THE ORATORY OF SAINTS



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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 (<u>www.stlouislatinmass.com</u>), 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 pm
- Saturday: 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
- Monday: Vespers @ 6 pm; Compline @ 6:30 pm
- Tuesday & Thursday: Compline @ 6:30 pm
- Wednesday: Vespers @ 6 pm; 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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- Online Giving: <u>https://www.osvhub.com/st-louis-latin-mass</u>

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teach and admonish us about the ways of the Messiah. The Lord will eventually ascend to glory and take His rightful place at the right hand of the Father. But as He goes, the Lord does not leave us bereft or alone to continue our pilgrim journey. We receive from Him the Holy Spirit who when He comes will teach us all truth. How profoundly beautiful to contemplate and remember that truth is not decided by me personally, nor by committee; rather, truth comes from God for God is truth and in His love for us He teaches us truth. In this way our foundation is firm and sure. Moreover, it is upon this firm foundation that we are able to build the fortress of our souls to withstand the persecution of the world and to embrace the joy of the cross. So too, the reality of Holy Mother Church and the work she accomplishes is efficacious because of the gift of the Holy Spirit. Consequently, we must use the time to make ourselves pliable in the hands of the Holy Spirit. The perfect model from whom we can learn is the Blessed Mother. She is the spouse of the Holy Spirit and is easily moved by His promptings. As she has instructed us on how to respond to her Son, she will likewise teach us how to be receptive to the Holy Spirit. As we continue to contemplate the glories of the Resurrection let us rejoice in the new life gained for us upon the cross and prepare our hearts for the coming of the Holy Spirit!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, 18 May:

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

Monday, 19 May:

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

Tuesday, 20 May:

- Compline @ 6:30 pm
- Choir practice @ 7:00 pm •

Wednesday, 21 May:

- Holy Hour/Confessions @ 5:00 pm
- Vespers @ 6:00 pm •
- Compline @ 6:30 pm

Thursday, 22 May:

Compline @ 6:30 pm

Friday, 23 May:

Hacker/Stewart Wedding Rehearsal @ 4:00 pm

Saturday, 24 May:

- Moss Baptism @ 10:00 am
- Hacker/Stewart Wedding @ 3:00 pm •

PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE 2025

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 Hayes 07/06-07/13 Schuette 07/13-07/20 Filla 07/20-07/27 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 saalexa@sbcglobal.net

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, 19 May - St. Peter Celestine 6:30 am: Jan & Stan Miller (d) 12:15 pm: Michelle Whitrock (d)

Tuesday, 20 May - St. Bernardine of Siena 6:30 am: Fr. John Deken (d) 12:15 pm: Mark Mueller

Wednesday, 21 May - Feria in Paschaltide 6:30 am: Fr. John Deken (d) 12:15 pm: Phillip & Cynthia Cooper (d)

Thursday, 22 May - Feria in Paschaltide

6:30 am: Virginia Layton (d) 12:15 pm: Mueller Family

Friday, 23 May - Feria in Paschaltide

6:30 am: Fr. John Deken (d) 12:15 pm: Robert Breaux (d)

Saturday, 24 May – Our Lady 8:15 am: Maryann Daub (d)

Sunday, 25 May – 5th Sunday after Easter 6:30 am: Diane Nemeth (d) 8:00 am: Katherine & Gary Stewart 10:00 am: Rev. Msgr. C. Eugene Morris

NEW CONFESSIONAL LIGHTS

The two confessionals in Church now have lights indicating when the priest is present and when the confessional itself is available. The light for the priest is a white light at the top of the confessional where the priest sits. The penitent's light is only on one side of each of the two confessionals. When the light is green it is free; when the light is red it is occupied. Please only approach the side of the confessional that has a light indicating its availability. Going forward, the unlit side of each confessional **will not** be operative. A special word of gratitude is extended to Michael McMahon for agreeing to oversee this project to its completion. The Oratory is grateful for his generosity and ingenuity.

PRIESTHOOD ORDINATION

On Wednesday, 28 May 2025 @ 10:00 am, Rev. Mr. Steven Kalinowski will be ordained to the sacred and holy priesthood for the Priestly Fraternity of Saint Peter at Saint Peter's Church in Lincoln, Nebraska. Deacon Kalinowski has been studying at the Fraternity seminary in Denton, Nebraska, Our Lady of Guadalupe, and is a parishioner of the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine. His parents, Robert and Barbara Kalinowski, and sisters, Anna and Kristin Kalinowski, are also parishioners of the Oratory. The Oratory is grateful to have played a small part in supporting Deacon Kalinowski's vocation to the priesthood. So too, we are grateful for his generous service at the altar for Holy Mass and for calling the Oratory his home.

The newly ordained Fr. Kalinowski will celebrate a **Mass of Thanksgiving here at the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine on Sunday, 1 June 2025 @ 10:00 am.** Everyone is encouraged to attend Holy Mass and to greet the newly ordained priest. When a priest celebrates his First Mass after ordination, it is an opportunity for the faithful in attendance to gain a plenary indulgence if all the usual conditions are met. Holy Mother Church updated this tradition by granting a plenary indulgence to all first Masses the priest celebrates. The additional first Masses are sometimes called Masses of Thanksgiving.

Fr. Kalinowski will offer his first priestly blessing at the conclusion of Holy Mass at the St. Joseph altar rail. Although not a plenary indulgence, an additional grace may be gained from receiving the first blessing of a newly ordained priest. First blessings are customarily given when first Masses are celebrated, but they may be given up to a full year after ordination.

Following Holy Mass and First Blessings, cake and soft drinks will be served in the Oratory Piazza (white tent area). All of the faithful are encouraged to attend.

IN THANKSGIVING

A profound word of gratitude to everyone who assisted in making our celebration of Lent, the Sacred Triduum and Easter Sunday truly beautiful gifts of praise to God. For all those who assisted in veiling our statues and preparing the Altar of Repose; for the musicians, men and women's scholas and the choir; for the servers, Masters of Ceremony; the Head Sacristan and those who assisted him; the sacred ministers who assisted as deacon and subdeacon; for those who helped clean the Church and the Knights of Columbus for their work as ushers. May God reward your generosity!

FIRST CONFESSION

On Saturday, 12 April 2025, 19 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.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

While this is several months away, to allow the faithful of the Oratory to plan accordingly, the Oratory will again implement the summer schedule. Beginning on Tuesday, 1 July 2025 and concluding on Thursday, 14 August 2025 the Oratory will have one daily Holy Mass at 12:15 pm with Confessions at 11:00 am. The Saturday and Sunday schedules will remain the same. The offices hours during this time will be Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am until 2:30 pm. The offices will be closed on Fridays. In order to assist the priests and the staff, please do not anticipate any parish business on Fridays. These scheduling changes allow the priests of the Oratory to take vacation and more importantly to make their canonical retreats. So too, the changed office hours will allow our dedicated staff time for vacation. As we move closer to the month of July, more information will be provided.

THE COMMUNION RAIL

In recent weeks there have been several incidents where the faithful have fallen from the communion rail after receiving Holy Communion. The severity of the injuries has varied, but sadly this has occurred far too often. I would ask everyone to be attentive to the step up AND down at the communion rail. Please be aware of those with any mobility issues and assist them if no ushers are present. If you bring someone new to the Oratory for Holy Mass, please remind them of the step at the communion rail or if you see someone struggling, please assist them. If the community is more cognizant of this at the time of communion it is hoped that the accidents can cease. Please pray for those who have fallen, especially for a swift recovery from their injuries.

BULLETIN ADS

Bob Swagman from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com. He can be reached at: 636-346-2058 (call/text) or RSwagman@4lpi.com

CHANT CAMP

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish (in Saint Charles county) is hosting a weeklong Chant Camp for elementary and high school students. We are pleased to have the instruction of

Mr. Jeffrey Wisniewski, Director of Music at Kendrick-Glennon Seminary, and his wife Wendy. The camp will run from 16 – 20 June, with a cost of \$60 per student (family discount available). Please find more information and registration at ChantCampSTL.com.

BIRTHRIGHT FATHER'S DAY CARDS

Birthright of Hillsboro has provided us with Father's Day cards. Please feel free to take as many as you need for the mothers in your life. For more than 40 years, Birthright of Hillsboro has offered free, confidential help to the mothers in our community. They need funds to continue the work of ministering to pregnant mothers, easing the burdens of those faced with an unexpected pregnancy, pledge funds toward rent and utilities and helping provide the essentials for children under the age of 3. Please consider supporting Birthright as you honor the special fathers in your life this Father's Day. Please also consider donating to their ministry.

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE

The Oratory's communication committee is looking to expand to better meet the needs of our growing community. If you are interested in joining the committee and are comfortable working with social media, photo and video, or if you are interested in learning more, please email Msgr. Morris at rector@oratorysga.org.

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@oratorysga.org.

WHAT ARE STOLE FEES?

It is customary in the Catholic Church for the provision of the clergy to offer "stole fees," at baptisms, weddings, funerals, or the blessing of homes. These stipends form a part of the compensation for the clergy. Most priests don't want to sound greedy or ungrateful, so stole fees are not often mentioned or taught about, but because people are not aware of them, the faithful usually find it helpful to learn that they do exist (and that the priests are grateful for your generosity!).

These fees are *not* obligatory but are given as a sign of appreciation and support for the clergy's work. The Catholic Church emphasizes that these fees should not be seen as payment for sacraments, which are free gifts of God. The clergy at the Oratory are particularly keen to make clear that no one who asks for a sacrament will ever be denied for lack of a stole fee.

In our archdiocese, there are suggested amounts that people usually give, and that information will be shared with you by the office when the event is scheduled. Thank you!

ORATORY PILGRIMAGE

Throughout history, the Church's faithful have taken Jubilee years to make pilgrimages to Rome in order to visit the major

basilicas, walk through the Holy Doors, and gain the Jubilee Indulgence. Msgr. Morris will be leading a Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome October 6th-16th, 2025. The fully-guided pilgrimage will include daily Latin Mass, time for prayer, and an itinerary of some of Rome's greatest sites, as well as a few hidden treasures. There is also a day trip to Monte Cassino. For more information, please see the flyers in the magazine holders at each of the church entryways or email Anna Kalinowski at auxiliatrix@oratorysga.org.

JUBILEE YEAR INFORMATION

The Jubilee Year of 2025, (24 December 2024 through 6 January 2026), offers the faithful many opportunities to obtain the Jubilee Indulgence. Local designated pilgrimage sites are as follows: The Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis (New Cathedral), The Basilica of St. Louis, King of France (Old Cathedral), Holy Spirit Adoration Sisters (St. Louis), The Carmel of St. Joseph (St. Louis), St. Mary's of the Barrens National Shrine of the Miraculous Medal (Perryville), Monastery of St. Clare (St. Louis), Passionist Nuns of St. Louis (Ellisville), Immaculate Heart of Mary (New Melle), Immaculate Conception (Union).

For more information about the Jubilee Year and how to receive an indulgence, please see the flyers on the bulletin board in the church vestibule. For more information: https://www.archstl.org/2025jubileeyear/

POLYHYMNIA CHORAL SUMMER CAMP

Polyhymnia is having a choir camp for children ages 10-17, July 7-11 from 9am-1pm at Little Flower Church (1264 Arch Terrace, Richmond Heights 63117). \$40 per singer, discounts for

additional siblings. The children will be divided by grade and or skill level. We will have sections of Music History, Group vocal coaching and the choice of individual lessons, group chant and choral practice. Please visit BIT.LY/STLCAMP website (all caps) for more details or contact parishioner Cathy Saccente at catsaccente@gmail.com.

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.**

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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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 2nd and 4th 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.

NEW FAMILIES for APRIL (alphabetical order)

A warm welcome to our new parishioners!

- Dakota Davis
- Justin Gionet
- James Jasper
- The Morrisette Family ~ Michael & Mary Kate
- Reed Parrish
- Thomas Tucker
- Andrew Turnquist
- Jarrett Walker

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

In your charity, please pray for the following members of the Oratory who are ill: Damien Bruening, son of Aurora Miller; Petra Felicity Cheaney, daughter of Michael & Jaime; Jeanmarie DeCoster; Mary Gleckler, mother of Cathy Saccente and Mary Nelson; Hannah Green, daughter of Nicholas & Julie Green; Donna Hagan; Lena Henry, daughter of Toni & Mickey Henry; Shane Kiser, husband of Maggie Kiser; Dotty Kuhlmann, mother of Donna Mueller; Mary McMahan; Michael Norfleet, son of Marsha Norfleet; Elizabeth Ryan; Patrick Schneider; Sylvester Soldinie; Lara Trudell, daughter of Sharon and Jim Alexander; and Renee Weidner.

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

- Daniel Burke
- Frederick Robert "Bob" Duplantier, father of Isabel Kenney
- John Isadore Ilya Mendel, son of Joe & Mary Mendel; nephew of Sharon Leonard
- Francis James Mooney, brother of James Mooney
- Clare Therese O'Toole, daughter of Brian & Bailey
 O'Toole

- Claudia Lee vonSydow
- Ruth Wilke, sister of Robert Schuette

USHERS' SCHEDULE

Sunday, 18 May

6:30 am Ben Schubert*, Evan Adair

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

10:00 am Robert Morgan*, Gabe Jones, Jesse Hermann, Charlie Raymond

Sunday, 25 May

6:30 am Jim Alexander*, Chris Bauman

- 8:00 am Kenny Buyle*, Kip Babington, Terry Conway, Ken Catalano
- **10:00 am** Gabe Jones*, Jesse Hermann, Charlie Raymond, Joe Gassiraro

Sunday, 1 June

- 6:30 am Bill Saccente*, Evan Adair
- 8:00 am Kip Babington*, Terry Conway, Sam Ashlock, Greg Rheinheimer
- **10:00 am** Jesse Hermann*, Charlie Raymond, Joe Gassiraro, Tom Gates

Sunday, 8 June

6:30 am Chris Bauman*, Bill Saccente

8:00 am Terry Conway*, Sam Ashlock, Greg Rheinheimer, Michael Nelson

10:00 am Joe Gassiraro*, Tom Gates, John Simmons, Brandon Roberts

Date	Time	MC at High Mass /	Thurifer	Acolyte 1	Acolyte 2
		Acolyte at Low Mass			
18 May 2025	6:30	Jack Ryan			
	8:00	Leo Grizzle			
	10:00	Michael Rennier	Anthony Green	Jude Kelly	Scott Fowler
25 May 2025	6:30	Michael Norfleet			
	8:00	Castor Armesto			
	10:00	Salvatore Saccente	Michael Blum	Charles Fowler	Theodore Grizzle

+ Altar Server Schedule: May - June 2025 +

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6:30	Jack Ryan								
8:00	Leo Grizzle								
10:00	Sebastian Petrick	Elijah Robeson		Benedict Armesto		Sean Kenney			
First Friday / First Saturday									
6:30 pm	Michael Rennier	Elijah Robeson	Augustine Rennier		Hea	Heath Cheaney			
8:15 am	Michael Rheinheimer	Castor Armesto	Benedict Armesto S		Sila	Silas Buyle			
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WELLSPRING OF TRADITION

St. Bede the Venerable (One of our Oratory Patrons; Feast Day 27 May)

Historian and Doctor of the Church, born 672 or 673; died 735. In the last chapter of his great work on the "Ecclesiastical History of the English People" Bede has told us something of his own life, and it is, practically speaking, all that we know. His words, written in 731, when death was not far off, not only show a simplicity and piety characteristic of the man, but they throw a light on the composition of the work through which he is best remembered by the world at large. He writes:

Thus much concerning the ecclesiastical history of Britain, and especially of the race of the English, I, Baeda, a servant of Christ and a priest of the monastery of the blessed apostles St. Peter and St. Paul, which is at Wearmouth and at Jarrow (in Northumberland), have with the Lord's help composed so far as I could gather it either from ancient documents or from the traditions of the elders, or from my own knowledge. I was born in the territory of the said monastery, and at the age of seven I was, by the care of my relations, given to the most reverend Abbot Benedict [St. Benedict Biscop], and afterwards to Ceolfrid, to be educated. From that time I have spent the whole of my life within that monastery, devoting all my pains to the study of the Scriptures, and amid the observance of monastic discipline and the daily charge of singing in the Church, it has been ever my delight to learn or teach or write. In my nineteenth year I was admitted to the diaconate, in my thirtieth to the priesthood, both by the hands of the most reverend Bishop John [St. John of Beverley], and at the bidding of Abbot Ceolfrid. From the time of my admission to the priesthood to my present fifty-ninth year, I have endeavored for my own use and that of my brethren, to make brief notes upon the holy Scripture, either out of the works of the venerable Fathers or in conformity with their meaning and interpretation.

After this Bede inserts a list or *Indiculus*, of his previous writings and finally concludes his great work with the following words: And I pray thee, loving Jesus, that as Thou hast graciously given me to drink in with delight the words of Thy knowledge, so Thou wouldst mercifully grant me to attain one day to Thee, the fountain of all wisdom and to appear forever before Thy face.

It is plain from Bede's letter to Bishop Egbert that the historian occasionally visited his friends for a few days, away from his own monastery of Jarrow, but with such rare exceptions his life seems to have been one peaceful round of study and prayer passed in the midst of his own community. How much he was beloved by them is made manifest by the touching account of the saint's last sickness and death left us by Cuthbert, one of his disciples. Their studious pursuits were not given up on account of his illness and they read aloud by his bedside, but constantly the reading was interrupted by their tears. "I can with truth declare", writes Cuthbert of his beloved master, "that I never saw with my eyes or heard with my ears anyone return thanks so unceasingly to the living God." Even on the day of his death (the vigil of the Ascension, 735) the saint was still busy dictating a translation of the Gospel of St. John. In the evening the boy Wilbert, who was writing it, said to him: "There is still one sentence, dear master, which is not written down." And when this had been supplied, and the boy had told him it was finished, "Thou hast spoken truth", Bede answered, "it is finished. Take my head in thy hands for it much delights me to sit opposite any holy place where I used to pray, that so sitting I may call upon my Father." And thus upon the floor of his cell singing, "Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost" and the rest, he peacefully breathed his last breath. (*from Catholic Encyclopedia*)

~ 05/11/2025 ~						
Weekly Collection Total	\$ 8,157.25					
Online Giving	\$ 7,294.00					
Total	\$ 15,451.25					
Needed	\$ 17,869.00					
Year to Date Total	\$ 761,575.47					

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



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