

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

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

Confession

- 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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FROM THE RECTOR

The beauty of the mysteries of Christ and their lived expression in the life of Holy Mother the Church is that we are never able to exhaust them. We are able to contemplate for lifetimes the blessing given to us through the redemptive work of Christ and in all those lifetimes we would never exhaust the well-spring of mercy, love, and holiness into which we have been invited by Christ. Today's celebration of the Most Holy Trinity places before us the central, foundational mystery of our Catholic lives: the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost from whom all goodness comes and this same Trinity of persons to whom we all desire to return. In Her wisdom and love, our Mother, the Church provokes our hearts and minds to a contemplation of the Trinity immediately after celebrating the descent of the Holy Ghost on Pentecost. Abbot Rupert, writing in the twelfth century, beautifully expresses this wonderful relationship: ***"As soon as we have celebrated the coming of the Holy Ghost, we hail in song the feast of the Holy Trinity, the following Sunday, a well-chosen place in the calendar, for immediately after the descent of the Holy Spirit, preaching and conversion began and faith through baptism and confession in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost."*** How blessed to have revealed to us this perfect communion of persons. Let us also be mindful of the great responsibility bestowed upon us at our own baptisms into this blessed communion to go and preach, teach and baptize in name of the Triune God. So too, let us work to live peacefully with one another recognizing that our call to community is not rooted in good social order, but rather in the mystery of the communion that is the Holy Trinity. Take time this week to revisit the Sacred Scripture from today's Holy Mass and strive to enter more deeply into this great and august Mystery!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, 15 June: Father's Day

- **NO COFFEE HOUR**
- Prime @ 7:20 am
- Terce @ 9:40 am
- Vespers @ 2:30 pm

Monday, 16 June:

- Vespers @ 6:00 pm
- Compline @ 6:30 pm

Tuesday, 17 June:

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

Wednesday, 18 June:

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

Thursday, 19 June:

- Compline @ 6:30 pm

Friday, 20 June:

- No Events Scheduled

Saturday, 21 June:

- First Holy Communion @ 8:15 am Holy Mass

PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE 2025

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
07/27-08/03 D'Cunha	08/-03-08/10 Schenk
08/10-08/17 Stolarski	08/17-08/24 Henry
08/24-08/31 Santschi	08/31-09/07 Kiser
09/07-09/14 Agnew	09/14-09/21 Buyle

09/21-09/28 Lejedal	09/28-10/05 Grizzle
10/05-10/12 Turntine	10/12-10/19 Haulard
10/19-10/26 Kelly	10/26-11/02 Jones

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, 16 June – ***Our Lady of Mt. Carmel/Feria***

6:30 am: Regina Portnoy
12:15 pm: Alexander & Rita Okwuashi (d)

Tuesday, 17 June – ***Feria***

6:30 am: Don & Mary Taddich (d)
12:15 pm: Alexander & Rita Okwuashi (d)

Wednesday, 18 June – ***St. Ephraem***

6:30 am: Barbara Tindell (d)
12:15 pm: Alexander & Rita Okwuashi (d)

Thursday, 19 June – ***Corpus Christi***

6:30 am: Alexander & Rita Okwuashi (d)
12:15 pm: The Mueller Family

Friday, 20 June – ***Octave of Corpus Christi***

6:30 am: Gus & Zita Otto (d)
12:15 pm: Alexander & Rita Okwuashi (d)

Saturday, 21 June – ***Octave of Corpus Christi***

8:15 am: Alexander & Rita Okwuashi (d)

Sunday, 22 June – ***2nd Sunday after Pentecost/External Solemnity of Corpus Christi***

6:30 am: Pro populo
8:00 am: Alexander & Rita Okwuashi (d)
10:00 am: Nicholas Kalinowski

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Dear Msgr. Morris, Fr. Rennie, Fr. Linus, and the entire Oratory Family,

Words cannot express my gratitude to all of you! You have been with me on my journey to the holy altar of God these past seven years of my seminary formation at Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary in Nebraska. It was a supreme honor to offer Holy Mass at the Oratory on Sunday, 1 June, and what a homecoming you all put on for me! A special thanks to all of the clergy, ministers, altar servers, sacristans, knights, members of the girls' guild, musicians, and all who helped to make the Mass so beautiful. Thanks too, to those who put on the reception outside. I hope to see you all each time I visit St. Louis for many years to come. I am a loyal Missourian, and the St. Louis area will always be my home. May God bless you all.

-Father Kalinowski, FSSP

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IN THANKSGIVING

A profound word of gratitude to everyone who assisted at Fr. Steven Kalinowski's First Mass on Sunday, 1 June. Father Kalinowski was deeply moved by all who came to unite their prayers with him at his first Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in his native Archdiocese. Many expressed their admiration for the special solemnity added by the music, the procession in which our Knights of Columbus and Guilds were represented, and the beautiful altar decorations (flowers and a new antependium of Portuguese tapestry fabric lovingly made by members of our Altar and Rosary Society). Thank you also to our photographer, Mrs. Kiera Petrick who helped to capture many beautiful moments of this occasion. And finally, thank you to our hospitality team for putting on a wonderful reception for the faithful to enjoy.

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SUNDAY CONFESSIONS

Please note: Msgr. Witt has been sick and unable to join us on Sundays for Confessions. We are suspending confessions on Sunday until further notice. We plan on announcing a new schedule after the Feast of the Assumption. As a reminder, we have confessions Monday-Friday from 11am until noon; Wednesday from 5pm until 6pm; and on Saturday from 7am until 8am. Please keep Msgr. Witt in your prayers.

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NEW GUIDE BOOK/DIRECTORY

The 2025 directory is in process. If you do NOT want your phone number or address published in the upcoming directory please email the parish office no later than 23 June 2025: office@oratorysga.org. Unless we are notified in writing that you do not want your information published we will proceed in publishing the information that we have on file. Also, if you have moved recently and have not notified us of your address change – please email the office prior to 23 June. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

WEDDING BANNES

There is a promise of marriage between:

II ~ William Hannegan & Bernadette Rutherford

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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. Deadline to register is 8 July 2025. For more information visit the website: www.canterburypilgrimages.com/tour/9040.

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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.

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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 Monday, 30 June 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 during the entire summer. 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.

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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.

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TRANSCEND CATHOLIC FAMILY RETREAT 2025

July 25-27, 2024 (deadline: July 10) @ Corpus Christi Priory, Springfield, IL

The Transcend Catholic Family Retreat is a weekend of spiritual renewal, family bonding, and fun! This retreat is designed to help your family elevate its focus towards Heaven by examining how we live day-to-day.

Enjoy age-specific activities, engaging talks, Holy Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation, and much more. Connect with like-minded families and religious leaders, discovering new ways to grow in your faith. Don't miss this opportunity to unplug from the secular world and reconnect with what truly matters.

Mark your calendars and stay tuned for registration details. We can't wait to see you there! For More Information: tinyurl.com/TranscendRetreat2025

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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

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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!

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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/>

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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](https://bit.ly/STLCAMP) website (all caps) for more details or contact parishioner Cathy Saccente at catsaccente@gmail.com.

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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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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 Sauk 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

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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 MAY (alphabetical order)

A warm welcome to our new parishioners!

- Samuel Gerbic
- The Mackivitch Family ~ Stephen & Tami, Gavin, Walter, Harvey, Oakley, and Archer
- Aria Thome

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
- Marsha Dames, niece of Mary Schuette
- Frederick Robert "Bob" Duplantier, father of Isabel Kenney
Theresa Hernandez, sister of Mary Schuette
- William H. Kuhlmann, uncle of Donna Mueller
- John Isadore Ilya Mendel, son of Joe & Mary Mendel;
nephew of Sharon Leonard
- Clare Therese O'Toole, daughter of Brian & Bailey O'Toole

USHERS' SCHEDULE

Sunday, 15 June (Father's Day)

6:30 am Evan Adair*, Ben Schubert

8:00 am Sam Ashlock*, Greg Rheinheimer, Michael Nelson, Jeff Martin

10:00 am Tom Gates*, John Simmons, Brandon Roberts, Mark Scheer

Sunday, 22 June

6:30 am Jim Alexander*, Chris Bauman

8:00 am Greg Rheinheimer*, Michael Nelson, Jeff Martin, Kenny Buyle

10:00 am John Simmons*, Brandon Roberts, Mark Scheer, Robert Morgan

Sunday, 29 June

6:30 am Bill Saccente*, Ben Schubert

8:00 am Michael Nelson*, Jeff Martin, Kenny Buyle, Ken Catalano

10:00 am Brandon Roberts*, Mark Scheer, Robert Morgan, Gabe Jones

~ 06/08/2025 ~

Weekly Collection Total	\$ 8,076.29
Online Giving	\$ 10,041.00
Total	\$ 18,117.29
Needed	\$ 17,869.00
Year to Date Total	\$ 833,400.40

+ Altar Server Schedule: June 2025 +

Date	Time	MC at High Mass / Acolyte at Low Mass	Thurifer	Acolyte 1	Acolyte 2
15 June 2025	6:30	Jack Ryan			
	8:00	Benedict Armesto			
	10:00	Michael Rheinheimer	Peter Blum	Cabhan Ten Eyck	Willam Hayes
22 June 2025	6:30	Michael Norfleet			
	8:00	Matthew Rheinheimer			
	10:00	Joseph Blum	Isaac Robeson	Levi Garvey	George Blaxton
29 June 2025	6:30	Jack Ryan			
	8:00	Joseph Blum			
	10:00	Salvatore Saccente	Matthew Rheinheimer	Thomas Koschmeder	Leo Grizzle

WELLSPRING OF TRADITION - The Feast of Corpus Christi

The feast of Corpus Christi is not an ancient one. It was first celebrated in 1247 in the diocese of Liege (in today's Belgium), at the urgent plea of an Augustinian Prioress, St. Juliana of Mont Cornillon (1193-1258). From her youth she had a recurring vision of the moon that was full and beautiful, but marked by a black spot that signified that there was no joyous celebration of the Eucharist in the otherwise complete Church calendar. She began sharing her vision and prevailing upon local clergy and their superiors to inaugurate the celebration of the feast. Her efforts enjoyed limited success, in varying degrees, over the next several decades as the politics of Church and state in Germany were altered by the relationship of the emperor and the papacy. In 1261, the former Archdeacon of Liege and a friend of St. Juliana was elected Pope Urban IV. She appealed again to him to make the feast a universal one.

Then in 1263, her efforts received a boost when Peter of Prague, a German priest, during a pilgrimage to Rome, stopped at the Church of St. Christina in Bolsena to offer Mass. Although a holy and devout man, he had doubts about the Real Presence. These doubts were completely resolved when the Host he consecrated during that Mass began to bleed. He rushed to meet Pope Urban IV in Orvieto, bringing the Host with him. The Duomo (Cathedral) of Orvieto commemorates the miracle and houses the blood stained corporal that Peter of Prague used. The following year, Pope Urban extended the feast to the universal Church. However, he died shortly thereafter and it was not until Clement V re-published Urban's decree in 1311 that the feast really took hold.

St. Juliana composed the first office for the original celebration of the feast in the diocese of Liege with the aid of a monk named John, and much of it is still preserved. This office was rooted more in devotional and theological texts, stressing the emotional value of the enduring presence of Christ in the Eucharist. The Cistercians found this too simple and emotional, and composed another office. In Germany, several rhyming offices were developed. Although still debated by some, it was likely St Thomas Aquinas (1225—1274) who arranged a Roman office between 1261 and 1263 for a special celebration of the feast in Orvieto in 1264, around the time when Urban IV extended the feast to the universal church in view of his impending death. Sometime after he died, a new Roman office was composed. After much debate during the 20c, most scholars now accept that St. Thomas was the author of this office. This formulary, drawing heavily on themes St. Thomas develops in his famous sermon *Homo quidam fecit cenam magnam*, contains some of the finest liturgical texts ever written, and is the source of the texts we still use today for this feast. They remained—almost singularly—unscathed during the horrendous devastation of Urban VIII's humanistic demolition of the Office hymns. And even Bugnini's butchers left much of it intact in creating the new Divine Office for the Liturgia Horarum (Liturgy of the Hours). To have survived both of these iconoclastic periods of liturgical havoc is powerful testimony to the quality of St. Thomas's texts and the high regard in which they are held.

As anyone familiar with the enduring formulary will know, St. Thomas relied on sacred scripture, and especially the psalms, in composing his texts. He has magnificently expressed the jubilant character of the day, especially in his famous hymns, and of these most notably in *Sacris Solemniis*, which is chanted at Matins and often sung during the procession:

Sacris solemniis juncta sint gaudia,
Et ex praecordiis sonent praeconia;
Recedant vetera, nova sint omnia,
Corda, voces, et opera.

*Great is the festive day, joyful and jubilant,
Let us with loving hearts offer the song of praise;
Freed from the sinful past, may we renew in grace
All our thoughts and words and deeds.*

The fifth stanza of "Sacris Solemniis," beginning *Panis Angelicus* (Bread of Angels), usually accompanied by its doxology, *Te Trina Deitas*, has been used for centuries as a separate hymn in honor of the Blessed Sacrament. It is known and cherished widely among Christians of many denominations. Besides the superb chant melody, musical settings include those of Cesar Franck (1890), of the French Jesuit Louis Lambillotte (1855), and the powerful four-part setting usually ascribed to C. Casiolini—but which should be more correctly credited to Jacopo Tomadini (1883).

At 1st and 2nd Vespers of the feast we find the most well known hymn by St. Thomas, *Pange Lingua Gloriosi Corporis Mysterium* (Praise, O tongue, the mystery of the glorious Body). Its last two stanzas, *Tantum Ergo* and the doxolog *Genitori* are sung the world over at Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The best known and most beautiful musical setting of this hymn has remained the Gregorian chant melody (Mode III) in the *Antiphonale Romanum*.

For Lauds, St. Thomas wrote the hymn *Verbum Supernum Prodiens* (The Divine Word coming forth). Pius Parsch remarked in his famous liturgical commentary that the famous composer of Latin hymns, Jean-Baptiste de Santeul, (+1697) said he would give everything he ever wrote to be the author of this hymn. As with the other hymns above, the penultimate stanza plus the doxology has become another Benediction standard:

O salutaris hostia,
Quae caeli pandis ostium,
Bella praemunt hostilia:
Da robur, fer auxilium.

O saving host, O bread of life,
Thou goal of rest from pain and strife,
Embattled are we, poor and weak:
Grant us the strength and help we seek.

Many of the antiphons for the feast have become famous as well. O *Sacrum Convivium*, from 2nd Vespers, has long been a favourite of composers, and is the prayer prescribed in the *Rituale Romanum* to be prayed when the Blessed Sacrament is returned to the tabernacle after Holy Communion has been distributed.

Our Lady of Walsingham, intercede for us who have recourse to thee!

Ss. Gregory and Augustine, pray for us!

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