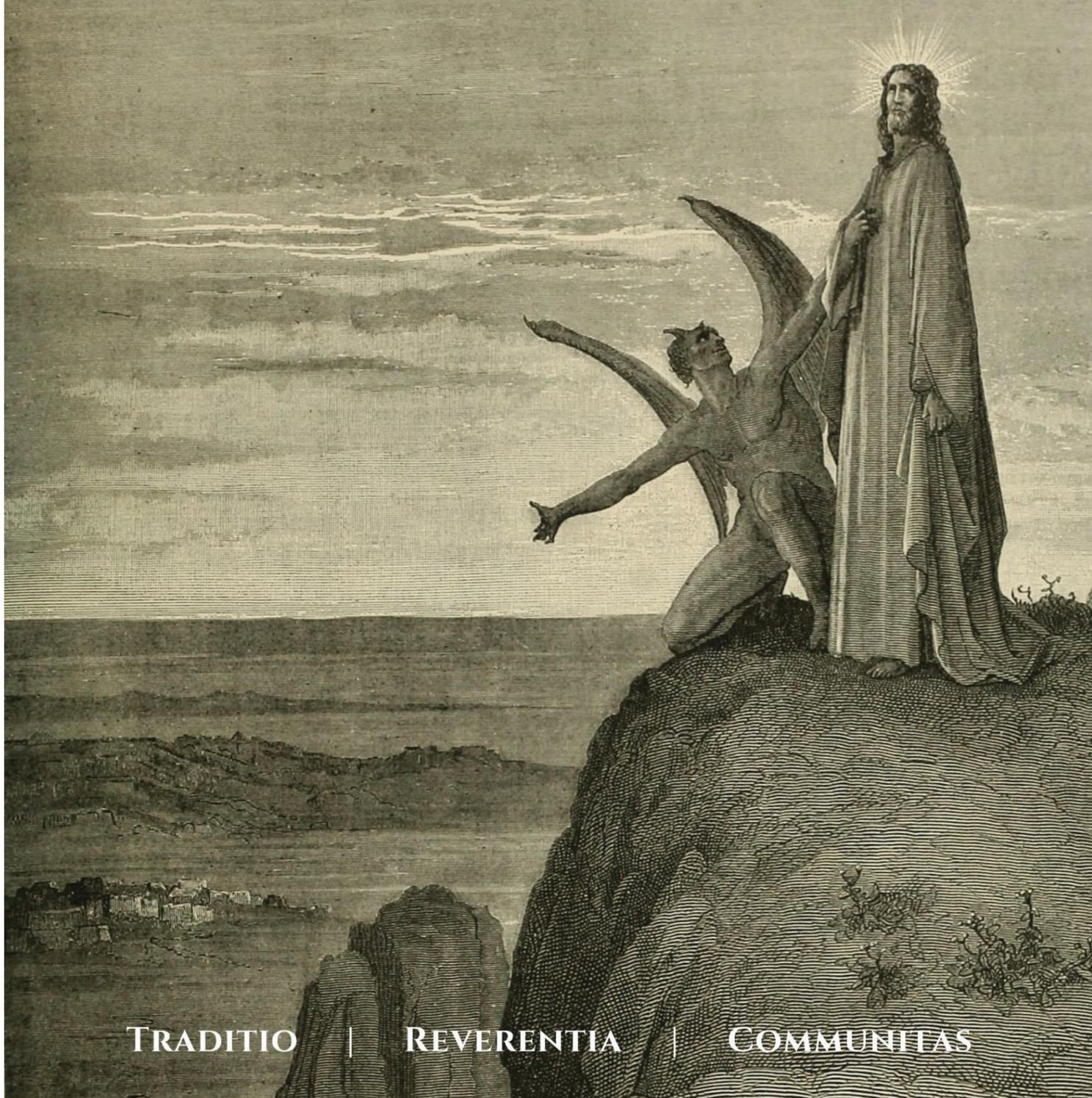


THE ORATORY OF SAINTS
GREGORY & AUGUSTINE



TRADITIO

REVERENTIA

COMMUNITAS

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), 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

Adoration

- Wednesday: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
- First Friday: 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm (starting 2/6/26)

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 Transfiguration of the Lord on Mount Tabor provides the apostles with further evidence of who He is and what He has come to accomplish. Flanked by Moses and Elijah, Our Lord is the fulfillment of the law and the prophets and through His obedience to the Father makes it possible for all men to enter into the promised land. Most importantly, Jesus is the beloved Son in whom the Father is well pleased. Fulfilling the law and the prophetic tradition is not enough in the well spring of mercy brought forth from the Father through the Son. The restoration that Christ brings to us on the Cross elevates us to adopted children loved by a merciful Father and a generous and obedient brother. The contemplation of the life to come and the glories of heaven should be daily thought activities lest we get lulled into believing that this earth and our place in it is the only thing that matters. In truth, as St. Augustine reminds us, our citizenship is not here on earth, but in heaven. The road to heaven, to our fulfillment begins here and now by obedience, fidelity and perseverance. What we are required to do is follow our brother in His obedience, to joyfully carry our crosses. The glories of new life are set before us for contemplation precisely to serve as an exhortation to continue to be strong, be constant, remain steadfast. Through our fidelity to our Lenten disciplines, let us pray for the strength to do well that which we have been commanded to do!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, 2 March:

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

Tuesday, 3 March:

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

Wednesday, 4 March:

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

Thursday, 5 March:

- Compline @ 6:30 pm

Friday, 6 March: First Friday

- **OFFICE CLOSED**
- **NO STATIONS of the CROSS today**
- Eucharistic Adoration: 1-6 pm
- Confessions @ 5:00 pm
- Holy Mass @ 6:30 pm
- Vita Communis @ 7:30 pm

Saturday, 7 March:

- Corbalis Baptism @ 11:00 am

Sunday, 8 March:

- Prime @ 7:20 am
- Confessions @ 7:30 am
- Terce @ 9:40 am
- Coffee Hour @ 11:30 am
- McMahan Baptism @ 11:45 am
- Vespers @ 2:30 pm

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PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE 2026

02/22-03/01 Stolarski	03/01-03/08 Henry
03/08-03/15 Santschi	03/15-03/22 Kiser
03/22-03/29 Agnew	03/29-04/05 Buyle
04/05-04/12 Leljedal	04/12-04/19 Grizzle
04/19-04/26 Turntine	04/26-05/03 Haulard

05/03-05/10 Kelly

05/17-05/24 Holman

05/10-05/17 Jones

05/24-05/31 Carapella

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, 2 March – *Feria*

6:30 am: Poor Souls in Purgatory
12:15 pm: Jacob Benedick

Tuesday, 3 March – *Feria*

6:30 am: Sr. Robin Nordyke
12:15 pm: Hugh Warnick (d)

Wednesday, 4 March – *St. Casimir*

6:30 am: John Mendel (d)
12:15 pm: Donna Harris

Thursday, 5 March – *Feria*

6:30 am: Deb & Les Lexow
12:15 pm: Sue Cole (d)

Friday, 6 March – *Ss. Perpetua & Felicity*

6:30 am: Pro Populo
12:15 pm: Robert E. Anthony (d)
6:30 pm: Betty Warnick (d)

Saturday, 7 March – *St. Thomas Aquinas*

8:15 am: Gerald Saykes (d)

Sunday, 8 March – *3rd Sunday of Lent*

6:30 am: Pro Populo
8:00 am: Melba Wilmarth (d)
10:00 am: The Horan Family

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~ 02/22/2026 ~	
Weekly Collection Total	\$ 12,908.79
Online Giving	\$ 14,290.19
Total	\$ 27,198.98
Needed	\$ 16,800.00
Year to Date Total	\$ 650,799.69

Second Sunday of Lent

1 March 2026

BLESSING OF ITEMS: NEW PROCEDURE

Going forward, the blessings of religious items will take place after the 8:00 am Holy Mass at St. Joseph Altar. This will happen on the Second Sunday of each month. In this way, items can be blessed and retrieved in a more timely manner. This process will replace bringing items to the rectory to be blessed. **ALL ITEMS TO BE BLESSED MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE ST. JOSEPH ALTAR ON THE 2ND SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH BEFORE HOLY MASS.** Those who desire to have items blessed should bring them to the St. Joseph Altar before the 8:00 am Holy Mass with their names clearly marked on the items to be blessed. These items should be left on the St. Joseph Altar. If there are a large number of items, they can be placed around the altar but should not impede the distribution of Holy Communion. Two blessings will be given: one for rosaries and one for all other items grouped together. There is no need to take items from their packaging. **This new process began Sunday, 8 February 2026, therefore the rectory is no longer accepting items to be blessed (as of 9 February).**

OPEN HOUSE

Chesterton Academy of St. Louis is hosting an Open House on Wednesday, 4 March from 6:30pm-8:30pm. Join them for tours, a presentation, and Q&A. Families of 5th-7th graders are welcome. Chesterton is located at 12934 Marine Avenue, 63146. More information is available on their website: <https://chestertonacademystl.org/>.

FEAST OF ST. GREGORY

Please join the Oratory community on the feast of our holy patron St. Gregory the Great, 12 March, for Solemn High Mass at 12:15 pm followed by veneration of a first-class relic. A light reception will then take place in the St. Joseph Room. All are encouraged to attend.

SAINT JOSEPH'S DAY BLESSING

On Wednesday, 19 March we will celebrate the Feast of Saint Joseph. As tradition allows, we will bless bread on that day after the celebration of the 12:15 pm Holy Mass. There will be bread available and you are encouraged to bring your own bread to be blessed that day.

ALTAR OF REPOSE PATRONAGE OPPORTUNITY

As many of our faithful know, it is our fond custom here at the Oratory to lavish our Maundy Thursday Altar of Repose with candles, flowers, precious fabrics, and other treasures. In this, we follow the churches of Rome who maintain this custom to this day and who vie with one another in friendly rivalry. Because we strive each year to add a little more to our visible pledge of our love for the Eucharist, we will be adding several enhancements to the altar decorations this year. To see how things turn out, come for adoration on Thursday, 2 April, from 7 pm until midnight.

If you would like to be one of just a few patrons of this holy artistic endeavor, please consider taking one of the below offered slots:

\$100 - *Good Thief Patron* (10 slots available): Cover the cost of polishing, replating, and updating our brass candelabra.

\$200 - *Five Holy Wounds Patron* (5 slots available): Cover the cost of flowers.

\$500 - *Magdelene Patron* (1 slot available): Cover the cost of the thirty-foot floral garland used to frame the altar.

Patronages may be in your name or in honor of a loved one, living or deceased, and will be published in the Easter Flower Giving bulletin page. To inquire about a patronage please email auxiliatrix@oratorysga.org.

BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD

On Holy Saturday, 4 April, promptly at 9:00 am, the traditional blessing of Easter Baskets will take place in the church. All families are encouraged to bring samples of their Easter feast in a decorated basket to be blessed. There will be a designated table set up at the front of the church for baskets. The blessing will take fifteen minutes. Families should stay in the church to witness the blessing. Upon completion of the blessing, families should take their baskets back home. **NOTE: Due to the extensive duties of all church staff and clergy on this day, baskets left behind at the blessing will not be returned. Be sure to re-claim your basket immediately upon the conclusion of the blessing.** More information on the blessing of Easter food may be found in the *Wellspring of Tradition* article in a future bulletin.

CALLING POTENTIAL CANTORS!

The Cantores Sancti Ludovici, who provide Gregorian Chant at the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine, are looking to add 2-4 men to join as cantors in our Schola. If you have some experience singing in a choir, or believe yourself capable of learning and you are interested in joining, please reach out to Precentor Kevin Murphy at schola@oratorysga.org to schedule an audition and learn more.

FSSP VISIT: DONATIONS WELCOME AND APPRECIATED

Dear Faithful,

I am excited to announce that the seminarians of Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary (FSSP) will be making a trip to St. Louis over April 25-28. Over 60 traditional seminarians and priests will come to St. Louis for a few days of touring before they buckle down for the last push through their semester. The seminary has reached out to our Oratory to coordinate some shared events, such as liturgies and receptions where our faithful may have the chance to meet the seminarians. Please follow the bulletin for future announcements about this visit.

If you would like to make a donation to the Oratory to offset our expenses to cover the seminarians' meals, etc. please write FSSP in the memo line of your check and drop it in the collection basket or mail it the rectory. You can make an online donation under the "FSSP visit" fund; donations are tax deductible.

<https://www.osvhub.com/st-louis-latin-mass/giving/funds>

Peace in Christ, Msgr. Morris

Second Sunday of Lent

1 March 2026

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated on the Fridays of Lent after the conclusion of the 12:15 pm Holy Mass. **We will not have Stations of the Cross on 6 March due to Adoration.**

OFFICE OF TENEBRAE

“Tenebrae” is the name given to the service of Matins and Lauds belonging to the last three days of Holy Week and normatively anticipated the evening before. These services are marked by a somber and sober, nearly mournful praying of the Divine Office. The structure of the office is sparse, reflecting the seriousness of these sacred days and the sadness that should accompany all of us because Christ our Savior suffered for our sins.

The Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine will have the opportunity to pray Tenebrae on the following evenings:

- **Wednesday, 1 April @ 9:00 pm – Tenebrae of Holy Thursday**
- **Thursday, 2 April @ 9:00 pm – Tenebrae of Good Friday**
- **Friday, 3 April @ 9:00 pm – Tenebrae of Holy Saturday**

This is a solemn and profound way to enter more deeply into the Sacred Triduum and the Paschal Mystery which has brought us our salvation.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday @ 5:00 PM; Good Friday @ 3:00 PM; and Holy Saturday @ 2:00 PM.

HOLY WEEK/EASTER WEEK

As we move closer to the celebration of the holiest days of the liturgical year, please mark your calendars regarding the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass during Holy Week and the Octave of Easter. **HOLY WEEK:** The Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week, Holy Mass will only be celebrated at 12:15 pm. In order to accommodate those wanting to go to confession, they will begin at 10:30 am and go until 12 Noon. **OCTAVE OF EASTER:** The Oratory will celebrate High Mass every day during the Octave of Easter. Everyone is encouraged to attend to truly celebrate well the Resurrection of Our Savior. The schedule will be as follows: (Monday – Friday) Holy Mass will only be celebrated at 12:15 pm with the normal time of 11:00 am for confessions.

EASTER VIGIL CELEBRATION

The Oratory would like to invite all members to join us in celebrating the Resurrection of the Lord at a picnic feast immediately following the Easter Vigil liturgy on Saturday, 4 April 2026. The celebration will be held at McMahan Field (directly across the street from the Church on Dale Avenue). We invite you to enjoy burgers, barbecue, and most importantly fellowship. Please bring lawn chairs for your family and a side or dessert and your drink of choice but don't let empty hands prevent you from joining us. We look forward to seeing you there!

THOUGHTS ON PASSIONTIDE VEILING

From the Gospel of Passion Sunday (John 8 46:59): “They took up stones therefore to cast at Him: but Jesus hid

Himself and went out of the temple.” This reminds us of the humiliation to which Our Lord subjected Himself in hiding from the Pharisees. If the Master’s glory is eclipsed, it is but right that the servants (the statues of Our Lady and the Saints) also be so. Thus, they are veiled.

Furthermore, the veiling increases the breathtaking suspense of the great mysteries by carrying on that progressive stripping that takes place in Septuagesima and Lent. In Septuagesima, flowers are no longer used. In Passiontide, the relics are taken away and the statues hidden. Finally, after the Liturgy of Holy Thursday, the altars themselves (except the altar of repose) are stripped bare to show the desolation of Good Friday.

The crucifixes are unveiled on Good Friday beautifully highlighting the primacy of the Cross for our salvation. Good Friday is the climax, even the crown jewel of the Sacred Triduum. The rest of the statues are unveiled at the Easter Vigil during the Gloria liturgically manifesting the joy of Heaven that has been won for us only through the Cross of Christ and His Crucifixion. **(Thank you for these reflections to Anna Kalinowski, Auxiliatrix of the Oratory.)**

SOCIAL ENGAGEMENTS DURING LENT FOR THE RECTOR

In years past, I have found it spiritually profitable to limit my social engagements during the Lenten season and will do so for this Lenten season as well. Obviously, I am available to the faithful for spiritual counseling and matters related to faith but will limit social engagements and dinners until after the Octave of Easter. **If you do need to contact me for any reason, please do not hesitate to email or call.** I look forward to visiting, blessing homes, and other opportunities for us to socialize together after the completion of the great Lenten retreat.

EASTER FLOWERS

Easter flower envelopes are available in the pews for all who wish to honor a deceased loved one by donating. The names of loved ones included on the envelopes will be shared in an upcoming bulletin. Thank you and may God reward your generosity.

FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

It has long been a desire of mine as rector to have more Eucharistic Adoration at the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine. Our hope is that Adoration will take place every First Friday afternoon going forward to honor the Sacred Heart of Jesus. As a reminder: faithful are needed to adopt an hour of adoration to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never left alone. To sign up for an hour, please email Anthony Jones at events@oratorysga.org

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.

Second Sunday of Lent

1 March 2026

Catechism classes are held in the St Joseph Room (rectory basement) generally on a bi-monthly basis on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 4:00-5:15 pm.

The content surrounds a set of topics central to Catholic teaching, as set forth by Msgr. Morris. Deacon Pieper moderates most meetings through a question 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.

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 are 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.

NEW FAMILIES for FEBRUARY (alphabetical order)

A warm welcome to our new parishioners!

- The Bateman Family ~ Rob & Kathryn, Saoirse, Lilly, and Joey
- Christopher Borro
- Basil Damukaitis
- Ken Hinton
- Kim Perry

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

In your charity, please pray for the following members of the Oratory who are ill: Mary Jane Bolte; Amanda Camarillo, daughter of Gregory & Nancy Latham; Heath Cheaney, son of Michael & Jaime; Jeanmarie DeCoster; Donna Hagan; Dotty Kuhlmann, mother of Donna Mueller; Mary McMahan; Kim Morgan; 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.

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

- Robert Anthony, father of Jeanmarie DeCoster
- Sheryl Ann Gibbs, wife of Jeff Gibbs
- Andrew Richard "Andy" Gilfoil, brother of Joe Gilfoil
- Shane Kiser, husband of Maggie Kiser
- Joan Rita Short, aunt and godmother of Gregory Latham

USHERS' SCHEDULE

Sunday, 1 March

- 6:30 am** Ben Schubert*, Jeff Logullo
8:00 am Kenny Buyle*, Terry Conway, Ken Catalano, Sam Ashlock
10:00 am Mark Scheer*, Zach Morley, Robert Morgan, Cory Conway

Sunday, 8 March

- 6:30 am** Brayden Bauman*, Chris Bauman
8:00 am Terry Conway*, Sam Ashlock, Ken Catalano, Greg Rheinheimer
10:00 am Zach Morley*, Robert Morgan, Cory Conway, Jesse Hermann

Sunday, 15 March

- 6:30 am** Evan Adair*, Jim Alexander
8:00 am Sam Ashlock*, Greg Rheinheimer, Ken Catalano, Kip Babington
10:00 am Robert Morgan*, Cory Conway, Jesse Hermann, Charlie Raymond

BULLETIN COVER: Temptation of Jesus – From Gustave Doré's Bible Engravings

+ Altar Server Schedule: March 2026 +

Date	Time	MC at High Mass / Acolyte at Low Mass	Thurifer	Acolyte 1	Acolyte 2
1 March 2026	6:30	Michael Norfleet			
	8:00	Matthew Rheinheimer			
	10:00	Castor Armesto	Michael RENNIER	Benedict Armesto	Scott Fowler
8 March 2026	6:30	Jack Ryan			
	8:00	Castor Armesto			
	10:00	Joseph Noble	Michael Blum	William Hayes	Theodore Grizzle
15 March 2026	6:30	Ben Schubert			
	8:00	Michael Blum			
	10:00	John Morgan	Anthony Green	George Blaxton	John Paul Sinak

FIRST FRIDAY/FIRST SATURDAY

6 March 2026	6:30 pm	Peter Blum	Anthony Green	Kolbe Grizzle	Dominic Green
7 March 2026	8:15 am	Sebastian Petrick	Paul Keys	Silas Buyle	Scott Fowler

WELLSPRING OF TRADITION: ANOTHER LENT – HOW WILL I SPEND IT?

The liturgical seasons seem to come around more quickly with each passing year. It’s time once again when our churches are stripped of flowers, their altars and their ministers are vested in purple, and musical instrumentation is banished, creating something of a barren landscape, calling us to spend time in the desert. In some ways, the bleak and sombre tone of the season inside our churches is a fitting companion for the bleak weather outside that curtails some of our external distractions. We are left to confront the austere texts and solemn chants head-on, and challenged to let them penetrate the defenses and the barriers we maintain to our innermost selves.

I find myself asking what my expectations are for this holy season of Lent, and what I plan to do about them. I am all too keenly aware of my own sins and failings; their name is legion. So will I make some great leap forward to overcome one of them this Lent? Realistically, that’s unlikely in this lifetime. I can, however, identify some particular areas of improvement and take some positive steps in that direction. It’s both encouraging and consoling that Holy Mother Church recognizes a need to repeat the clarion call of the prophet Joel we hear on Ash Wednesday and each morning at Terce, urging me to return to the Lord with my whole heart. I certainly need to hear it again, and make a renewed effort to let it take root in me when I hear it this year. In response, I can try to make the words of Psalm 50 reflect my sincere desire to confess my sins and accept the willing spirit of repentance that God offers me. I can try to hear with fresh ears the words of St Paul at Lauds that NOW is the acceptable time and day of salvation. And for all the times I have heard those words and not let them take root in me, I can ask forgiveness and try again to realise their impact in how I live each day of this Lent.

We have all known since childhood that fasting, prayer, and almsgiving are the bedrock of Lenten practices. And the liturgy reminds us continuously throughout the season that the three go hand in hand. By reducing or eliminating some good things that fill my life, I have more room in my life to sense a hunger for the ultimate good: God himself. Carving out time for prayer then affords me an opportunity to sense the presence of that ultimate good in the course of my daily activities. By removing the many distractions of daily life in a time of silence, I’m more likely to let God push me beyond the boundaries I’ve set for my relationship with Him. And from reducing my sense of pleasure and well-being found in material things and taking time to appreciate the universal presence of God, I can come to better appreciate how much more I can and should share with others. Like fasting and prayer, almsgiving affirms my connection with others in the Mystical Body of Christ, and helps to deepen my own self-awareness, which is an essential element of the dying to self to which Lent calls us.

There is another benefit of the three traditional Lenten practices that, although perhaps not so often noted, is fundamental: they disrupt the comfort of our routine. That in turn requires us to be more conscious of the choices we make and their consequences. Making less comfortable choices—or even difficult ones— goes hand in hand with the life changes that a deeper living of our faith must entail. Embracing the cross was not Our Lord’s preferred choice, as His prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane makes clear. But if He must drink the cup that the Father presents, then He will drink it to the dregs, as the Psalmist says. He ends His popular public ministry and accepts the way of the cross. I all too often find myself shirking away from that choice to surrender my own will. Lent is a special time to sharpen my awareness of my decision making when confronted by temptation. As the Gospel on the first Sunday of Lent reminds us, the Spirit drove Jesus into the desert for 40 days. It is there, in fasting and prayer, that he finds strength to overcome the devil’s temptations. Only after that time does Our Lord begin his public mission of evangelizing. That might well serve as a model for us, who are called to evangelize in His name now.

As a consolation, the prayers and chants of the Lenten liturgy make it clear that I am not alone in my Lenten struggles. The Church wisely has all of us pray together daily for the grace of a good Lent, and reminds us that the ultimate goal is not mere self-improvement here and now, but life with God for all eternity. Two verses in the middle of the great hymn *Audi benigne Conditor* that we sing at Vespers are a good example of that:

Multum quidem peccavimus,	Our sins are many, this we know;
sed parce confitentibus,	spare us, good Lord, Thy mercy
tuique laude nominis	show;
confer medelam languidis.	and for the honor of Thy name
	our fainting souls to life reclaim.

Sic corpus extra conteri	
dona per abstinentiam,	Give us self-control that springs
ieiunet ut mens sobria	from discipline of outward things,
a labe prorsus criminum.	that fasting inward secretly
	the soul may purely dwell with Thee.

God has granted me the grace to live through another Lent. As the Lenten collects so often pray, I ask the grace to make good use of it to find renewed energy and strength to persevere to the celebration of a joyous Easter.

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



FEAST OF ST. GREGORY, OUR PATRON 12 MARCH

12:15 P.M. SOLEMN MASS FOLLOWED BY RELIC VENERATION

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