

THE ORATORY OF SAINTS
GREGORY & AUGUSTINE



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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.stlouislainmass.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 (NEW SCHEDULE)

- Monday thru Friday: 6:30 am & 12:15 pm
- First Friday: 6:30 pm
- Saturday: 8:15 am

Confession (NEW SCHEDULE)

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

Divine Office

- Sunday: Prime @ 7:20 am; Terce @ 9:40 am; Vespers @ 2:30 pm; Compline @ 7 pm
- Monday: Vespers @ 6 pm & Compline @ 7pm
- Tuesday & Thursday: Compline @ 7 pm
- Wednesday: Compline @ 6:30 pm

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 if you are 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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Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary

15 September 2024

FROM THE RECTOR

Last week we celebrated the Nativity of Our Lady rejoicing in Her cooperation with Divine Providence. Our Blessed Mother is obedient to the will of our Heavenly Father and by Her very birth begins overthrowing the reign of disobedience created by Eve's disregard of the commands of God. Today we are provided another opportunity to contemplate and emulate the Blessed Mother in Her response to Christ's salvific work. This solemnity of the Seven Sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary set before us the great compassion and love which are at the center of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Sacred Scripture tells us that Our Lady kept all things in Her heart choosing to trust in the Father instead of Her own wisdom or the lies of the world. Her trust makes Her the perfect vessel for the greatest treasure. Her obedience makes Her the perfect companion as the Incarnate Word makes His dwelling among us. She shares in the joys of the Lord and His sorrows, especially His passion and death. During Passiontide we celebrate the Sorrow of Our Lady at the Foot of the Cross. Today we call to mind the other events in Her life when She suffers with and for our Lord: The Prophecy of Simeon; The flight into Egypt; The Loss of Jesus in the Temple; The Carrying of the Cross; The Crucifixion of Our Lord; the Deposition of Jesus from the Cross; the Burial of Jesus in the Holy Sepulcher. The Church exhorts us to pray our Rosary to draw closer to Our Blessed Mother who patiently and gently guides us to Her Son. So too, we should pray the Chaplet of the Seven Sorrows of Our Lady. In so doing, we learn from Her how to suffer well, to suffer with joy remaining always steadfast in the faith and knowledge that dying with Christ is the only way to share in the glories of His new life!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, 15 September:

- Prime @ 7:20 am
- Coffee Hour @ 9:00 am
- Terce @ 9:40 am
- Vespers @ 2:30 pm
- Compline @ 7:00 pm

Monday, 16 September:

- Vespers @ 6:00 pm
- Compline @ 7:00 pm

Tuesday, 17 September:

- Compline @ 7:00 pm
- Choir practice @ 7:00 pm

Wednesday 18 September:

- Holy Hour @ 5:00 – 6:00 pm
- Compline @ 6:30 pm

Thursday, 19 September:

- Compline @ 7:00 pm

Friday, 20 September:

- No Events Scheduled

Saturday, 21 September:

- Baptisms @ 9:30 am; 10:30 am; 11:30 am
- Knights AED Training @ 9:00 am

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PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE 2024

08/25-09-01 Leljedal	09/01-09-08 Grizzle
09/08-09/15 Turntine	09/15-09/22 Haulard
09/22-09/29 Kelly	09/29-10/06 Jones
10/06-10/13 Holman	10/13-10/20 Carapella
10/20-10/27 Cook	10/27-11/03 Hayward
11/03-11/10 Fowler	11/10-11/17 Blum
11/17-11/24 Wisniewski	11/24-12/01 Catalano

12/01-12/08 Kenney	12/08-12/15 Raymond
12/15-12/22 Hayes	12/22-12/29 Schuette
12/29-01/05 Filla	01/05-01/12 Petrick

Drop off and pick up the statue in the vestibule (back of church). Place the statue bag on the floor to left of the Oratory table. To join or to quit the schedule contact Sharon Alexander saalex@sbglobal.net

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, 16 September – *Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian*

- 6:30 am: Christopher Saykes Family
- 12:15 pm: Sandra McNally (d)

Tuesday, 17 September – *Stigmata of St. Francis*

- 6:30 am: Shirley Basciano (d)
- 12:15 pm: David C. Elmore

Wednesday, 18 September – *St. Joseph Cupertino*

- 6:30 am: Charles Berwin (d)
- 12:15 pm: Brenda Gatta (d)

Thursday, 19 September – *St. Januarius & Companions*

- 6:30 am: Ben & Rogatha Otto (d)
- 12:15 pm: Chuck Dickerson (d)

Friday, 20 September – *St. Eustachius*

- 6:30 am: Gerald Saykes Family
- 12:15 pm: Norma Jean "Snooks" Johnson (d)

Saturday, 21 September – *St. Matthew*

- 8:15 am: Matthew Menendez

Sunday, 22 September – *18th Sunday*

- 6:30 am: Pro Populo
- 8:00 am: Fr. James Rodis (d)
- 10:00 am: Bill Kelly (d)

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VOCATIONS

In the six years the Oratory has been here at the Church of St. Luke the Evangelist, we have been blessed in so many ways: continued growth in our Oratory numbers; financial generosity; greater ownership and involvement from the Oratory community. All of these blessings have happened while we have experienced various hardships.

One of the hidden blessings has been the generosity of our young people in responding to the call of a religious vocation. Two years ago, Br. Peter Mary of the Cross (Colton Marks) departed the Oratory to begin his new life as a Discalced Hermit of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Fairfield, Pennsylvania. He was followed by Br. Matthew of Jesus and Mary (Kevin Murphy). This past Christmas, Br. Macarius of Jesus Christ Crucified (Donald Mueller) joined them at this Carmelite monastery which continues to experience vibrant growth. In addition to these three young men, this past week, Cameron Toal departed the Oratory to begin his formation with the Institute of Christ the King, Sovereign Priest.

In recent months the Oratory has also been blessed with two young women entering consecrated religious life. This past August of 2024, Mary Hampton Hayden entered the Carmelites in Fairfield, Pennsylvania and just this month, Erin Losin entered the Filiae Laboris Mariae Sisters in Fort Scott, Kansas.

In just six years, the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine has fostered six vocations and there are many more who have expressed a desire to follow them. Sadly, there are some parishes in the Archdiocese of St. Louis that have never produced a vocation. We are blessed to have these signs of hope in our midst and should be encouraged to continue upon this great path of Traditional Catholicism. Please pray for the grace of perseverance for our young people already committed to formation. Pray for those who are discerning now their call from the Lord. Parents are exhorted to patience, trust, and confidence in the Lord if their son or daughter expresses an interest in the priesthood or consecrated religious life. And for all of us, let us always strive to keep our eyes on the blessings bestowed upon us; to thank the Lord for those blessings; and radiate joy and hope in this world that desperately needs both.

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FACILITIES MANAGER

Effective Friday, 6 September 2024, Joseph Balderrama completed his service here at the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine as the facilities manager. Please pray for Joseph and his family as he begins this new undertaking. With his absence, the Oratory now needs to fill this position. The job is posted on the Archdiocesan website. If you or someone you know would be interested in filling this position, please follow the application process outlined on the archdiocesan

website. It is hope that this position can be filled as quickly as possible. We ask for your patience during these intervening weeks with the upkeep of the Church and Oratory grounds. This work will be accomplished by volunteers until we can fill the position.

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OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTION

Beginning, Tuesday, 3 September 2024, the prayers for Perpetual Help Devotion will change reflecting a more traditional format to the devotion. So too, Perpetual Help will be prayed publicly only after the 12:15 pm Holy Mass. Those who attend the 6:30 am Holy Mass are certainly encouraged to pray the devotion privately.

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FESTIVAL OF ST. LOUIS: THANK YOU!!!

A profound word of gratitude to all who made the Festival of St. Louis a wonderful celebration of our patron. Over 700 people participated in Holy Mass, the Divine Office and the Procession to the Statue of St. Louis. I am grateful to the Schola Cantorum; the Knights of Columbus; the Girls' Guild; the Troops of St. George; the Choir of the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine; the servers, sacred ministers and all the benefactors whose generosity made this year's celebration possible. I am truly proud to be the Rector of this community of great faith and courage. Let us continue to seek the intercession of Saint Louis, King of France and our patroness, Our Lady of Walsingham to protect, defend, and strengthen us to continue to seek and do God's will.

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CCD

Attention parents! The Oratory is pleased to offer the full Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) program this year. Classes will begin Wednesday, 2 October and will be held every Wednesday evening (with some exceptions) in the school building at Immaculate Heart of Mary, 4092 Blow St, St Louis, MO 63116. Children between the ages of 6 and 18 (as of 2/28/24) may participate. The cost is \$25 per child, \$100 maximum per family; online registration will open soon. Additional details forthcoming - be sure to check the bulletin! Contact Jake & Terri Fowler with any questions: ccd@oratorysga.org.

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POLYPHONIC CHOIR RECRUITING MEMBERS

Our polyphonic choir will be resuming rehearsals in September, (Tuesdays from 7:00pm-9:30pm) and we are accepting new members! Please consider using your time and talents to glorify Our Lord in this way. Contact Mrs. Kenney at choir@oratorysga.org for more information.

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ORATORY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: BOURBON FUNDRAISER

Please purchase a bottle of bourbon to support the Knights of Columbus at the Oratory. With your \$100 donation, you receive a special edition single barrel

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bottle of bourbon from Nobleton’s Distillery in Union, MO and a chance to become one of 10 raffle winners that will pick the barrel at the Distillery on October 5th. Each bottle will have a custom Oratory Knights of Columbus label. Fundraising has enabled the Oratory Knights of Columbus Council to purchase an AED defibrillator for the Oratory, to fund benches and the ramada on the “piazza” and has provided water, shuttles, and portable restrooms for the Feast of St. Louis. The Knights provide ushers for Masses, sponsor our barbeques and help set up our tents and several other events like the Easter Egg Hunt and Easter Vigil Party/Bounce House. Please help us raise funds to continue this strong support for the Oratory. Please purchase your bourbon at the following website and enter the passcode “SGSAPICK”:

<https://www.nobletons.com/stgregandstaugustinepick>. Please select “Distillery Pickup” and bottles will be brought to you for pickup at the Oratory in late October. Thank you for your generosity and please feel free to share this information. For questions or alternate arrangements, please contact Jay Petrick at: jayspetrick@gmail.com.

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HOMILIES

If you would like to listen to Msgr. Morris’s homilies you can find them on our website (see link below). They are usually posted the following week. If you would like to read Fr. Rennier’s homilies you can find those on his website (see link below).

Msgr. Morris

<https://stlouislainmass.com/about-us/homilies>.

Fr. Rennier:

<https://michaelrennier.wordpress.com/author/michaelrennier/>

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NEW HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

Holy Masses will be celebrated daily (Monday through Friday) at 6:30 am and at 12:15 pm. Confessions will remain at 11 am. This change means that the Tuesday and Thursday 7:00 am Holy Mass along with the Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm Holy Mass will **NO** longer be celebrated. On Wednesdays, we will continue to have Holy Hour at 5:00 pm with Confessions, and Benediction at 6:15 pm. First Friday is at 6:30 pm with Confessions from 5:00 pm until 6:00 pm. It is anticipated that the early weekday Holy Mass will better accommodate the schedules of those going into work and more of the faithful will be able to participate in daily Holy Mass. So too, the new schedule will provide greater consistency to the schedule. Change is never easy and I appreciate that not everyone will welcome these changes. Please be patient, communicate any concerns to me, and most importantly continue to pray for the health and well-being of the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine.

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MISSIONARY SISTERS of ST PETER CLAVER

The Board of the Missionary Sisters of St. Peter Claver invites you to attend the Annual Dinner Auction on Saturday, 28 September @ 6:00 pm at the Hilton St. Louis Frontenac. The annual dinner auction will benefit 2024 Mission Projects. **REGISTER TODAY** at <http://SSPC24.givesmart.com>. Deadline to register is 14 September.

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MILES CHRISTI RETREAT

Do you desire to renew your prayer life in Christ? Are you wanting to get away for a weekend to recollect yourself in Jesus truly present in the most Holy Eucharist? Join Miles Christi in Glencoe, MO for a weekend of peaceful silence, contemplation, and prayer! During these silent retreats, there will be spiritual talks, time for private meditation, the Holy Rosary, daily Mass, Adoration, and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament, opportunities for confession and spiritual direction. Deepen your relationship with our Lord at these weekend retreats.

Space is limited so register today to secure your spot!

Men's retreat: September 20-22

<https://www.mileschristi.org/event/glencoe-mo-2/>

Women's retreat: November 15-17

<https://www.mileschristi.org/event/glencoe-mo-3/>

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WEEKLY COLLECTION/TITHING

Asking for money is never easy; I am grateful that the generosity of the faithful of the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine, have made it possible for me to limit asking for money. However, as the new budget is submitted to the Archdiocese, it is time again to encourage your continued to support; to ask that everyone prayerfully consider increasing their donation; to ask those who either never give or give little, to consider increasing their donation. I want to specifically encourage those who have not given to share the responsibility of caring for the Oratory along with the other generous members of the community. While the giving of the faithful of the Oratory generally surpasses that of other parish entities, there are still a significant number of registered parishioners who fail to contribute each fiscal year. I realize that the financial situations of each person are unique, and some may not be in a position to give, but I would still ask everyone to contribute something. As I often say when raising money for Covenant Network-Catholic Radio, no amount is too small!

Each year, the needed weekly collection number has increased, and this fiscal year is no different. Beginning 7 July 2024, the targeted weekly collection amount is \$17, 869. The increase reflects the continued growth of the Oratory, more personnel for our liturgical celebrations and the on-going maintenance and improvement of the physical plant itself. Regarding the maintenance and improvement of the physical plant, part of the work on the electric system is included in this new budget. It is also

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anticipated that there will be some work done on the parking area near the garage. There is still work to be accomplished on the outside of the Church and Rectory as well as work to be accomplished on the whole parking lot.

I would ask everyone for their continued generosity as we continue to grow. Our fiscal responsibility indicates to the Archdiocese our ability to sustain ourselves and contributes to our longevity and stability. In advance, thank you so much and may God reward your generosity.

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PARKING ON CAMPUS

The Oratory has the happy problem of more faithful than available parking spaces. It is appreciated that for the 8:00 am and 10:00 am Holy Masses finding a spot can be difficult. Please, however, only park in designated areas. Regarding the middle parking lot between the Church and the school building: Park only in those spots that have a parking curb in front of them. **DO NOT** park next to the garage, **DO NOT** park in the spots on the lot east of the garage which are all reserved spots. **DO NOT** park near the trashcans. Your attention to this is appreciated.

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BULLETIN DEADLINE (FRIDAYS @ 10AM)

The deadline that LPI has set for our submission of the full bulletin is Tuesdays by 12 Noon each week. Consequently, the new deadline for bulletin submissions from individuals and groups of the Oratory is the prior Friday at 10:00 am.

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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 and pick up items at the front door on Dale Avenue, across from the field parking lot.**

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NEW FAMILIES for AUGUST (alphabetical order):

A warm welcome to our new parishioners!

- The Flick Family ~ Katie, Mariella, Catherine, Bernadette, Andrew, Caeli, and David
- Sam Hardy
- The McCurren Family ~ Mitch & Emily, Clare, Paul, and Maeve

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- Carson McNellie and Lauren Hearne

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

- Rosalind Anderson, mother of Agnes Joseph and Robert Anderson
- Elizabeth Berwin, cousin of David O’Gorman
- Anthony DeStefano, uncle of Emily Lund
- Anthony “Kim” Edgar, father of Fr. Zach Edgar
- Robert Milton Folle, father of Dottie Schwartz
- Sharon Koenig, sister of Dottie Schwartz
- Joseph Ley, father of Teresa Holman
- Mary Machain, grandmother of Kiera Petrick
- Thomas Schuette, brother of Robert Schuette
- 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; Tom Borek, husband of Jennifer; Jeanmarie DeCoster; Mary Gleckler, mother of Cathy Saccente and Mary Nelson; Hannah Green, daughter of Nicholas & Julie Green; Lena Henry, daughter of Toni & Mickey Henry; Shane Kiser, husband of Maggie Kiser; John & Dotty Kuhlmann, parents of Donna Mueller; James Frances Mooney, father of Dr. Joseph Mooney; Michael Norfleet, son of Marsha Norfleet; Elizabeth Ryan; Patrick Schneider; Leah & Sylvester Soldinie, and Renee Weidner.

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USHERS’ SCHEDULE

Sunday, 15 September

- 6:30 am** Bill Saccente*, Evan Adair
- 8:00 am** Michael Nelson*, Kenny Buyle, Ken Catalano, Terry Conway
- 10:00 am** Patrick Kelly*, Gabe Jones, Joe Gassiraro, Phil Henzler

Sunday, 22 September

- 6:30 am** Evan Adair* Ben Schubert
- 8:00 am** Kenny Buyle*, Terry Conway, Kip Babington, Jeff Martin
- 10:00 am** Gabe Jones*, Joe Gassiraro, Phil Henzler, Tom Gates

Sunday, 29 September

- 6:30 am** Bill Saccente* Chris Bauman
- 8:00 am** Terry Conway*, Kip Babington, Jeff Martin, Sam Ashlock
- 10:00 am** Joe Gassiraro*, Phil Henzler, Tom Gates, John Simmons

+ Altar Server Schedule: September 2024 +

Date	Time	MC at High Mass / Acolyte at Low Mass	Thurifer	Acolyte 1	Acolyte 2
September 15, 2024	6:30 am	Jack Ryan			
	8:00 am	Joseph Blum			
	10:00 am	Philip Petrick	Matthew Rheinheimer	Augustine Rennier	Silas Buyle

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September 22, 2024	6:30 am	Jack Ryan			
	8:00 am	Michael Turntine			
	10:00 am	Thomas Bornhop	Castor Armesto	Michael Rennie	Raymond Buyle
September 29, 2024	6:30	Jack Ryan			
	8:00	Castor Armesto			
	10:00	Simon Wisniewski	John Morgan	Paul Keys	Cabhan Ten - Eyck

FROM THE WELLSPRING OF TRADITION: ACT OF CONTRITION

When we prepare for and go to confession, it's quite natural to feel bad about ourselves. After all, in that process, we're bringing to mind all the worst parts about ourselves, the parts we're embarrassed about, dislike, or find endlessly frustrating. Because of this difficulty, some people begin to feel that God cannot possibly love them or that their contrition is not sincere enough. They begin to doubt that they are actually forgiven. They try to confess old sins that have already been forgiven and worry about the effectiveness of past confessions.

Before I was Catholic, I remember asking God to forgive my sins over and over again. I wasn't sure if I was sorry enough or if God had heard me. As Catholics, though, we don't need to suffer from this issue. Why? Because we have access to God's forgiving grace through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. In order to understand what's really going on during our confessions it helps to take a look at the act of contrition.

The version that most of us have learned asks God to have mercy on us for two reasons: 1) because we fear going to hell, and 2) because our sins offend God. That first reason, fear of hell, is a prayer of imperfect contrition. We are sorry for our sins but not entirely for the right reason. We're afraid of punishment, but perhaps it hasn't sunk in that our sins are wrong not because of punishment but because we injure God, whom we love. This contrition for an offense against God, the second reason we're sorry for our sins, is a more perfect form of contrition. We strive for the more perfect contrition, but if all we can muster up is sorrow over possibly going to hell, that's not an ideal reason for seeking forgiveness, but it is enough.

The reason it's enough is because, regardless of what reasons brought us into the confessional, *our contrition is rarely, if ever, perfect*. We always have mixed motives, nagging doubts, that little concern that we should be feeling worse or that we're going to commit the same sin again. Don't allow this imperfection to rattle your faith or doubt your salvation. Remember, we're saved by grace, not by our own works-righteousness. All of our merit and good works are valuable only insofar as they cooperate with the work of Our Lord at the Cross. Without the Cross, we cannot earn Heaven, but united to the Cross? Well, then our good works become efficacious beyond our abilities, including our contrition.

Praying the act of contrition is important when we go to confession because it's our best effort, and that's what God asks of us. Our best. Our contrition then becomes the basis of the sacrament, the manner in which it operates. It is absolutely necessary that some sort of contrition exists on our part, even if it's very much imperfect, so try your best to be contrite and pray the prayer with sincerity.

And then, in that magnificent way God has, he takes that which is imperfect in us and makes it perfect. Christ himself sorrows in us and for us. In his mercy, he unites himself to us and perfects our contrition. That perfect contrition then becomes the basis on which he judges us for our sins and forgives us. Even if you walk into the confessional feeling like a horrible sinner, even if you feel guilty and unforgivable, know that in the confessional, Our Lord knows you intimately, including all the worst parts of you. He loves you anyway. For your honesty, he loves you more. For your imperfect attempts to be sorrowful and make amends, he loves you more.

This is why we don't need to re-confess past sins again, and why we can exit the confessional knowing that we are absolved of our sins, loved, and set free.

~ 09/08/2024 ~	
Weekly Collection Total	\$ 5,840.59
Online Giving	\$ 6,489.00
Total	\$ 12,329.59
Needed	\$ 17,869.00
Year to Date Total	\$ 149,039.12

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

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BOURBON FUNDRAISER



- Your Purchase of a raffle ticket (\$100) directly supports the Oratory Knights of Columbus. Only 180 tickets available.
- You receive a Special Edition Single Barrel Bottle of Bourbon from Nobleton's Distillery.
- You are entered to become one of 10 raffle winners that will pick the barrel at the distillery on October 5th!

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Select *"Distillery Pickup"*



Your bottle will be available to pickup at the Oratory in late October
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