

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 – Sts. Philip and James

As we continue to celebrate the glories of the Resurrection, the Church enjoins us today to celebrate the lives of Ss. Philip and James. Today's Feast celebrates the translation of their relics to the Church of the Holy Apostles in Rome which is dedicated to them and where their relics remain to this day. Both of these great apostles offered their lives in defense of Christ and the truths of the faith: St. Philip was martyred on a cross in Hierapolis and St. James (known as St. James the Less to distinguish him from the brother of St. John) was clubbed to death on the steps of the terrace of the Temple for refusing to deny Our Lord. The witness of the apostles is the firm foundation upon which we stand, and their blood has watered the soil of the early Church that She might flourish and prosper. Certainly, we rejoice in the lives of these two great saints and give thanks for their witness to truth. Moreover, we recognize that greatest form of praise is emulation and as such we must strive to confirm ourselves more completely to the Lord that we too might be courageous witnesses to the truth of Christ even to the shedding of our own blood.

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MOTHERS' DAY BRUNCH

All mothers of the Oratory are invited to a special Mothers' Day Brunch on Sunday, 15 May, following the 8:00 am Holy Mass. 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, we need to track the number of attendees. Mothers are asked to RSVP ahead of time. Please email oratoryevents@gmail.com to sign up.

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HOUSELING CLOTH

In keeping with the practice of the Oratory to incorporate more traditional practices, the houseling cloth has been introduced here at the Oratory. From *A Sacristan's Guide to the Traditional Roman Rite*: "In some places, it is the custom that at the distribution of Holy Communion, that as well as using the communion place, that large cloth is held below the mouths of the communicants. This is found in the Roman Missal of 1920. This cloth is to be of white linen. In most places, this has been replaced by a long cloth that is laid on the communion rails." Since the communion rail is an extension of the altar for the lay faithful this cloth has come to represent the corporal used on the altar for Our Lord's Sacred Body. The manner of use of the cloth varies, but it is appropriate to place one's hands underneath the cloth or place your hands on the cloth itself. Placing elbows on the cloth should be avoided not only for its protection but also to safeguard the reception of Holy Communion by not having hands of front of the mouth during reception. A particular word of gratitude to Michelle Scarfino for bringing this project to completion.

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SCHEDULING BAPTISMS

The Oratory is blessed with a growing community that is evident by the increased number of baptisms. Given that the Oratory shares the space with St. Luke the Evangelist along with the other liturgical rites celebrated by the Oratory itself, it is prudent to schedule baptisms on the 2nd and 3rd Saturdays of the month beginning at 10 am. There will be Saturdays that no baptisms can be scheduled because of various liturgical events but keeping baptism on these two Saturdays will assist in scheduling for both parents and the Oratory. Families expecting newborns and anticipating that they will be baptized here at the Oratory, should schedule their baptism at their earliest convenience. This process of scheduling baptisms will go into effect on 1 September 2022.

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IN GRATITUDE

I want to express my gratitude to all those who assisted in making Holy Week, Tenebrae, and the Sacred Triduum truly magnificent this year. Every aspect of our worship during these holy days would not have been as beautiful without the contribution of our schola, choir, those who decorated and cared for the sanctuary. I am grateful to the Master of Ceremonies, the Sacristans, the servers and the sacred ministers. I am also grateful for those who assisted in planning and overseeing our celebration at the conclusion of the Easter Vigil. I am also grateful for all those who assisted behind the scenes in preparation, providing food and drink for all those involved and lending a hand when needed. May God reward and bless your generosity!

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BAPTISMS (January-March 2022):

(In alphabetical order)

Clement Harris Blaxton (Philip & Julia)

Peter Andrew D'Cunha (Napoleon & Laureen)

Philomena Grace Dailey (Sean & Amanda)

Raphael Joseph Hofmann (Grant & Alicia)

Nicolas Peregrine Klinger (Jacob & Lindsey)

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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COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As requested, we are planning to offer additional coffee hours for both the 8:00 am and 11:30 am Masses beginning in May. With these additional offerings comes the need for assistance. It is clear that as a community we enjoy each other's company after both of these Holy Masses; however, the success of these gatherings will only be sustainable if everyone takes part in set-up and clean-up instead of leaving these responsibilities to only the same few each time. Please consider volunteering to help. The more assistance given, the less frequently people will need to commit to a particular Sunday. Please contact Samantha Podesta at (314) 583-9210 if you would be willing to assist with coffee hour after either Mass, the more help we have, the faster it gets done!

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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 MARCH (alphabetical order):

A warm welcome to our new parishioners!

- The Appelbaum Family ~ Stephen & Deann, and Ally
- The Benedick Family ~ Jake & Katie, Aden, Emily, Briar, Madeleine, and Cora
- The Coursey Family ~ Nathan & Catherine
- Valerie D'Souza
- The Dreyer Family ~ Mike & Michelle
- Joseph Esserman
- Mary Hampton Hayden
- Jeffrey Hoffmeyer
- Nancy McCafferty
- Olivia Rosebrough
- The Stinchart Family ~ Connor & Rachel, and Lewis

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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 last 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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ASCENSION THURSDAY

On Thursday, 26 May we will celebrate the Ascension of our Lord. That day the Oratory has the privilege of hosting two Solemn High Masses celebrating priestly anniversaries. At 12:15 pm that day, Fr. Thomas Keller of the Archdiocese of St. Louis will celebrate a Solemn High Mass in honor of his 25th priestly anniversary. Fr. Keller has been an integral part of the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine since its inception. In the evening, Fr. Zach Edgar of the Diocese of Springfield, IL will celebrate Solemn High Mass at 7:15 pm in honor of his 10th priestly anniversary. Fr. Edgar has been a great help to the Oratory during the last several years especially on First Friday & Saturday. After both Holy Masses there will be a reception in the St. Joseph Room. Please plan to join in prayers of gratitude for 35 years of priestly life and service.

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ORATORY SIGNS

The signs for the Oratory have been taken down because they have been ravaged by the weather and were falling apart. Please know that conversations are underway as to replacing the current signs as well as something more permanent. If you have any suggestions as to signage for the Oratory, please contact Msgr. Morris (msgrmorris@gmail.com). Rest assured that the lack of signs does not indicate anything about the on-going presence and future of the Oratory.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, 1 May: Coffee Hour after the 8:00 Holy Mass
- Sunday, 1 May: Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Wednesday, 4 May: Holy Hour from 5:00 – 6:00 pm
- Friday, 6 May: First Friday/Adoration: 1-6 pm
- Saturday, 7 May: First Saturday
- Sunday, 8 May: **NO** Coffee Hour (Mother's Day)
- Sunday, 8 May: Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Wednesday, 11 May: Holy Hour from 5:00 – 6:00 pm
- Sunday, 15 May: Knights of Columbus Mother's Day Brunch
- Sunday, 15 May: Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Wednesday, 18 May: Holy Hour from 5:00 – 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, 18 May – Friday, 20 May: Rectory office closed
- Thursday, 19 May: Knights of Columbus Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- Saturday, 21 May: Church Cleaning @ 9:30 am (Altar & Rosary Society / Knights of Columbus)
- Sunday, 22 May: Coffee Hour after the 11:30 Holy Mass
- Sunday, 22 May: Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Wednesday, 25 May: Holy Hour from 5:00 – 6:00 pm

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- **Thursday, 26 May: ASCENSION: Holy Mass @ 12:15 pm; Holy Mass @ 7:15 pm**
- **Saturday, 28 May: Confessions @ 7:00 am / Holy Mass @ 8:15am**
- Sunday, 29 May: Vespers @ 4:30 pm

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PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE 2022

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
05/29-06/05 Buchheit	06/05-06/12 Kiser
06/12-06/19 Hofman	06/19-06/26 Grgurich
06/26-07/03 Buyle	07/03-07/10 Agnew
07/10-07/17 Leljedal	07/17-07/24 Podesta
07/24-07/31 Grizzle	07/31-08/07 Turntine
08/07-08/14 Kelly	08/14-08/21 Wisniewski
08/21-08/28 Jones	08/28-09/04 Holman
09/04-09/11 Carapella	09/11-09/18 Cook
09/18-09/25 Hayward	09/25-10/02 Fowler
10/02-10/09 Blum	10/09-10/16 Alexander
10/16-10/23 Haulard	10/23-10/30 Catalano
10/30-11/06 Kenney	11/06-11/13 Raymond
11/13-11/20 Flannigan	11/20-11/27 Gelhot
11/27-12/04 Horan	12/04-12/11 Schuette
12/11-12-18 Filla	12/18-12/25 Petrick

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday, 2 May – **St. Athanasius**
12:15 pm: Ron Rheinheimer, Sr.
- Tuesday, 3 May – **Finding of the Holy Cross**
7:00 am: Michael Martell
- Wednesday, 4 May – **St. Joseph, Spouse of the BVM**
6:30 pm: Veronica Susovica
- Thursday, 5 May – **St. Pius V**
7:00 am: Janice Morgan (d)
- Friday, 6 May – **St. John before the Latin Gate**
12:15 pm: Dotty Kuhlmann
7:15 pm: Beaven Family
- Saturday, 7 May – **St. Stanislaus**
8:15 am: Sagan Pluth (d)
- Sunday, 8 May – **3rd Sunday after Easter**
6:45 am: Pro Populo
8:00 am: Janice Morgan (d)
11:30 am: Sagan Pluth (d)

~ 04/24/2022 ~

ACTUAL

Weekly Collection Total	\$ 16,820.59
Online Giving	\$ 2,958.00
Total	\$ 19,778.59
Needed	\$ 8,692.00 (\$ 11,086.59)
Year to Date Total	\$ 498,157.31

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
Jesus, to You, Eternal Father.

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