



THE ORATORY OF SAINTS

# GREGORY & AUGUSTINE

## MASS

Sunday: 6:30, 8:00 & 10:00am  
Monday - Friday: 12:15pm  
Tuesday & Thursday: 7:00am  
Wednesday: 6:30pm  
Saturday: 8:15am  
First Friday: 7:15pm

## ADORATION

Wednesday: 5:00 - 6:00pm

## CONFESSION

Sunday: 7:00 - 7:45am and  
9:15 - 10:30 am  
Monday - Friday: 11am - 12pm  
Wednesday: 5:00 - 6:00pm  
Saturday: 7:00 - 8:00am  
First Friday: 6:00 - 7:00pm

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## DIVINE OFFICE

Sunday:

- Prime: 7:20am
- Terce: 9:40am
- Vespers: 2:30pm

Monday:

- Vespers: 6:00pm

Tuesday - Thursday:

- Compline: 7:30pm



## *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, we hope 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](http://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

### MASS AND SACRAMENTS

#### **Sunday Masses**

- 6:30 am (Low Mass)
- 8:00 am (Low Mass)
- 10:00 am (High Mass)

#### **Weekday Masses**

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

#### **Confession**

- Monday thru Friday: 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Wednesday: 5:00 – 6:00 pm
- First Friday: 6:00 – 7:00 pm
- Saturday: 7:00 – 8:00 am
- Sunday: 7:00 -7:45 am; 9:00 am – 10:30 am

**Infant Baptism** – Baptisms are normally scheduled on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month beginning at 10:00 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.

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**ADULT FAITH FORMATION**

Would you like to gain a deeper understanding of and appreciation for the "Last Gospel?" Join author, speaker, and professor of humanities, Anthony Esolen, Ph.D., as he explains the Semitic poetry underlying the Prologue of John's Gospel. This talk will focus on the way the poetry works, especially on how John binds together such motifs as word, light, name, flesh, truth, and glory. Date and time: Tuesday, December 5 at 7:00 p.m.; webinar opens at 6:30 p.m. and is offered by The Institute of Catholic Culture. For more information and to register for the webinar, go to: <https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/events>. This is a free webinar.

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**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS 2023!!!**

Christmas flower envelopes are now available in the pews for all who wish to honor a deceased loved one by donating. The names of loved ones included on the envelopes will be shared in an upcoming bulletin. In years past, the St. Luke's community raised funds for Christmas flowers. We now count on the generosity of the Oratory faithful. Thank you and may God reward your generosity.

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**TRIVIA KNIGHT:**

Mark your calendar for the 3rd Annual Oratory Trivia Knight hosted by the Knights of Columbus Council #17355: Saturday, 3 February 2024 at Boland Hall. Round sponsors, raffle item donations, and table registrations are welcome. Email [kofc17355@oratorysga.org](mailto:kofc17355@oratorysga.org) for more info.

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**COATS FOR KIDS DRIVE**

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting donations of coats for local kids throughout the month of November. Please deposit coats in the large box in the vestibule and contact Joseph Thomas with any questions: [josephmthomas555@gmail.com](mailto:josephmthomas555@gmail.com) or 217-494-1314.

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**BLESSING & IMPOSITION OF THE BROWN SCAPULAR**

Twice a year at Advent and Lent, the Oratory invests its faithful in the Brown Scapular. To assist those who desire to have a scapular blessed and imposed on them, **on the First Sunday of Advent, 3 December 2023 after the 8 am Holy Mass**, there will be the blessing and imposition of scapulars on those who present themselves at the communion rail. Please bring your own scapular, have it unwrapped and off your neck if you are already wearing it. As there might a great number of people presenting themselves for this blessing, the only thing that will be blessed this day is the scapular. Any questions, please contact Msgr. Morris directly ([rector@oratorysga.org](mailto:rector@oratorysga.org)).

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**SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

The Immaculate Conception will be celebrated this year on Friday, 8 December 2023. 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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**ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT – 2023**

Ladies, mark your calendars for the Oratory's Annual Advent by Candlelight on **16 December 2023 at 6:30 to 9:00 pm**. This year's gathering will be at Boland Hall on the campus of the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis (the New Cathedral on Lindell). This venue allows more women to participate. The Knights of Columbus will be present to assist with any needs. Please come

and gather with women of the Oratory and friends of our community for an evening of prayer, reflection, and fellowship. Msgr. Morris will be our speaker for the evening. This is wonderful way to experience the season of Advent. **Also**, we are in search of hostesses who would be willing to coordinate a table with 7 friends. If you are interested in hosting a table and/or for more information, please contact Maggie Kiser at 314-565-4679 or [mjackson4488@gmail.com](mailto:mjackson4488@gmail.com). **RSVP deadline is 30 November 2023.**

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**THE RORATE CAELI MASS:****When: 9 December 2023 @ 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. After Mass, the Young Adults will be serving breakfast to the community in the St. Joseph Room.

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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**CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

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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**PLANNING AHEAD: OFFICES CLOSED**

The offices of the Oratory will be closed during the Octave of Christmas beginning 22 December 2023. The offices will return to normal business hours on Wednesday, 3 January 2024. In advance, blessings to everyone on the upcoming Holy Days.

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**THE VESTIBULE OF THE CHURCH**

In the last several weeks steps have been taken to make our Church even more beautiful. One of the primary means of success has been to simply keep things clean. To that end, everyone is asked to be cognizant of picking up trash that they may see, keeping the bathroom clean after personal use, and generally being attentive to being good stewards of this place of worship. **Particularly:** the vestibule of Church should **NOT** be used as a delivery stop for personal goods being passed between individuals or families. So too, there is a basket marked **Lost & Found** which will be emptied every two weeks. Any items left in the vestibule without prior permission from the Rector and not in the **Lost & Found** will be thrown away immediately. In advance, thank you for your attentiveness to this concern.

**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 or Fr. Rennier have blessed the items Donna Mueller, Administrative Assistant to the Rector, will call you to let you know the items are ready for pick up (from the rectory office, Mon-Fri, 9am-2pm). **The rectory offices should be accessed through the front door on Dale Avenue, across from the field parking lot.**

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**SUNDAY CONFESSIONS**

Confessions will be heard from 7:00 am until 7:45 am and then from 9:15 am until they are completed. I want to express my deep gratitude to Msgr. Michael Witt, former Rector of the Oratory, for his generous service to us. Grateful that Msgr. Witt will be available on Sundays, be aware that confessions are everyday of the week from 11:00 am until 12 Noon and on Wednesday evenings from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm and Saturday mornings from 7:00 am until 8:00 am.

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**ROSARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Currently, we have only four people volunteering to lead the rosary for our 12:15 Monday and Friday Masses. Expanding to the other 12:15 Masses, including First Saturday, is our goal, though a more robust list of volunteers is needed first. If you are able to offer yourself as a volunteer or a backup person, or would like more info, please contact Erin Turntine at (call/text) (314) 856-5340 or [altarandrosary@oratorysga.org](mailto:altarandrosary@oratorysga.org).

"No prayer is more meritorious for the soul and more glorious for Jesus and Mary than a well recited Rosary. " - St. Louis de Montfort

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**NEW FAMILIES for OCTOBER (alphabetical order):**

A warm welcome to our new parishioners!

- The Barceleau Family ~ Dominic & Kathleen
- The Bilot Family ~ John & Veronica, Silas and Ferro
- Beau Darrow
- The Dugan Family ~ Ryan & Kylie
- Michael Horn
- The Lauber Family ~ Jack & Jordan, Luke and Wyatt
- Chase Lovelace
- The Marikos Family ~ Brian & Christine, Ellie, Billy, and Tommy
- The McCabe Family ~ Denny & Jane
- The Nations Family ~ Larry & Cori, Dru, Brody, Carleigh, Ruby, Clarence, Silas, and Thelma
- The Niswonger Family ~ Kirk & Claudia
- The Russo Family ~ Michael & Kimberly
- Erin Trani

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**ALTAR SERVERS**

Dates for server training for the 1st semester: 27 November; 4 December; 18 December (Christmas Party). Please mark your calendars accordingly.

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**ORATORY CHOIR**

The Oratory's polyphonic choir is accepting new members! Please prayerfully consider directing your time and talents to glorify the

Lord in this way. Contact Mrs. Elisabeth Kenney at: [choir@oratorysga.org](mailto:choir@oratorysga.org) if you are interested!

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**WOMEN OF NAZARETH**

Women of Nazareth is open to all mothers, expecting mothers and newly married women with or without children. In imitation of our Blessed Mother in the home at Nazareth, this group strives to help women grow in their confidence in becoming the woman, wife, mother, and saint she is called to be. Lap/nursing babies are welcome. Meetings are held on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 9:00 to 11:00 am in the St. Joseph room. Please contact Amanda Antony at [amandaantony17@gmail.com](mailto:amandaantony17@gmail.com) or (903) 348-6205 for more information.

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**ORATORY MEN'S GROUP**

Are you interested in becoming a member of the strong right arm of Holy Mother Church? Join the Oratory men's group, the Knights of Columbus council #17355, and be an integral part of our growing community. The Knights assist the Oratory in every way possible. Some recent highlights: they assisted with the Festival of Saint Louis, installed the piazza in the parking lot between church and school, they clean church on the First Saturday of each month, they host the Mother's Day Brunch, they do a coat drive for those in need each winter, and anything else that requires manfulness. The Knights meet monthly (on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month) for food and fellowship and they also host a Trivia Knight fundraiser in February to raise funds for operations and various needs. Contact Dr. Robert Morgan at [kofc17355@oratorysga.org](mailto:kofc17355@oratorysga.org) for more information and/or join.

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**DRINK BREVIARY COFFEE & SUPPORT THE ORATORY**

Breviary Coffee is for sale at all coffee hours. Our coffee is locally roasted specifically for us in small batches from a single-origin, fair trade source. 100% of the profits go to support the Oratory and fund our coffee hours. If you would like to purchase a 1-lb bag, the cost is \$16 and our coffee hour volunteers will be happy to assist you with the purchase. We can sell both ground and whole-bean. The roast is a medium-light roast and the cup of coffee that results is well-balanced and easy to drink, with notes of citrus but still sweet with a clean taste.

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**PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

- Anthony DeStefano, uncle of Emily Lund
- Mary Machain, grandmother of Kiera Petrick
- Donald Sunbury, uncle of Terri Fowler

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**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

In your charity, please pray for the following members of the Oratory who are ill: Steven Balderrama, father of Joseph Balderrama; Jeanmarie DeCoster; Gracie Keys, daughter of Sean & Katie Keys; Shane Kiser, husband of Maggie Kiser; Siena Koschoff, daughter of Daniel & Katie Koschoff; Dotty Kuhlmann, mother of Donna Mueller; James Frances Mooney, father of Dr. Joseph Mooney; Michael Norfleet, son of Marsha Norfleet; Elizabeth Ryan; and Patrick Schneider.

**FROM THE RECTOR**

The end of this year of grace and favor reminds us that our citizenship is not here on earth, but in the glories of Heaven. Sadly, contemporary man, within and outside of the Church, has neglected his eternal destiny. Modern man accepts the lie that all that matters is earthly life. Moreover, there is confusion and misunderstanding about God's infinite mercy. There is an unhealthy confidence in his own righteousness and if there is any acknowledgement of sin it is joined with a presumption of the Lord's mercy. As St. Augustine reminds us: ***God does not create us with our consent, but He will not save us without that consent.*** We must cooperate with grace and prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord of Justice by coming to know and be known by the Lord of Mercy. We begin now our future in Heaven. Consequently, what is before us is the opportunity to not only thank God for what we have received this past year, but to also prepare ourselves for the coming year of Grace. How will I live better my Catholic life? What sins will I root out of my life? What relationships must be transformed in order to better live the dignity we have received by baptism? These are not rhetorical questions, but we must ask them with faith and listen attentively to the Lord. The Lord comes with Justice to rule the world. Let us welcome the King of Glory!

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Sunday, 26 November: Prime @ 7:20 am; Terce @ 9:40 am; and Vespers @ 2:30 pm
- Monday, 27 November: Girls' Guild @ 4:30 – 6:00 pm
- Monday, 27 November: Servers' practice @ 4:30 pm
- Monday, 27 November: Vespers @ 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, 28 November: GIVING TUESDAY
- Tuesday, 28 November: Choir Practice @ 7:00 – 9:15 pm
- Tuesday, 28 November: Compline @ 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, 29 November: Holy Hour @ 5:00 – 6:00 pm; Compline @ 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, 29 November: CCD @ 6:30 – 7:30 pm
- Thursday, 30 November: Compline @ 7:30 pm
- Friday, 1 December: First Friday
- Friday, 1 December: Young Adults Gathering @ 8:00 pm
- Saturday, 2 December: First Saturday
- Saturday, 2 December: Church Cleaning @ 9:30 am
- Sunday, 3 December: Prime @ 7:20 am; Terce @ 9:40 am; and Vespers @ 2:30 pm
- Sunday, 3 December: Coffee Hour after the 8:00 am Holy Mass
- Monday, 4 December: Girls' Guild @ 4:30 – 6:00 pm
- Monday, 4 December: Servers' practice @ 4:30 pm
- Monday, 4 December: Vespers @ 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, 5 December: Choir Practice @ 7:00 – 9:15 pm
- Tuesday, 5 December: Compline @ 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, 6 December: Holy Hour @ 5:00 – 6:00 pm; Compline @ 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, 6 December: CCD @ 6:30 – 7:30 pm
- Thursday, 7 December: Compline @ 7:30 pm
- **Friday, 8 December: 7:00 am Holy Mass; 12:15 pm Holy Mass (with Confessions @ 11am); 7:15 pm Holy Mass (with Confessions @ 6:00 pm)**
- Saturday, 9 December: Rorate Caeli Mass @ 6:30 am
- Saturday, 9 December: Young Adults Breakfast @ 8:00 am
- Sunday, 10 December: Prime @ 7:20 am; Terce @ 9:40 am; and Vespers @ 2:30 pm
- Sunday, 10 December: Coffee Hour after the 10:00 am Holy Mass

- Monday, 11 December: Vespers @ 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, 12 December: Choir Practice @ 7:00 – 9:15 pm
- Tuesday, 12 December: Compline @ 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, 13 December: Holy Hour @ 5:00 – 6:00 pm; Compline @ 7:30 pm
- Wednesday, 13 December: CCD @ 6:30 – 7:30 pm

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**PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE 2023**

11/05-11/12 Haulard	11/12-11/19 Catalano
11/19-11/26 Kenney	11/26-12/03 Raymond
12/03-12/10 Hayes	12/10-12/17 Schuette
12/17-12/24 Filla	12/24-12/31 Petrick

*Drop off and pick up the statue at back of church. Place bag on the floor to left of the Oratory table. To join the schedule or be taken off contact Sharon Alexander: saalex@sbglobal.net*

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**MASS INTENTIONS**Monday, 27 November – **Feria**

12:15 pm: Anna M. Vanik Bultas (d)

Tuesday, 28 November – **Feria**

7:00 am: Grace Mueller

12:15 pm: Mary Thomas (d)

Wednesday, 29 November – **Vigil of St. Andrew**

12:15 pm: Justin Tuller

6:30 pm: Mary Rooney Sweeney (d)

Thursday, 30 November – **St. Andrew**

7:00 am: Herman &amp; Theresa Boeckman (d)

12:15 pm: Brendan Elie

Friday, 1 December – **Feria / Sacred Heart**

12:15 pm: John &amp; Anna Otto (d)

7:15 pm: John &amp; Anna Maria (Landiss) Roche (d)

Saturday, 2 December – **St. Bibiana**

8:15 am: Sheri (Roche) Richards (d)

Sunday, 3 December – **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

6:30 am: Pro Populo

8:00 am: Robert Roche (d)

10:00 am: Peter Wisniewski (d)

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

# GIVING TUESDAY - NOV 28TH

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