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THE ORATORY OF SAINTS GREGORY & AUGUSTINE

MASS

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

ADORATION

Wednesday: 5:00 - 6:00pm
First Friday: 1:00 - 6:00pm

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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

DIVINE OFFICE

Sunday Prime: 7:20am
Sunday Terce: 11:10am
Sunday Vespers: 4:30pm
Wednesday Compline: 7:15pm

Welcome to the Oratory of Saints Gregory and Augustine

The Oratory of Saints Gregory and Augustine is pleased to welcome you. We are an apostolate of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis faithful to the teachings of the Church and striving to grow as a family of faith through the celebration of the Traditional Latin Mass and other Sacraments.

In the First Book of *The Confessions*, the other great St. Augustine (of Hippo) wrote the following: “Thou hast made us for Thyself and our hearts are restless until they find rest in Thee.” Whether you are curious about the traditional Latin Mass and interested in exploring its beauty, searching for a parish community where you and your family will feel at home, or seeking rest for your heart, it is hoped that the Oratory of Saints Gregory and Augustine can provide that respite for you.

Our bulletin serves to provide information about the weekly activities occurring here at the Oratory. Along with our website (www.stlouislatinmass.com), the bulletin is your point of contact with the ever-increasing activities at the Oratory. I hope this will give you some sense of the grace of God, the love of Jesus Christ, and work of the Holy Spirit in our midst. I am delighted that God has brought you here! *Oremus pro invicem!*

—The Very Reverend Monsignor C. Eugene Morris, Rector

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MASS AND SACRAMENTS

Sunday Masses

- 6:30 am (Low Mass)
- 8:00 am (Low Mass)
- 11:30 am (High Mass)

Weekday Masses

- Monday & Friday: 12:15 pm
- Tuesday & Thursday: 7:00 am
- Wednesday: 6:30 pm
- First Friday: 7:15 pm
- First Saturday: 8:15 am

Confession

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

Infant Baptism – Baptisms are normally scheduled on the 2nd and 3rd Saturdays of the month beginning at 10 am. Families expecting newborns and anticipating that they will be baptized here at the Oratory should schedule their baptism at the earliest convenience by contacting the Oratory office.

Adult Baptism – If you are interested in becoming Catholic or an adult Catholic not yet confirmed, please contact the Oratory office for more information about adult catechesis.

Matrimony – Please contact the Oratory office at least six months prior to the desired date for the rite of marriage. The date is reserved after consultation and confirmation from the Rector of the Oratory.

Extreme Unction/Visitation of the Sick – Contact the Oratory to arrange the sacrament either at home or in the hospital.

STAFF

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THE DIVINE OFFICE

The Divine Office is a significant part of the patrimony of Holy Mother Church. The sanctification of the hours throughout the day serves to assist all of us with keeping our eyes on the Lord. Please take advantage of these great spiritual opportunities and encourage others to do so.

The schedule for the Divine Office is:

SUNDAY:

- Prime 7:20 am
- Terce 11:10 am
- Vespers 4:30 pm

WEDNESDAY:

- Compline 7:15 pm

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THE RORATE CAELI MASS

When: 10 December 2022 @ 6:30 am

The Rorate Caeli Mass is a traditional Advent devotion wherein the Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Advent is offered just before dawn.

The Mass takes its title, Rorate Caeli, from the first words of the Introit, which are from Isaiah 45:8:

"Rorate, caeli, desuper, et nubes pluant justum, aperiatur terra, et germinet Salvatorem." ("Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the just: let the earth be opened and bud forth a Saviour.")

The Rorate Mass is lit only by candlelight. Because it is a votive Mass in Mary's honor, white vestments are worn instead of Advent violet. In the dimly lit setting, priests and faithful prepare to honor the Light of the world, Who is soon to be born, and offer praise to God for the gift of Our Lady. As the Mass proceeds and sunrise approaches, the church becomes progressively brighter, illumined by the sun as our Faith is illumined by Christ. The readings and prayers of the Mass foretell the prophecy of the Virgin who would bear a Son called Emmanuel and call on all to raise the gates of their hearts and their societies to let Christ the King enter; asking for the grace to receive eternal life by the merits of the Incarnation and saving Resurrection of Our Lord.

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IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

You're invited to a private showing of *It's A Wonderful Life* on Gaudete Sunday, 11 December 2022 @ 3:30 pm. The venue is a small theater owned by a Catholic proprietor in Washington, MO called Cinema 1 Plus. The cost of a ticket is \$10 per person and the price comes with a small popcorn and 16 oz. drink. If you would like to reserve a seat, please

contact Carla Filla by texting @ 636-579-0208 or fillacarla@gmail.com. Prepaid seating is required to attend.

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SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Immaculate Conception will be celebrated this year on Thursday, 8 December 2022. Holy Masses that day are: 7:00 am (Low Mass); 12:15 pm (Sung Mass); 7:15 pm (Solemn High Mass). Confessions will be available at 11:00 am until 12 Noon; and 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm.

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CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION (Plan early)

For the celebration of the Lord's Birth on Christmas Day, the Oratory will have the opportunity to celebrate three Sung Masses. The principal Holy Mass will be at Midnight. This will be Solemn High Mass assisted by our choir. On Christmas morning, Holy Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 am and 8:00 am. More information will be coming about Christmas and the Octave of Christmas.

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SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2023

The Knights of Columbus is hosting a Trivia Night on 18 February 2023 to raise money for the council in order to perform more charitable works for the community and to support the Oratory. Be on the lookout for an email in the coming weeks to secure your table! If you would like to sponsor a round or otherwise help with the trivia night, please email kofc17355@oratorysga.org

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ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

There has been an excessive amount of traffic coming through the sanctuary in recent months. Refraining from entering the sanctuary will invigorate our sense of sacred space and foster a deeper reverence for the sanctuary as that place where the Living God dwells. If there is a need to speak to the priest or other sacred ministers after Holy Mass, the faithful are asked to approach the sacristy through the server's entrance and not to enter the sanctuary proper. The door for the server's sacristy is located east of the Church off of the parking lot between the Church and the school; please knock on the door and someone will let you in. In advance, your cooperation in this is greatly appreciated.

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ALTAR SERVERS

The following are the dates for training for this semester: **5 December; 19 December**. Training begins on these days promptly @ 4:30 pm. All returning servers are asked to attend. Any young man who has made his 1st Holy Communion is invited to serve at Holy Mass. Those new servers are interested should email the Rector (servers@oratorysga.org) regarding their interest in serving at Holy Mass.

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THE ALMONRY OF SS. GREGORY AND AUGUSTINE

The Almonry of Ss. Gregory and Augustine is an extension of the pastoral charity and solicitude of the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine and seeks to manifest the burning love of Our Lord's Sacred Heart by caring for the material needs and spiritual well-being of the poor and needy of the Oratory Community and of the greater Saint Louis area.

To **request support**, please contact the Almoner, Jacob Maret, in person, via email at almonry@oratorysga.org, or via phone at 314-941-5064.

Please consider supporting the Almonry with a contribution in addition to your normal offering. Contributions can be made via cash or check and may be included in the weekly collection. For check donations, please write "Almonry" on the memo line. For cash donations, please place the cash in an envelope with your name, address, and "Almonry" written on the front of the envelope.

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK & THE DECEASED

In your charity, please pray for the following members of the Oratory who are ill: William Allen, husband of Barbara Allen; Mary Knollmeyer, a long-time parishioner of the Oratory; Doty Kuhlmann, mother of Donna Mueller; Elizabeth Ryan; Monica Sampson, friend of Msgr. Morris; and Jim Griffin, husband of Kay Griffin.

Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Ann Koehler, mother of Judy Carnahan.

Also, if you are aware of members of the Oratory who are sick or you yourself are sick and/or hospitalized and in need of prayers, please contact the Oratory at the earliest moment so that prayers can be offered for you and your loved ones.

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THE GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree is up and loaded with tags for families served by St. Luke's St. Vincent de Paul Society and Birthright. When you take a numbered tag, which is for a specific person, please be sure to attach it securely to the wrapped gift. Baby items for Birthright need not be wrapped. Gifts may be left under the tree next weekend; and returned to the tree no later than the following Sunday, 11 December, so they can be sorted and ready for delivery on 17 December. If all tags have been taken, you may buy any baby item and label it "Birthright". Thank you for helping families who are facing challenging times this Christmas! *Please call Dianne Burpee at (314) 645-8066 with any questions.*

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CHURCH DECORATING

On Saturday morning, 17 December at 10:00 am, the Church will be decorated for Christmas. More hands will be needed to assist the faithful of St. Luke with decorating the Church. If you are able to do so, please come and help decorate the Church. In advance, thank you for your charity and generosity.

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ORATORY TITHING

I am most grateful for the immediate response to our on-going financial responsibilities. Despite the challenges we face, the Oratory community continues to grow with new families joining each month. Our weekly collection has increased because the Oratory has assumed more responsibilities for the physical plant and daily operations of the Church of Saint Luke.

As a reminder, the needed amount for each week is \$11,500. I recognize that increased tithing will be a sacrifice and I ask you to prayerfully consider what you are able to give and if you are in position to offer more in the weekly collection.

Again, please know of my sincere gratitude for your generosity throughout our time here at St. Luke the Evangelist and as we move forward.

FROM THE RECTOR

The words and wisdom of the prophet Isaiah are prominent throughout the whole of the Advent Season, but particularly this Second Sunday of Advent, the voice of the prophet is present throughout the Holy Mass especially in the words of St. Paul to the Romans and the figure of St. John the Baptist spoken of by Our Lord in the Gospel. The prophet Isaiah speaks of the fruit of the root of Jesse, preparing us for the work of Our Lady and the birth of Our Lord. As we hear again the words of the prophet let us realize that God has fulfilled all the promises He has made and, as such, is worthy of our fidelity and trust. The journey of Advent is sustained through the realization that God only and always speaks truth to us. Never allow doubt or fear to keep you from accepting the graces of God into your hearts.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, 4 December: Coffee Hour after 8:00 am Holy Mass (in SCHOOL)
- Sunday, 4 December: Prime @ 7:20 am; Terce @ 11:10 am; and Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Monday, 5 December: Server practice @ 4:30 pm
- Monday, 5 December: Troops of St. George @ 6:30 pm
- Wednesday, 7 December: **NO HOLY HOUR**; Compline @ 7:15 pm
- Thursday, 8 December: 7:00 am (Low Mass); 12:15 pm (Sung Mass); 7:15 pm (Solemn High Mass). Confessions: 11:00 am until 12 Noon; and 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm
- Saturday, 10 December: Rorate Caeli Mass @ 6:30 am
- Sunday, 11 December: Coffee Hour after 11:30 am Holy Mass
- Sunday, 11 December: Prime @ 7:20 am; Terce @ 11:10 am; and Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Wednesday, 14 December: Holy Hour @ 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm; Compline @ 7:15 pm
- Saturday, 17 December: Decorate Church @ 10:00 am
- Sunday, 18 December: Coffee Hour after 8:00 am Holy Mass
- Sunday, 18 December: Prime @ 7:20 am; Terce @ 11:10 am; and Vespers @ 4:30 pm
- Monday, 19 December: Server Practice @ 4:15 pm
- Monday, 19 December: Troops of St. George @ 6:30 pm
- Wednesday, 21 December: Holy Hour @ 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm; Compline @ 7:15 pm
- Sunday, 25 December: Midnight Mass (Solemn High Mass); 6:30 am (Sung Mass); and 8:00 am (Sung Mass)

PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE 2022

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, 5 December – *Feria*
12:15 pm: Phillip Bultas (d)
Tuesday, 6 December – *St. Nicholas*
7:00 am: Shirley Dolan (d)
Wednesday, 7 December – *St. Ambrose*
6:30 pm: Souls in Purgatory
Thursday, 8 December – *The Immaculate Conception*
7:00 am: Marilyn V. Bright (d)
12:15 pm: Howard Whitcraft (d)
7:15 pm: Pro Populo
Friday, 9 December – *Feria*
12:15 pm: Maximilian Jude Rheinheimer
Saturday, 10 December – *Feria*
6:30 am: Marlan Buskin (d)
Sunday, 11 December – *3rd Sunday of Advent*
6:30 am: Pro Populo
8:00 am: Jacob & Kay Pieper
11:30 am: Colton Marks

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~ 11/27/2022 ~

ACTUAL

Weekly Collection Total	\$ 4,230.58
Online Giving	\$ 4,342.46
Total	\$ 8,573.04
Needed	\$ 11,500.00 (\$-2,926.96)
Year to Date Total	\$ 242,926.73

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

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