hour after the 11:30 am Holy Mass in the St. Joseph Room
- Sunday, 27 March: Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Tuesday, 29 March: Eucharistic Adoration from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm; Confessions from 11:15 am until 12:45 pm
- Wednesday, 30 March: Holy Hour from 5:00 pm until 6:00 pm
- Thursday, 31 March: Eucharistic Adoration from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm; Confessions from 11:15 am until 12:45 pm
- Friday, 1 April: First Friday **(No Stations of the Cross)**
- Friday, 1 April: Eucharistic Adoration – 1pm to 6 pm
- Saturday, 2 April: First Saturday
- Sunday, 3 April: Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Tuesday, 5 April: Eucharistic Adoration from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm; Confessions from 11:15 am until 12:45 pm
- Tuesday, 5 April: Troops of St. George Meeting @ 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, 6 April: Holy Hour from 5:00 pm until 6:00 pm
- Thursday, 7 April: Eucharistic Adoration from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm; Confessions from 11:15 am until 12:45 pm

- Saturday, 9 April: Holy Mass @ 8:15 am; Morning of Confessions from 9:00 am until 12 Noon
- Sunday, 10 April: Coffee Hour after the 8:00 am Holy Mass in the St. Joseph Room
- Sunday, 10 April: Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Tuesday, 12 April: Eucharistic Adoration from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm; Confessions from 11:15 am until 12:45 pm
- Wednesday, 13 April: Holy Hour from 5:00 pm until 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, 13 April: Tenebrae @ 9:00 pm
- Thursday, 14 April: **HOLY THURSDAY; (cf. Schedule above)**
- **Thursday, 14 April:** Tenebrae @ 9:00 pm
- Friday, 15 April: **GOOD FRIDAY; (cf. Schedule above)**
- **Friday, 16 April:**
- Saturday, 16 April: **EASTER VIGIL; (cf. Schedule above)**
- Sunday, 17 April: **EASTER SUNDAY; (cf. Schedule above)**
- Sunday, 17 April: Vespers @ 2:00 pm **(N.B. Time change)**

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PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE 2022

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, 28 March – **St. John Capistrano**
12:15 pm: Mark & Pat Manley

Tuesday, 29 March – **Feria**
7:00 am: August & Susan Martin & Family

Wednesday, 30 March – **Feria**
6:30 pm: James Patrick Killeen, Jr. (d)

Thursday, 31 March – **Feria**
7:00 am: Fr. Samuel Conedera, S.J.

Friday, 1 April – **Feria**
12:15 pm: Deby Schlappizzi
7:15 pm: Sheri Ann Richards (d)

Saturday, 2 April – **St. Francis of Paula**
8:15 am: Sammy Joseph Virga (d)

Sunday, 3 April – **Passion Sunday**
6:45 am: Pro Populo
8:00 am: Joan Tognoni (d)
11:30 am: Fr. Paul Stark, S.J. (d)

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~ 03/20/2022 ~	
	<u>ACTUAL</u>
Weekly Collection Total	\$ 5,929.52
Online Giving	\$ 4,082.00
Total	\$ 10,011.52
Needed	\$ 8,692.00 (\$ 1,319.52)
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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
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