

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.stlouislatinmass.com](http://www.stlouislatinmass.com)), the bulletin is your point of contact with the ever-increasing activities at the Oratory. I hope this will give you some sense of the grace of God, the love of Jesus Christ, and work of the Holy Spirit in our midst. I am delighted that God has brought you here! *Oremus pro invicem!*

—The Very Reverend Monsignor C. Eugene Morris, Rector

### MASS AND SACRAMENTS

#### Sunday Masses

- 6:30 am (Low Mass)
- 8:00 am (Low Mass)
- 10:00 am (High Mass)

#### Weekday Masses

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

#### Confession

- Sunday: 7:30 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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> 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

Our response to God must always be immediate and prompt without any doubt or hesitation. Unlike the Protestants who believe this election happens once, our faith requires us to choose every day, every moment. To live rightly in the sight of God requires vigilance, tenacity, and perseverance. Once called by God, we then go forth and witness to His truth by the manner in which we live our lives. This is the model provided for us as we contemplate the life of St. Matthew, whom we celebrate today. St. Matthew is called by the Lord and immediately abandons his customs post and follows after Our Savior. Moreover, his Gospel clearly witnesses to the truth of Jesus Christ as Messianic fulfillment calling all of us to confidence in the promise of God the Father now filled in Christ His Son. As is often expressed, the world and age in which we live is hostile to the truths of the faith. Society has gone beyond indifference and apathy and now expresses open hatred to Christ and to Holy Mother Church. This is not the time to cower in fear, but instead to boldly respond to the one who offered His life to set us free. Like, St. Matthew, we must give testimony to how the Lord works in our lives for the benefit of the those who do not yet believe and to make manifest our gratitude for the gifts and graces we have received. Let our minds and hearts meditate on the wisdom of God and our tongues and actions speak His judgment! (Psalm 36)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Sunday, 21 September:

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

### Monday, 22 September:

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

### Tuesday, 23 September:

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

### Wednesday, 24 September:

- Adoration/Confessions @ 5:00 pm
- Vespers @ 6:00 pm
- Girls' Guild Dance @ 6:00 pm
- Compline @ 6:30 pm

### Thursday, 25 September:

- Compline @ 6:30 pm

### Friday, 26 September:

- No Events Scheduled

### Saturday, 27 September:

- Cox Baptism @ 10:00 am

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## PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE 2025-2026

09/07-09/14 Agnew	09/14-09/21 Buyle
09/21-09/28 Leljedal	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

11/02-11/09 Holman	11/09-11/16 Carapella
11/16-11/23 Cook	11/23-11/30 Hayward
11/30-12/07 Joseph	12/07-12/14 Blum
12/14-12/21 Wisniewski	12/21-12/28 Catalano
12/28-01/04 Kenney	01/04-01/11 Raymond
01/11-01/18 Hayes	01/18-01/25 Schuette
01/25-02/01 Filla	02/01-02/08 Petrick

Drop off and pick up the statue in the vestibule (back of church). Place the statue bag on the floor under one of the pews. To join or to quit the schedule contact Sharon Alexander [saalexa@sbcglobal.net](mailto:saalexa@sbcglobal.net)

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, 22 September – *St. Thomas of Villanova*

6:30 am: Paul Jerome Knapp (d)  
12:15 pm: George & Cecilia Doyle (d)

### Tuesday, 23 September – *St. Linus*

6:30 am: Robert Adams (d)  
12:15 pm: Piotr Kurts (d)

### Wednesday, 24 September – *Our Lady of Ransom*

6:30 am: Anthony J. Buescher (d)  
12:15 pm: Dr. & Mrs. Smyth (d)

### Thursday, 25 September – *Feria*

6:30 am: Josephine Karhoff (d)  
12:15 pm: Carmen Iglecias

### Friday, 26 September – *Ss. Cyprian & Justin*

6:30 am: G. K. Chesterton (d)  
12:15 pm: Deceased Members, Kozlowski Family

### Saturday, 27 September – *Ss. Cosmas & Damian*

8:15 am: John Mendel (d)

### Sunday, 28 September – *16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

6:30 am: Pro populo  
8:00 am: John Mendel (d)  
10:00 am: Mimika Nusrala (d)

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## St. Matthew (15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

21 September 2025

### VOCATIONS: PART II

I am grateful for the continued response of our young people to consecrated religious life. In your charity, please pray for Mary Grace DiCarlo of The Community of the Lamb who entered her postulancy 14 September 2025, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross. What a beautiful day on which to make this generous and loving sacrifice of giving her life to God.

Also, Cameron Toal, who has already spent a year with the Institute of Christ the King, Sovereign Priest, is beginning his studies for the priesthood this coming month in Italy. He appreciates the generosity that the Oratory faithful have already shown him and is grateful for any contributions that can be made. Any donor would simply need to specify that their contributions go towards the seminary fees for Cameron Toal. The men in formation bare the primary responsibility for their financial well-being during their studies. Cameron has provided the following addresses for donations and for correspondence if you would like to write or visit him.

#### **For donations:**

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### SISTER MARIA VERONICA

On Tuesday, 5 August 2025, a member of the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine received her habit and entered the novitiate for the Filiae Laboris Mariae sisters in Fort Scott, Kansas. Erin Losin, now Sr. Maria Veronica, will spend the next two years as a novice for her order before being admitted to profession of vows. Several members of our Oratory were present for her investiture and were privileged to witness this step in her religious life.

Sr. Maria Veronica is one of several young people from the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine to enter religious life: Br. Peter Mary of the Cross (Colton Marks), Br. Macarius of Jesus Christ Crucified (Donald Mueller) and Nicholas Kalinowski have all entered the Carmelite Hermits in Pennsylvania. Mary Hampton Hayden entered the Carmelite Sisters in Pennsylvania. Cameron Toal has entered the Institute of Christ the King, Sovereign Priest and will begin studies in Italy this coming Fall. It is a great blessing for us to have these people praying for our community.

There are other young people in our community contemplating consecrated religious life and the

priesthood. Their generosity in responding to God's call is a reflection of the power of Tradition and a testament to the community that helped to form them. Let us pray for these young people that they will persevere; let us ask the Lord to raise up more vocations from our Oratory; let us thank God for the blessings bestowed upon us.

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### PART-TIME OR FULL-TIME NANNY NEEDED:

Michael & Isabella Kenney are expecting a baby boy this coming November. The family is needing a nanny for when Isabella goes back to work in late December/early January. She will be transitioning to either going to the office part-time, or working from home full-time. They live within walking distance from the Oratory.

Care would be for 1 infant. Female 18+ preferred.

To inquire, please message Isabella at (913) 832-3805.

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### NEW CONFESSION SCHEDULE

The Oratory returned to the availability of Confessions on Sunday mornings (effective 7 September 2025). Confessions will be heard from 7:30 until 9:00 am (approximately) and again from 9:15 am until 10:30 am. This new schedule will allow the priests celebrating the two early Holy Masses to be available for confession. So too, when Msgr. Witt hopefully returns to us, he will be able to assist as well. There will be some Sundays that will need to be adjusted because only two priests will be celebrating Holy Masses that day. Signs will indicate those Sundays as they happen. Please remember that confessions are heard Monday - Friday at 11:00 am; Wednesdays at 5:00 pm; and Saturday mornings at 7:00 am. Finally, please continue to pray for Msgr. Witt as he works toward a full recovery.

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### ADULTS SEEKING THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

We welcome those interested in becoming Catholic. To get started in that process within the OSGA community, please email one of our priests for an introductory meeting. Their contacts are available in the bulletin. After this, candidates for Initiation at the Oratory will be directed to complete a registration form with our Administrator.

Catechism classes are held in the St Joseph Room (rectory basement) generally on a bi-monthly basis, the second and fourth Wednesdays from 4-5PM.

The content surrounds a set of topics central to Catholic teaching, as set forth by Msgr. Morris. Deacon Pieper moderates most meetings through a questions and answer format and hopes to promote sincere dialogue with the candidates regarding those topics and/or related questions. The intent is to communicate Christ and His Church. Sacraments are offered on an individual basis, on a rolling schedule throughout the year, after mutual discernment by the candidate, our deacon and priests.

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**THE MARIAN CATECHIST APOSTOLATE HOME STUDY COURSE**

Pope John Paul II asked St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta to catechize the Missionaries of Charity and prepare them to not only care for the poor but also to evangelize them. Mother Teresa depended on Servant of God Father John Hardon, S.J. to prepare a program for the Sisters that eventually became the Marian Catechist Apostolate home study course. Cardinal Burke assumed leadership of the Apostolate at Fr. Hardon's request. The mission of the Marian Catechist Apostolate is to form catechists doctrinally and spiritually for the teaching of the Catholic Faith. This four-part home study course is both challenging and rewarding. The course was designed to be done independently, but study groups are available. Information on the Marian Catechist Apostolate is available in the front vestibule or at <https://mariancatechist.com/>. Please contact Pam Fichter for more information or to join a local study group at [pamf319@gmail.com](mailto:pamf319@gmail.com).

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**SCHOOL OF MARY**

You are invited to take part in a unique educational opportunity offered by the Filiae Laboris Mariae!

**Coming Soon!** This fall the Sisters will be teaching more online classes. See below or email them [SchoolofMarywithFLM@gmail.com](mailto:SchoolofMarywithFLM@gmail.com) for more information. More information can also be found on their website and to register for classes: <https://www.schoolofmaryfilm.org/>.

**Moral Theology:** A course for adults ages 18+ on Thursdays from 7:00-8:00 pm.

**The Sacraments:** A course for youth ages 11-14 on Wednesdays from 3:30-4:15 pm.

**The Four Last Things:** A course for youth ages 15-18 on Tuesdays from 3:30-4:15 pm.

Taking these classes is a great way to learn, to meet other like-minded Catholics, and to support the Sisters! Registration is now open! Note for high school students / minors: Please provide parent contact information (i.e. email address) when registering.

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**RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION**

For those in our community who are new to the Traditional Latin Mass, when you approach the altar rail for holy communion it is the custom to begin filling in the altar rail at the far right near St. Joseph's altar and fill in the rail until its end at the Marian altar. This practice is not impacted by which side of the Church you happen to be seated. You are allowed, and encouraged, to switch sides in order to keep the communion line moving. This is particularly important when there are two sacred ministers distributing Holy Communion. So too, do not overly delay approaching the rail waiting for others to return to their pews. If everyone moves with attention to

what is happening, there should be a flow of movement between those departing the altar rail and those approaching the altar rail. Also, for daily Holy Mass: please kneel at the rail only where the houseling cloth has been prepared for communion. Please keep in mind that we should not keep the Lord waiting but moving with grace and deliberation to the altar rail to receive our Eucharistic Lord.

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**THE COMMUNION RAIL**

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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**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://stlouislatinmass.com/about-us/homilies>.

Fr. Rennier:

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

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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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**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.

# St. Matthew (15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

21 September 2025

## NEW FAMILIES for AUGUST (alphabetical order)

A warm welcome to our new parishioners!

- The Campbell Family ~ Ryan & Gigi, Beau, and Jamie
- Monica-Elese Daos
- The Henry Family ~ Carter & Grace, and William
- The Higa Family ~ Nicholas & Sofia, Sebastian, Cassian, Damian, Alphonsus, and Francis
- Darin Kruzich
- Ryan Rombach
- The Silver Family ~ Joseph & Audra, and Louis
- Greta VanDamme

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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 or visit: <https://www.archstl.org/2025jubileeyear/>

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## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

In your charity, please pray for the following members of the Oratory who are ill: Mary Jane Bolte; Petra Felicity Cheaney, daughter of Michael & Jaime; Jeanmarie DeCoster; Donna Hagan; Shane Kiser, husband of Maggie Kiser; Dotty Kuhlmann, mother of Donna Mueller; Mary McMahan; Donna Mueller; Michael Norfleet, son of Marsha Norfleet; Elizabeth Ryan; Mary Joseph Schenk, daughter of Nicholas & Elaine; Patrick Schneider; Sylvester Soldinie; Caleb & Sheila Ten Eyck; Lara Trudell, daughter of Sharon and Jim Alexander; Renee Weidner; and Msgr. Witt.

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## PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

- Sherree Conoyer, niece of Mary Schuette
- Marsha Dames, niece of Mary Schuette
- Theresa Hernandez, sister of Mary Schuette

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## USHERS’ SCHEDULE

### Sunday, 21 September

**6:30 am** Jim Alexander\*, Ben Schubert

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

**10:00 am** Jesse Hermann\*, Charlie Raymond, Patrick Kelly, John Simmons

### Sunday, 28 September

**6:30 am** Chris Bauman\*, Brayden Bauman

**8:00 am** Michael Nelson\*, Jeff Martin, Kenny Buyle, Kip Babington

**10:00 am** Charlie Raymond\*, Patrick Kelly, John Simmons, Gabe Jones

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## + Altar Server Schedule: September 2025 +

Date	Time	MC at High Mass / Acolyte at Low Mass	Thurifer	Acolyte 1	Acolyte 2
21 September 2025	6:30	Jack Ryan			
	8:00	Leo Grizzle			
	10:00	Philip Petrick	Joseph Noble	Charles Fowler	Silas Buyle
28 September 2025	6:30	Ben Schubert			
	8:00	Peter Blum			
	10:00	Sebastian Petrick	Paul Keys	Raymond Buyle	Cabhan Ten Eyck

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**WELLSPRING OF TRADITION: THE GLORIOUS CROSS (PART II)**

St. John's gospel makes it clear that our Divine Lord's being lifted up on the wood of the cross is really the occasion of the ultimate manifestation of his glory. At Vespers we sing that fact in the marvelous poetry of St. Venantius Fortunatus in his great hymn, *Vexilla regis*. He uses a string of images to reflect the multi-faceted reality of the cross. He calls it a brilliant and beautiful tree, adorned with the royal purple. The branches of that chosen tree bear the price of the world's salvation. It is the altar whose victim is the Life that has taken away death and restored life by his own dying. It is our only hope.

But, as the cross is His glory, so too it must be ours. We can't shirk that. St. Andrew of Crete has a beautiful homily that reminds us that Christ is raised up on the cross in order to draw all of us to himself. In fact, we need to embrace the cross if we are to be drawn to Him and raised up with him. Our Lady provides the outstanding example for us, as we celebrate her unique role in her Son's passion on the following day. The Invitatory antiphon at the start of the day sets the tone, as it invites us to adore the Saviour of the world who made His mother an associate in His passion. Then the many verses of the hymn *Stabat Mater* wind their way through the Hours, reiterating in detail Mary's suffering united to her Son's. Again, the challenge is laid out for us to join our own sufferings with those of her and her divine Son.

All that is easy to say, easy to pray. Much harder to actually do it. It may be useful to recall that it wasn't easy for Jesus or Mary either. In the final moments before His passion began, Jesus prayed for the whole business to go away: Let this cup pass me by. But He surrendered himself to the will of the Father: *fiat voluntas tua*. Mary struggled valiantly with the pain and sorrow of the Cross, despite having been warned by Simeon in the Temple that a sword would pierce her very soul. Pope John Paul II, in his encyclical letter *Redemptoris Mater*, comments on this: 'While this announcement on the one hand confirms [Mary's] faith in the accomplishment of the divine promises of salvation, on the other hand it also reveals to her that she will have to live her obedience of faith in suffering, at the side of the suffering Saviour, and that her motherhood will be mysterious and sorrowful.' As any mother can tell you, the vocation of motherhood inevitably entails suffering. A mother feels deeply all the hurts, pains, disappointments, trials, and tribulations of her children. What transforms this into salvific suffering is doing it in 'the obedience of faith as the side of the suffering Saviour,' he concludes.

Whether or not we are called to the vocation of motherhood or fatherhood, we are all called to embrace whatever suffering God sends us as part of our road to salvation. God is not a sadist, nor are we to be massochists. Suffering is a result of original sin and is not something good that we seek. We are challenged to make good use of suffering as a way to better understand ourselves and our relationship to God. Again, Our Lady's example can show the way here. It was increasingly clear as Jesus's public ministry progressed that He was on a road that would lead to Jerusalem and conflict with the authorities. Being a good Jewish mother, Mary certainly didn't relish the idea of her Son having to face that. But after heeding her request at Cana, the gospels tell us He ignored her efforts to influence His mission. As He had warned her when she and St. Joseph found Him in the Temple at age 12, He had to be about His Father's business. She accepted that and took on her share of His mission, standing by His cross to the end. The feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross bids us to do the same.

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~ 09/14/2025 ~	
Weekly Collection Total	\$ 9,255.96
Online Giving	\$ 7,692.26
Total	\$ 16,948.22
Needed	\$ 16,800.00
Year to Date Total	\$ 190,490.37

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Ss. Gregory and Augustine, pray for us!***



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