

MASS

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

ADORATION

Wednesday: 5:00 - 6:00pm



First Friday: 7:15pm

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
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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), 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 2nd, 3rd, and 4th 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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FIRST CONFESSION

On Saturday, 2 March, 15 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 their 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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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK: Confessions @ 10:30 am until 12 Noon; Solemn High Mass @ 12:15 pm.
- TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK: Confessions @ 10:30 am until 12 Noon; Solemn High Mass @ 12:15 pm.
- WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK: Confessions @ 10:30
 am until 12 Noon; Solemn High Mass @ 12:15 pm;
 Adoration at 5:00 pm; Confessions from 5:00 to 6:30 pm
- HOLY THURSDAY: the Mandatum @ 4:15; The Mass of the Lord's Supper @ 5:00 PM; Confessions from 7:00 am until 9:00 pm (N.B. NO morning confessions or morning Holy Mass)
- GOOD FRIDAY: Mass of the Presanctified @ 3:00 PM; Confessions from 12 noon until 3:00 pm; Confessions from 7:00 am until 9:00 pm

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, 27 March @ 9:00 pm Tenebrae of Holy Thursday
- Thursday, 28 March @ 9:00 pm Tenebrae of Good Friday
- Friday, 29 March @ 9:00 pm Tenebrae of Holy Saturday

This is a 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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THE ALTAR OF REPOSE:

On Holy Thursday evening (28 March 2024), from the hours of 9:00 pm until Midnight, the faithful of the Oratory will have the opportunity to adore our Eucharistic Lord at the altar of repose (the Marian altar). Dom Gueranger tells us: "After having stripped the high altar, the celebrant takes off the cloths from the other altars that are in the church. An air of desolation pervades the temple of God. The very tabernacle has lost its divine Guest. The ciborium (in which the blessed Sacrament is reserved for Viaticum) has been taken to the place where reposes the chalice containing the Body of our Lord. The Majesty of our God has withdrawn to that mysterious sanctuary, into which we enter not but with silence and compunction."

It is customary for this place of Our Lord's repose to reflect as much of the beauty and majesty of Our Lord as human efforts can provide. Thus, the altar of repose will be decorated with precious fabrics, live flowers, candles, pearls, crystals, and even ostrich feathers.

EASTER VIGIL CELEBRATION

The Oratory would like to invite all members to join us in celebrating the Resurrection of the Lord at a picnic feast immediately following the Easter Vigil liturgy on Saturday, 30 March 2024. The celebration will be held at McMahon Field (directly across the street from the Church on Dale Avenue). We invite you to enjoy burgers, barbecue and most importantly fellowship. A bounce house for the kids (courtesy of the Knights of Columbus) will also be available. Please bring lawn chairs for your family and a side or dessert and your drink of choice but don't let empty hands prevent you from joining us. We look forward to seeing you there!

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OCTAVE OF EASTER

During the Octave of Easter (Monday – Thursday), Holy Mass will only be celebrated at 12:15 pm with the normal time of 11 am for confessions; the Friday of Octave of Easter is first Friday, and we will have our normal schedule for confessions and Holy Mass.

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OFFICE HOURS: HOLY WEEK & EASTER WEEK

The offices of the Oratory will have normal business hours the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week. For the Sacred Triduum, the Offices will be **completely closed**. Also, the offices **will be closed** the Monday and Tuesday of the Octave of Easter. If there is an emergency and one of the priests is needed, please call 314/606-2461. Normal business hours will resume on the Wednesday, 3 April 2024.

INSTITUTE OF CATHOLIC CULTURE

The Institute of Catholic Culture is offering an on-line course in Traditional Logic on Tuesdays, 23 April through 10 September, 2024 from 7 - 8:15 p.m. The aim of the course is to deepen our understanding of our capacity to reason and to sharpen it by examining in detail some key problems in our time. Students will discover how logic can help us solve them and see the truth that lies beyond. If you are unable to attend the live classes you can still register. Lecture recordings will be available following each class. For more information/registration go to: https://instituteofcatholicculture.org/register/logic/. This course, as all of ICC's offerings, is free."

DECLINE TO SIGN

You may soon see paid signature gatherers in public places in Missouri asking you to sign a pro-abortion initiative petition. The ballot summary is very deceptive claiming to protect women's health and "reproductive health care." However, this initiative petition will put in the Missouri constitution a "right" to dangerous late-term abortions with taxpayer money without parental consent for minors and without the oversight of health agencies to protect the health of Missouri women. Those signature gatherers need to get a certain number of signatures from six out of eight congressional districts to put this deceptive and extreme anti-life measure on the November 2024 ballot. Please protect our constitution and defend life in Missouri by declining to sign if you are asked to sign this petition. Call the Missouri Right to Life hotline to report the location of signature gatherers at 417-413-4134.

VITA COMMUNIS

The Young Adult Group of Ss. Gregory and Augustine is always welcoming new members. To receive email communications regarding events for young adults 18+, please email your name and phone number to youngadults@oratorvsga.org.

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USHERS

Ushers needed! The continued growth of our Oratory community has necessitated an increased presence for the ushers. We are in the process of creating an Usher Schedule for the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine. We anticipate 2 men at the 6:30 am Holy Mass and 4 men at the 8:00 and 10:00 am Holy Masses.

If you are interested in serving the parish as an Usher, please email kofc17355@oratorysga.org with your name and contact information and which time for Holy Mass works best for you. You do not need to be a member of the Knights of Columbus to assist as an usher. In advance, thank you for prayerfully considering this vital service!

ALTAR SERVERS: SPRING 2024

The following are the dates for training for this spring semester: 25 March (Holy Week Training), 15 April, 29 April, 13 May, 27 May.

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SUNDAY CONFESSIONS

Confessions will be heard from 7:00 am - 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. Please note confessions are everyday of the week from 11:00 am - 12 Noon; on Wednesday evenings from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm; and Saturday mornings from 7:00 am - 8:00 am.

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CATECHESIS ON CONFESSION

The beginning of the new calendar is an opportune time to offer a few words on the nature of our confessions. Particularly that when we present ourselves for confession, it is after a complete examination of conscience striving for a full and integral confession aware of our sins and based not on emotion only. So too, those who make frequent confession (which is encouraged) should examine their consciences for the sin of presumption.

The Catechism of the Council of Trent provides a thorough and complete explication of the Sacrament of Penance. I want to draw particular attention to the exhortation that confession should be complete and entire. The Church teaches us that we are responsible for confessing all of our mortal sins in both number (how often) and kind (nature of the sin itself). As such when we come for confession, we should not only present those sins that are on our hearts or that have easily come to mind but also confess all sins we can recall after a thorough examination of conscience. I encourage everyone to access a thorough and complete guide for examining your conscience. This will assist you in recalling your serious sins as well as venial sins which also work against growing in holiness. A good examination of conscience will also provide the requisite detachment from the emotions that are often associated with the sins for which we are guilty. There are situations where we might feel bad about a particular interaction, situation, but no sin was involved and then there are times when we have grown so accustomed to our sins that we no longer feel guilt about them and fail to confess them. Prepare well for the sacrament so that you can also use well the graces received.

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

- Rosalind Anderson, mother of Agnes Joseph and Robert Anderson
- Anthony DeStefano, uncle of Emily Lund
- Anthony "Kim" Edgar, father of Fr. Zach Edgar
- Joseph Ley, father of Teresa Holman
- 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; Elizabeth Berwin, cousin of David O'Gorman; Jeanmarie DeCoster; Mary Gleckler, mother of Cathy Saccente and Mary Nelson; Lena Henry, daughter of Toni & Mickey Henry; Shane Kiser, husband of Maggie Kiser; 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.

NEW FAMILIES for FEBRUARY (alphabetical order):

A warm welcome to our new parishioners!

- Dominic Bilot
- The Brennan Family ~ Patrick & Margaret, Regina, Monica, Mary, and Katalina
- Dominic Forget
- Angeleena Johnson
- Mary McMahon
- Diane Scott
- Barb Wand
- The Warner Family ~ Denny & Kerry
- Maureen Wheat

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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). Please drop off items at the front door on Dale Avenue, across from the field parking lot.

FROM THE RECTOR

The liturgical celebration of Our Lord's triumphal entrance into Jerusalem along with the first proclamation of the Lord's Passion are set before our eyes today with great simplicity making the experience of them even more profound. The sacred liturgy begins with the blessing of palms and a procession which call to the mind the Lord's joyful entrance into Jerusalem. Our ritual participation draws us into the events that took place two thousand years ago when our Savior entered His city in order to redeem His people. Holy Mass follows! Now we the faithful must confront the sorrow of the Redeemer's Passion and the part our sins have played in the Lord's suffering. Entrance into today's mysteries brings us one step closer to the holiest of days when we celebrate the triumph of life over death and the victory of mercy and sacrifice over selfishness and sin. All of our preparations during this Lenten pilgrimage were undertaken to aid us in not turning away from the horror of the Cross; rather, we have prayed, fasted, and sacrificed in order to rejoice in the victory the Cross brings to each of us. Life entails suffering and even now we are beset with the burdens of sin and sacrifice that overwhelm us. The life of faith calls us to confess that Christ conquers sin, suffering and death upon the Cross once for all. We adore thee O Christ and we bless thee, because by thy holy Cross you have redeemed the world!

UPCOMING EVENTS **See Holy Week flyer for full schedule**

Sunday, 24 March:

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

Monday, 25 March:

- Confessions: 10:30 am Noon
- Solemn Mass: 12:15 pm
- Server practice: 4:30 pm
- Girls' Guild: 4:30 pm

Tuesday, 26 March:

- Confessions: 10:30 am Noon
- Solemn Mass: 12:15 pm
- Choir Practice: 7:00 9:15 pm
- Compline: 7:30 pm

Wednesday, 27 March:

- Confessions: 10:30 am Noon
- Solemn Mass: 12:15 pm
- Compline: 7:30 pm
- Tenebrae: 9:00 pm

Thursday, 28 March:

- Mandatum: 4:15 pm
- Solemn Mass: 5:00 pm
- Confessions: 7:00 pm 9:00 pm
- Tenebrae: 9:00 pm

Friday, 29 March:

- Confessions: 12 Noon 3:00 pm
- Mass of the Presanctified: 3:00 pm
- Confessions: 5:00 pm 7:00 pm
- Tenebrae: 9:00 pm

Saturday, 30 March:

• Easter Vigil: 2:00 pm

PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE 2024

03/10-03/17 Kelly	03/17-03/24 Jones
03/24-03/31 Holman	03/31-04/07 Carapella
04/07-04/14 Cook	04/14-04/21 Hayward
04/21-04/28 Fowler	04/28-05/05 Blum
05/05-05/12 Wisniewski	05/12-05/19 Catalano
05/19-05/26 Kenney	05/26-06/02 Raymond
06/02-06/09 Hayes	06/09-06/16 Schuette
06/16-06/23 Filla	06/23-06/30 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: saalexa@sbcglobal.net

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, 25 March – *Monday of Holy Week* 12:15 pm: Anthony G. Bundschuh (d)

Tuesday, 26 March – *Tuesday of Holy Week* 12:15 pm: Phillip Bultas (d)

Wednesday, 27 March – *Wednesday of Holy Week* 12:15 pm: Samantha Podesta

Thursday, 28 March – *HOLY THURSDAY* 5:00 pm: Pro Populo

Friday, 29 March – *GOOD FRIDAY* 3:00 pm: No Mass Intention

Saturday, 30 March – *EASTER VIGIL* 2:00 pm: Pro Populo

Sunday, 31 March – **EASTER SUNDAY**

6:30 am: Pro Populo

8:00 am: Anthony John Otto (d) 10:00 am: Br. Peter Mary of the Cross

THE NAMED DAYS OF HOLY WEEK

Most Catholics are familiar with titles for days in Holy Week such as "Palm Sunday" and "Good Friday." But actually, coming from the English Catholic tradition, each day of Holy Week has a special nickname. See the short explanation here:

- Palm Sunday: The day of Our Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem celebrated with palm branches.
- Fig Monday: Traditionally the gospel reading for this day was the passage where Our Lord curses the fig tree that does not bear fruit.
- Temple Tuesday: Traditionally the gospel reading for this day was the passage where Our Lord cleanses the temple.
- Spy Wednesday: Because this is the day when Judas (the spy) performed his wicked dealing with the pharisees.
- Maundy Thursday: The day on which we have the custom of the mandatum (the washing of the feet).
- Good Friday: The day of our redemption.
- *Holy Saturday*: The beginning of the Paschal celebration.

In other languages such as Italian, all of the days of Holy Week simply have the title "Holy" like our Holy Saturday. It is only in English that we find this memorable diversity of nicknames. Here at the Oratory, we thought it a nomenclature worth reviving.

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

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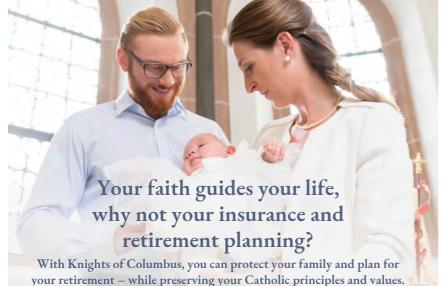
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