

# 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 – 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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**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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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. **THERE WILL BE NO 7:00 AM MASS THAT MORNING.**

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**DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS**

During the summer months there will be several times that daily Mass is cancelled during the week. I will be giving a retreat, visiting family, participating in several conferences and taking some vacation time. If it is possible that a priest is available, then the schedule will remain as usual. There will always be a priest present for Holy Mass on Sundays. I appreciate both the patience and the prayers of the faithful of the Oratory. Know that you are always in my daily prayers.

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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. On Saturday, 18 June @ 9:00 am we will celebrate both Confirmation and First Holy Communion. The Rector has received permission from the Archdiocese to be the minister of Confirmation again this year. Included in the permission given by Archbishop Rozanski is the directive to celebrate the sacrament according to the ritual of Paul VI. As is our practice, we will celebrate Confirmation in Latin and then immediately celebrate Holy Mass during which our First Communicants will receive Our Eucharistic Lord. Please pray for the young people preparing to receive these sacraments and for their parents and catechesis.

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**CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION**

The External Solemnity of Corpus Christi will be celebrated on Sunday, 19 June 2022. The Oratory is blessed to have a Corpus Christi procession through the streets of Richmond Heights. The procession will begin immediately after the conclusion of the 11:30 am Holy Mass. In addition to our First Communicants, (and other First Communicants who would have made their first communion in a different parish this year), the procession will include a Knights of Columbus Honor Guard, the choir leading us in various hymns and the opportunity during our procession to pray the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and other prayers to assist us in giving fitting glory and praise to our Eucharistic Lord. All parishioners are encouraged to attend and to invite others to walk with Our Lord.

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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 line. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 the earliest convenience. This process of scheduling baptisms will go into effect on 1 September 2022.

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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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**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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**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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## 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](mailto: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, 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
- **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
- Wednesday, 1 June: Holy Hour from 5:00 – 6:00 pm
- Friday, 3 June: First Friday
- Saturday, 4 June: First Saturday
- Sunday, 5 June: Coffee Hour after the 8:00 Holy Mass
- Sunday, 5 June: Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Wednesday, 8 June: Holy Hour from 5:00 – 6:00 pm
- Saturday, 11 June: Church Cleaning @ 9:30 am (Altar & Rosary Society / Knights of Columbus)
- Sunday, 12 June: Coffee Hour after the 11:30 Holy Mass
- Sunday 12 June: Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Wednesday, 15 June: Holy Hour from 5:00 – 6:00 pm
- Saturday, 18 June: Confirmation/1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion @ 9:00 am
- Sunday, 19 June: Corpus Christi Procession
- Wednesday, 22 June: NO HOLY HOUR/NO HOLY MASS
- Sunday, 26 June: Coffee Hour after the 11:30 Holy Mass
- Sunday, 26 June: Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Wednesday, 29 June: Holy Hour from 5:00 – 6:00 pm

## PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE 2022

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	Byule	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	Petrack

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](mailto: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, 23 May – **Rogation Mass**

12:15 pm: The Dybala Family

Tuesday, 24 May – **Feria in Paschaltide**

7:00 am: Grant Walsh (d)

Wednesday, 25 May – **St. Gregory VII/Vigil of the Ascension**

6:30 pm: Monsignor Morris

Thursday, 26 May – **ASCENSION**

12:15 pm: Celebrant's Intention

7:15 pm: Celebrant's Intention

Friday, 27 May – **St. Bede the Venerable**

12:15 pm: Mackenzie Ann Allen (d)

Saturday, 28 May – **St. Augustine**

8:15 am: Rev. Dana Christensen (d)

Sunday, 29 May – **Sunday in the Octave of the Ascension**

6:45 am: Pro Populo

8:00 am: James Webster (d)

11:30 am: The Murphy Family

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~ 05/15/2022 ~

### ACTUAL

Weekly Collection Total	\$ 5,589.47
Online Giving	\$ 3,925.00
Total	\$ 9,514.47
Needed	\$ 8,692.00 (\$ 822.47)
Year to Date Total	\$ 536,169.60

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Ss. Gregory and Augustine, pray for us!***

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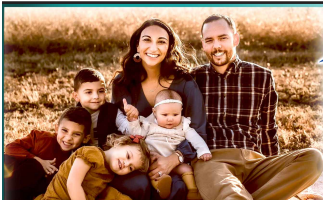
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