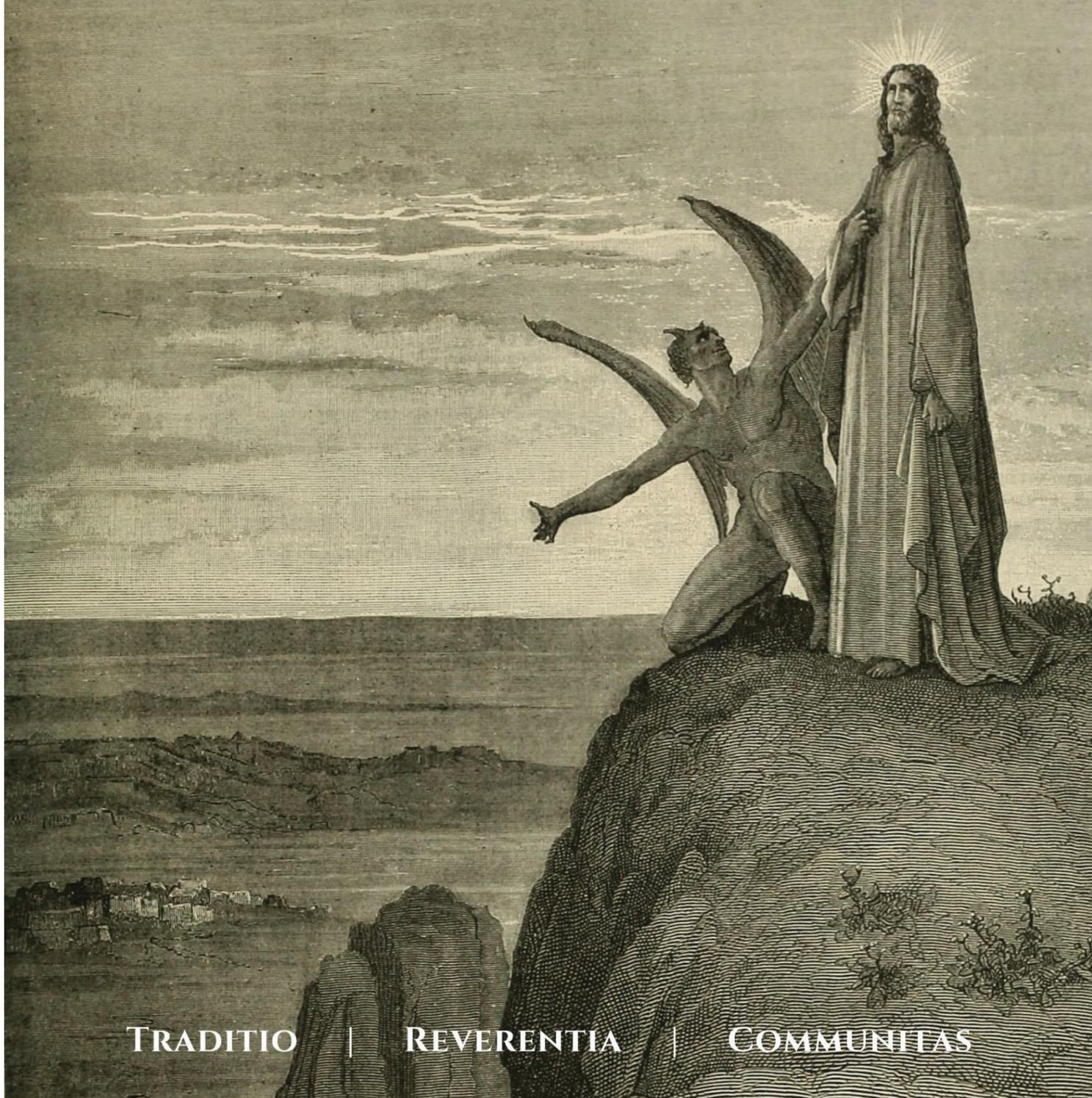


THE ORATORY OF SAINTS
GREGORY & AUGUSTINE



TRADITIO

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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

Christ conquers Satan! That declarative statement should be the only motivation needed to continue our fidelity to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We have undertaken our Lenten disciplines in order to make ourselves empty that Christ might fill us up. We are sinners and at times feel powerless to overcome our faults and failings. This is what Satan wants us to believe, that we are not strong enough to overcome sin and put on the new man who is Christ. Satan is the father of lies and distracts us from the truth of grace. While grace is God’s free gift to us, we are still required to cooperate with that grace. Lent makes it easier for us to work with the Lord instead of giving into temptation and sin which sets us against the Triune God. Meditating constantly on the Lord’s victory over Satan reminds us of the truth: Christ is always the Victor over sin and death. Since we are believers in this truth, it must translate into a firm conviction that I too can share in this victory if I remain faithful and stay with the Lord. The over reliance upon the psychological with no recourse to the spiritual has rendered modern man weak and ineffective. We are all victims of something which excuses us from the responsibility of our spiritual lives. Struggle is real along with heartache and sacrifice. So too, there are experiences that render us helpless. What remains constant, in any and all situations, is that our recourse must always be to God. So, it is true that I am sinner; it is also true that Christ is the conqueror of sin and death. Prepare yourself to share in His victory by joyfully making sacrifices. Remain with the Lord by dying to sin and becoming alive in Christ!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, 9 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, 10 March:

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

Wednesday, 11 March:

- Adult Catechesis Class @ 4:00 pm
- Holy Hour/Confessions @ 5:00 pm
- Vespers @ 6:00 pm
- Compline @ 6:30 pm

Thursday, 12 March:

- **St. Gregory Relic Veneration & Reception following 12:15 pm Holy Mass**
- Compline @ 6:30 pm
- Knights of Columbus Holy Hour @ 7:00 pm

Friday, 13 March:

- Stations of the Cross @ 1:15 pm

Saturday, 14 March:

- Bateman Baptism @ 10:00 am

Sunday, 15 March:

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

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PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE 2026

02/08-02/15 D’Cunha	02/15-02/22 Alexander
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	05/10-05/17 Jones
05/17-05/24 Holman	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, 9 March – **St. Francis of Rome**

- 6:30 am: Eugene Sloan (d)
- 12:15 pm: Matthew Schnur

Tuesday, 10 March – **The Forty Holy Martyrs**

- 6:30 am: Br. Macarius of Jesus Christ Crucified
- 12:15 pm: John R. Kuhlmann, III

Wednesday, 11 March – **Feria**

- 6:30 am: John Mendel (d)
- 12:15 pm: Rosalie Cenni

Thursday, 12 March – **St. Gregory the Great**

- 6:30 am: Jim Griffin (d)
- 12:15 pm: The Horan Family

Friday, 13 March – **Feria**

- 6:30 am: Margaret Klunk
- 12:15 pm: John J. Bultas (d)

Saturday, 14 March – **Feria**

- 8:15 am: John Mendel (d)

Sunday, 15 March – **4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)**

- 6:30 am: Pro Populo
- 8:00 am: Edward R. Martin (d)
- 10:00 am: Donna Harris

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~ 03/01/2026 ~	
Weekly Collection Total	\$ 9,088.72
Online Giving	\$ 14,387.95
Total	\$ 23,476.67
Needed	\$ 16,800.00
Year to Date Total	\$ 674,276.36

CELL PHONES

There has been an increasing number of cell phones ringing during Holy Mass. Please be sure to silence your cell phones before entering Church. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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FSSP VISIT: CANCELLED

Dear Faithful,

I regret to inform you that the Seminary of Our Lady of Guadalupe (FSSP) has had to cancel their visit due to some logistical challenges encountered in their travel preparation. The seminary graciously reached out to thank us for our willingness to host, and I thank all of you who reached out to support the visit. If you made a donation to help with the expenses of the visit, and you would like to be refunded, please contact the rectory office at office@oratorysga.org. Thank you for your understanding and please continue to pray for all men in formation for the priesthood.

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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).**

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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.

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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.

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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* (6 remaining): Cover the cost of polishing, replating, and updating our brass candelabra.

\$200 - *Five Holy Wounds Patron* (1 remaining): Cover the cost of flowers.

\$500 - *Magdelene Patron* (FULFILLED): 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.

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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 on page 7 of this bulletin.

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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.

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Third Sunday of Lent

8 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.****

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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.

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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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

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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.

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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!

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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.)**

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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.

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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.

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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

Third Sunday of Lent

8 March 2026

Sacrament is never left alone. To sign up for an hour, please email Anthony Jones at events@oratorysga.org

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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 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.

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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 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.

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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

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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; 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.

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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

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USHERS' SCHEDULE

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

Sunday, 22 March

6:30 am Chris Bauman*, Brayden Bauman

8:00 am Greg Rheinheimer*, Kip Babington, Jeff Martin, Michael Nelson

10:00 am Cory Conway*, Jesse Hermann, Charlie Raymond, Joe Thomas

Sunday, 29 March

6:30 am Bill Saccente*, Ben Schubert

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

10:00 am Patrick Kelly*, Mark Scheer, Brandon Roberts, Owen Bruns

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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
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 Rheinheimer			
	10:00	John Morgan	Anthony Green	George Blaxton	John Paul Sinak
22 March 2026	6:30	Michael Norfleet			
	8:00	Michael Rheinheimer			
	10:00	Joseph Blum	Levi Garvey	Leo Grizzle	Dominic Green

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: THE BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD – A CUSTOM FOR OUR DAY

History

The tradition of food blessing at Easter is said to date from the 7th century in its basic form, the more modern form containing bread and eggs (symbol of the resurrection and Christ) are said to date from the 12th century. The custom of Blessing the Easter foods arose from the strict Lenten fasting. Easter was thus greeted with great joy as the day when Christ arose and when fasts were ended. The Church’s joy and thanksgiving were expressed in this custom of blessing the foods for the first meal of Easter.

The Basket

Baskets containing a sampling of Easter foods are brought to church to be blessed on Holy Saturday. Make sure you have enough so each family member can have a taste of the blessed food on Easter. The basket is traditionally lined with a white cloth or lace napkin and decorated with springs of boxwood, the typical Easter green (fresh flowers can be used). Families take special pride in preparing a decorative and tasteful basket, crisp white linens with boxwood and ribbon woven through the handle. Observing the creativity of other parishioners is one of the special joys of the event.

Symbolism of foods

Butter - Often shaped in a lamb symbolic of the Paschal Lamb OR decorated with the Easter banner of white with a red cross or with cloves in the shape of a cross, reminding us the goodness of Christ that we should have toward all things

Easter Bread - A loaf of braided bread or a loaf topped with a cross, represents Christ’s gift of “daily bread” also, Jesus is the Bread of Life.

Colored Eggs - Indicate hope, new life, and Christ rising from his tomb.

Ham/Meats - Symbolic of great joy and abundance & God’s mercy and generosity.

Horseradish - A reminder of the bitterness and harshness of the Passion of Jesus.

Vinegar - Symbolizes the sour wine given to Jesus on the Cross

Salt - A necessary element of our physical life, a preservative, and a flavoring. Jesus reminds us: “You are the salt of the earth”

Candle - Often marked like the Paschal Candle & lit during the Easter Vigil, is inserted into the basket to represent Christ, Light of the World. (Some use their baptismal candle)

Also Common (the foods and other items contained in the family basket can easily be personalized)

Sweets - Easter candy, cookies, small cake (sometimes a bird’s nest cake is made from left over batter with candy birds eggs placed in them), suggest the promise of eternal life or good things to come

Wine - symbolic of the Blood of the Lord

Cheese - Symbolizing the moderation Christians should always have.

Holy Water - To be used to bless the home, animals, fields and used in religious rituals throughout the year.

A Linen cover is drawn over the top and is ready for the trek to the blessing.

(Source – St. Bridget Catholic Church of Richmond, Virginia <https://www.saintbridgetchurch.org/>)

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

Ss. Gregory and Augustine, pray for us!

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