# THE ORATORY OF SAINTS

# GREGORY & QUGUSTINE



# 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 (<a href="www.stlouislatinmass.com">www.stlouislatinmass.com</a>), 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: 6:30 am & 12:15 pm
- First Friday: 6:30 pmSaturday: 8:15 am

#### Confession

- 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  $2^{nd}$ ,  $3^{rd}$ , and  $4^{th}$  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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## FROM THE RECTOR

"Called through pure mercy to belong to the mystical Body of Christ, we must in our turn show mercy to our neighbor since we are made one with him in Christ Jesus. Even in the Church such unreserved charity is a difficult matter; it requires perseverance and patience, since in God's kingdom here on earth there are both good and bad, and it is only when our Lord comes to judge men ... that He will separate the one from the other for all Eternity." (St. Andrews Daily Missal) These words require attentive contemplation from us. St. Paul asserts charity above all things for it is charity that binds and holds us together. How hard it is to develop a charitable heart and to live in peace and love with one another. And yet we must strive daily to make this a reality because our deepest desire is union with the Lord. Our daily success in growing in charity involves the virtue of perseverance and never wavering in our resolve and commitment. Growth in grace and holiness is not measured through large feats but through the daily commitment to do the right things and to be the right person in the eyes of God. Our relationship with God is eternal and we must think and act not in the short term, but for this life and the next. The practice of perseverance requires a willingness to sacrifice our wills and to give ourselves over to God. It is for this reason that the Cross is not a by-product of the Christian dispensation, but at the very heart of the triumphal work of Our Savior. Consequently, as He freely embraced the cross, we must do the same. As we draw close to the season of Lent spend these coming weeks of Septuagesima contemplating the sacrifices you will undertake in order that you might grow in love offering to the other the mercy you have received from God.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sunday, 9 February:

- Prime @ 7:20 am
- Terce @ 9:40 am
- Coffee Hour @ 11:30 am
- Vespers @ 2:30 pm
- Compline @ 7:00 pm

#### Monday, 10 February:

- Server Training @ 4:30 pm
- Girls' Guild @ 4:30 pm
- Vespers @ 6:00 pm
- Troops of St. George @ 6:30 pm
- Compline @ 7:00 pm

#### Tuesday, 11 February:

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

#### Wednesday, 12 February:

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

### Thursday, 13 February:

• Compline @ 7:00 pm

## Friday, 14 February:

No Scheduled Events

## Saturday, 15 February:

- Catholic Latin Class @ 7:00 am (SJR)
- Cantor School @ 9:00 am (SJR)
- Gardner Baptism @ 10:00 am
- Gosser Baptism @ 11:00 am
- Porter Baptism @ 12 Noon

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## **PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE 2025**

01/26-02/02 Stolarski 02/02-02/09 Henry 02/09-02/16 Santschi 02/16-02/23 Kiser 02/23-03/02 Agnew 03/02-03/09 Buyle 03/09-03/16 Leljedal 03/16-03/23 Grizzle 03/23-03/30 Turntine 03/30-04/06 Haulard 04/06-04/13 Kelly 04/13-04/20 Jones 04/20-04/27 Holman 04/27-05/04 Carapella 05/04-05/11 Cook 05/11-05/18 Hayward 05/18-05/25 Fowler 05/25-06/01 Blum 06/01-06/08 Wisniewski 06/08-06/15 Catalano 06/15-06/22 Kenney 06/22-06/29 Raymond 06/29-07/06 Haves 07/06-07/13 Schuette 07/20-07/27 Petrick 07/13-07/20 Filla

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 saalexa@sbcglobal.net

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## **MASS INTENTIONS**

Monday, 10 February – St. Scholastica

6:30 am: Silas Bennett Sweeney (d) 12:15 pm: Fr. John Deken (d)

#### Tuesday, 11 February - The Apparition of the BVM Immaculate

6:30 am: Jim Griffin (d)

12:15 pm: James Keith Rogers (d)

#### Wednesday, 12 February - Seven Holy Founders

6:30 am: Cynthia Ann Sweeney (d) 12:15 pm: Robert Munn (d)

Thursday, 13 February - Feria

6:30 am: Joseph Ley (d) 12:15 pm: Souls in Purgatory

Friday, 14 February - St. Valentine

6:30 am: Mary Ann & Fred Driscoll (d) 12:15 pm: The Wilson Family

Saturday, 15 February – 6th Sunday after Epiphany (antic.)

8:15 am: James Keith Rogers (d)

Sunday, 16 February - Septuagesima

6:30 am: Pro Populo

8:00 am: Marla Whittenburg (d) 10:00 am: The Cheffers Family

#### SAFETY ALERT

PLEASE do NOT allow your children to play on or walk on the metal grates that are in between the rectory and church (near the pergola) and the one that is on the east side of the rectory. THEY ARE NOT SAFE to walk on or play on. We do not want anyone to get hurt. Please be mindful of your children and make sure they are not playing on or around the black metal grates.

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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 Lent, 9 March 2025 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).

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#### **VISIT TO ST LOUIS BY ST MARTIN'S ACADEMY**

President (Dan Kerr) and Director of Development (Aidan Cyrus) from St. Martin's Academy are making a visit to St. Louis the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of March. St. Martin's is an all-boys traditional Catholic boarding high school in Fort Scott, KS. The TLM is offered daily, some hours of the Office are prayed daily, they run a full farm and the academics are rigorous. There will be a gathering on Friday, 7 March, in the evening (place TBD) to learn about St. Martin's. We will likely be gathering at someone's home. Please consider joining even if you do not have a boy that is high school age or one that will be 13+ for a while. This is another good opportunity to have a very solid place which to tithe. You will be impressed by Dan and what they are doing in a small town in Kansas. Contact Chris Horan at cmhoran@protonmail.com with questions and to RSVP.

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#### **CANTOR SCHOOL**

For the Saturdays of February and March, the parish men's schola will host a cantor school for boys and men ages 6 and up, featuring work on cantor skills, including but not limited to

- o The 8 Gregorian Modes
- $\,\circ\,$  Simple chants from the Divine Office
- o More complicated chants from Holy Mass
- Chants [group and potentially solo] for Holy Week and Easter

Classes will be after 8:15am Mass (approximately 9:00am-10:00am) in the St. Joseph Room (rectory basement), unless otherwise noted.

Please RSVP to Nicholas at schola@oratorysga.org if you plan to attend any or all of the classes.

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## LATIN COURSE

The Cantores Sancti Ludovici and other Latin instructors are offering another 8-week course in Ecclesiastical (Catholic) Latin designed especially for the laity. The remaining dates

are as follows: February 8, 15, 22 AND March 1, 8, 15, and 22 from 7:00am-8:00am in the St. Joseph Room. As with the previous course, the meetings will be largely stand-alone, so it is not necessary to attend them all. While integrating basic Latin grammar and syntax, this course is primarily intended to increase the devotion and piety of the faithful by offering glimpses of the rich theology and history contained in the prayers of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Divine Office, and other Catholic prayers in their original language. There will be a special focus on Holy Week texts [let's make Holy Week even better!].

This course is free, but RSVP registration is requested to schola@oratorysga.org. Students must be 12 years of age or older. There is no required textbook, but a list of helpful books will be provided to registrants. We encourage you to join us to learn more about our deep Roman Catholic heritage!

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## SEPTUAGESIMA & THE LENTEN SEASON

The season of Septuagesima begins Sunday, 16 February 2025 providing the opportunity to better prepare ourselves for the Lenten Season which begins on Ash Wednesday, 5 March 2025.

<u>Stations of the Cross</u> will be celebrated on the Fridays of Lent after the conclusion of the 12:15 pm Holy Mass.

The schedule for <u>Holy Week</u>: HOLY THURSDAY @ 5:00 PM; GOOD FRIDAY @ 3:00 PM; HOLY SATURDAY @ 2:00 PM. This information is shared early so that you might plan your schedules accordingly.

All of this information will continue to be available both in our bulletin and online. In a few weeks there will be a sheet on the Oratory table in the vestibule that will have all this information for our Lenten season.

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## LENTEN DAYS OF RECOLLECTION

In order to assist the faithful during the Lenten season, there will be a Day of Recollection for both the women and men of the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine. The day begins with Holy Mass at 8:15 am and concludes by 2 pm. The retreat is open to non-parishioners and everyone is encouraged to attend. The cost for the day is \$25 and includes lunch. Further information can be found on the Oratory table in the vestibule of Church.

- The Women's Day of Recollection 29 March 2025
- The Men's Day of Recollection 5 April 2025

## LENTEN DAYS OF RECOLLECTION - HELP NEEDED

In the past for the two Lenten Days of Recollection, the men have assisted with food and cleaning for the women's day (29 March 2025) and the women have provided that same service for the men's day (5 April 2025). If you are willing and able to assist with food set-up for breakfast and lunch and also clean-up after lunch your generosity would be greatly appreciated. Both breakfast and lunch are catered. Please contact Anna Kalinowski (auxiliatrix@oratorysga.org). In advance, may God reward your generosity.

#### TROOPS OF ST. GEORGE

Virtus. Honor. Fraternitas. Calling all boys ages 6-18 and their fathers! How would you like to pray The Rosary around the campfire, The Angelus atop Taum Saulk Mountain, or St. Michael's Prayer in military formation? Troops of St. George uses the outdoors as our canvas and the sacraments as our path to light the way for the formation of Holy Catholic men and boys. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 6:30pm in the St. Joseph Room in addition to campouts, hikes and service projects. Cost is \$50/person, with a max of \$150/family and scholarships are available. Please visit troopsofstgeorge.org, contact tsg@oratorysga.org, or join us at our next meeting for more information.

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#### **EPIPHANY WATER 2025**

Epiphany water is still available to the faithful. Please take what you need. Also, you are free to use your own containers for Epiphany water. All of the blessed water will be available until we run out. The blessed salt and chalk are gone.

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#### 2025 CALENDARS

The calendars for 2025 for the Oratory Community have arrived. This year's calendar comes from the Transalpine Redemptorists, a community of traditional monks rooted in the Redemptorists charism who practice both the contemplative and active life. Their motherhouse is in Scotland and they have recently founded a house in Montana.

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#### **TRIVIA KNIGHT: 22 FEBRUARY 2025**

Registration is now open for the Oratory Trivia Knight on 22 February at Boland Hall on the campus of the Cathedral Basilica (4431 Lindell Blvd). Doors open at 6pm; trivia starts at 7pm. Join the Knights of Columbus council as we raise funds to further support the Oratory. Tables of 8 are \$200 per table. Raffles and other games will be offered during the event. Some refreshments will be provided; outside food and beverages are welcome.

Round sponsorships are \$100. Please send your business or organization's name, logo, and a 2-3 sentence summary/description. Tangible items, gift certificates, or other donations to be used as raffle items are also welcome. No item/donation is too large or too small!

To pay for table registration and/or round sponsorship, please send funds via Venmo (@KC17355) or mail a check, payable to "Knights of Columbus Council 17355" to the Oratory at 7230 Dale Avenue 63117. Please make checks payable to "Knights of Columbus Council 17355." Please also note whether you are paying for a table registration and/or round sponsorship. This event is for adults (nursing babies welcome). Registrations are limited, so act quickly! We will add tables to a wait-list if necessary.

Email kofc17355@oratorysga.org for registration or any other information.

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## **WEDDING BANNS**

There is a promise of marriage between:

II ~ Adam Maassen & Sara Marie Mousa

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#### **MEN'S CONFERENCE (FEBRUARY 2025)**

Catholic Men for Christ: Archdiocese of St. Louis is holding its annual conference on **Saturday**, **15 February 2025**. The conference begins at 8:45 am and concludes at 4:00 pm and is being held at the Si Commons on the campus of St. Louis University High School. For more information please visit: catholicmenforchrist.org.

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#### **WOMEN'S CONFERENCE (MARCH 2025)**

Catholic Women for Christ: Archdiocese of St. Louis is holding its annual conference on **Saturday, 8 March 2025**. The conference begins at 8:45 am and concludes at 4:00 pm and is being held at the Si Commons on the campus of St. Louis University High School. For more information please visit: catholicwomenforchrist.org.

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

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#### **LOST and FOUND**

As a reminder, the lost and found has been removed from the main vestibule. If you have lost/left your missal in church – please contact the office to see if we have it. For the other miscellaneous items, such as children's books, rosaries, prayer cards, eye glasses, etc. please visit the lost and found which will be located in the St. Joseph Room on Sundays only, during coffee hour.

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## **DEVOTION TO THE HOLY FACE OF JESUS - BOOKS**

Please accept a copy of "The Secret of the Holy Face" by Fr. Lawrence Carney as a donation to all parishioners available in the vestibule of the Church today. Given the course of events occurring in our country and within the Church, especially with regard to the current growth of Communism, it is recommended that Catholics understand and pray the Holy Face Devotion. This powerful devotion was given to mankind by our Lord and evolved as a weapon to combat the evils of Communism when it first appeared. Though the devotion became less popular, primarily after Vatican II, many Catholics now believe there is an urgent and renewed need for this prayerful exercise given its promises.

Numerous miracles are associated with this devotion which has the full approval of the Catholic Church. In 1843 the Lord spoke these words Sr. Marie de Saint Pierre, a Carmelite nun, in Tours:

"The earth is covered with crimes. The violation of the first three Commandments of God has irritated My Father. The Holy Name of God blasphemed, and the Holy Day of the Lord profaned, filling up the measure of iniquities. These sins have risen into the throne of God and provoked his wrath which will soon burst forth if

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

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justice be not appeased. At no time have these crimes reached such a pitch."

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In 1845, the Reparative Mystery of the Holy Face was revealed to Sister Saint-Pierre as the Lord stated: "I seek Veronicas to wipe and venerate My Holy Face which has few adorers... and by My Holy Face, you will work many miracles."

## PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

Jim Alexander; and Renee Weidner.

Leona May Auer, mother of Keith Auer

The Lord gave Sister Saint-Pierre the Golden Arrow prayer as special reparation for blasphemy. She then prayed the rosary asking Our Lady's intercession in helping her to get the Lord's message to others. Shortly thereafter Mary's • Elizabeth Berwin, cousin of David O'Gorman

apparition at La Salette followed which affirmed the Lord's words to Sister Saint-Pierre, "The Church will be in eclipse."

• Rev. John Deken, brother of Janet Deken, Joan Pisoni, and Beth Stolarski

The revelations to Sister Saint Pierre are also at the

• Anthony DeStefano, uncle of Emily Lund • Robert Milton Folle, father of Dottie Schwartz

• Kathleen Graham, mother of David Graham • Sharon Koenig, sister of Dottie Schwartz

foundation of Our Lady's warning at Fatima, regarding the spread of atheistic errors of secular humanism, Socialism, and religious suppression contained in Communism and of • Jeannette Mailloux, grandmother of Danielle Daub

revolutionary men.

• Robert Michael Marcos, step-father of Mary Auer

Please consider studying and praying the Holy Face Devotion for our country and for Holy Mother Church in these challenging times.

- Thomas McClay, father of Danielle Daub Andrew Pumphrey, brother of Katie Keys
- Gerald Saykes, husband of Karen Saykes
- · Louis Schubert, father of Ben Schubert
- Thomas Schuette, brother of Robert Schuette
- Claudia Lee vonSvdow

 John Williams, brother of Mary McMahan ++++++++++++++++++++

## **USHERS' SCHEDULE**

## NEW FAMILIES for JANUARY (alphabetical order)

## Sunday, 9 February

A warm welcome to our new parishioners!

6:30 am Chris Bauman\*, Evan Adair

Theresa Colombini

8:00 am Michael Nelson\*, Kenny Buyle, Kip Babington, Terry Conway

Elizabeth Di Valerio

Benjamin Corbalis

10:00 am Tom Gates\*, John Simmons, Mark Scheer, Robert Morgan

Gianna Fiumara

#### Sunday, 16 February

Samantha Klump

6:30 am Ben Schubert\*, Bill Saccente

The Lamons Family ~ Ethan & Jennifer

8:00 am Kenny Buyle\*, Kip Babington, Terry Conway, Jeff Martin

Marie Leljedal

10:00 am John Simmons\*, Mark Scheer, Robert Morgan, Patrick Kelly

**Grace Leonard** 

Sunday, 23 February

Sydney Rooneo

6:30 am Jim Alexander\*, Chris Bauman

Timothy Schultz

8:00 am Kip Babington\*, Terry Conway, Jeff Martin, Ken Catalano

The Sessions Family ~ David and Adalynn +++++++++++++++++

> 10:00 am Mark Scheer\*, Robert Morgan, Patrick Kelly, Charlie Raymond

#### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

#### Sunday, 2 March

In your charity, please pray for the following members of the Oratory who are ill: Emily Brex; Damien Bruening, son of Aurora Miller; 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; Dotty Kuhlmann, mother of Donna Mueller; Nicholas Lober, son of Bob & Theresa Lober; Mary McMahan; James Frances Mooney, father of Dr. Joseph Mooney; Michael Norfleet, son of Marsha Norfleet; Elizabeth Ryan; Patrick Schneider; Leah

6:30 am Ben Schubert\*, Evan Adair 8:00 am Terry Conway\*, Sam Ashlock, Ken Catalano, Greg Rheinheimer

10:00 am Robert Morgan\*, Patrick Kelly, Gabe Jones, Jesse Hermann

## + Altar Server Schedule: February - March 2025 +

Date	Time	MC at High Mass / Acolyte at Low Mass	Thurifer	Acolyte 1	Acolyte 2
9 February 2025	6:30 am	Michael Norfleet			
	8:00 am	Leo Grizzle			
	10:00 am	Joseph Blum	Isaac Robeson	Elijah Robeson	Elijah Garvey
16 February 2025	6:30 am	Jack Ryan			
	8:00 am	Kolbe Grizzle			
	10:00 am	Salvatore Saccente	Matthew Rheinheimer	MatthewEmmet Roberts	Charles Fowler

## 5th Sunday after Epiphany

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23 February 2025	6:30 am	Michael Norfleet			
	8:00 am	Michael Rheinheimer			
	10:00 am	Michael Turntine	Joseph Noble	Joseph Fowler	Silas Buyle
2 March 2025	6:30 am	Jack Ryan			
	8:00 am	Matthew Rheinheimer			
	10:00 am	Philip Petrick	Michael Rennier	Michael Blum	Raymond Buyle

#### **First Saturday**

8 February 2025	6:30 pm	Philip Petrick	Castor Armesto	MatthewEmmet Roberts	Benedict Armesto
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## **WELLSPRING OF TRADITION:**

## Indulgences and the Jubilee Year

Once every 25 years, the Church celebrates what she calls a Jubilee year. This year is one of those years, dedicated specifically to the virtue of hope. Jubilee years contain the possibility of gaining an indulgence by visiting specific pilgrimage sites. In St. Louis, we have a list of sites you can visit anytime during the year (we've posted a list of the sites on the bulletin board in the porch).

What are the conditions to gain an indulgence?

- 1. the action itself, which in this case is the pilgrimage to a specific church
- 2. within a week of the action receive Holy Communion
- 3. within a week make a good confession
- 4. pray specifically for the intentions of the Holy Father

Individually these are all good actions – praying, going to confession, and so on, but why is it, when put together, that they have extra spiritual power? The reason is because the Church has been given spiritual authority by Our Lord and, in her role in mediating salvation, she offers us special opportunities. The Church wants us to do well spiritually and goes out of her way to assist us. For our part, we cooperate and give our best effort. The Church then meets us with overwhelming grace and endows our efforts with magnificent results beyond our abilities to earn, which are the effects of the indulgence.

#### What is an indulgence?

The Catechism says, "an indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven." In other words, it's a particularly effective act of penance that assists a soul forward on the journey to Heaven.

Every sin has a double consequence. First, there is the harm the sin does to God and, second, there is the harm the sin does to the sinner. God freely forgives the first, but the lingering effect, that second harm, takes longer to repair. It lingers often as an ingrained vice and requires further spiritual purification, which can happen either in purgatory or here in this life.

Just like, when you were a child, your parents might have forgiven you for tracking mud into the kitchen, you still had to clean it up. The catechism teaches something most wonderful, which is that other people can help you clean it up. You can give your indulgences away to those you love. When we seek holiness, we are not alone. We are individual Christians, yes, but our faith brings each us into the communion of the Church. What we do affects other people. There's a link of charity, or love, shared within the Church, an exchange of spiritual treasure which, linked to Christ, has infinite value.

~ 02/02/20	25 ~
Weekly Collection Total	\$ 15,278.45
Online Giving	\$ 9,144.00
Total	\$ 24,422.45
Needed	\$ 17,869.00
Year to Date Total	\$ 515,433.27



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Sat, 22 Feb

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and Trivia starts at 7:00 p.m.

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