

THE ORATORY OF SAINTS
GREGORY & AUGUSTINE

CELEBRATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF PRIESTLY
ORDINATION OF MSGR. MORRIS



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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), 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 Church continues to exhort us to rejoice in the new life Christ has won for us. The season of Paschaltide requires these many days of prayer and reflection precisely because the august mystery of the Lord’s victory over sin and death is so profound that the mind can never fully grasp what has been given to us. In our Gospel from Saint John, Our Savior tells us to ask the Father for anything and in His Divine Providence He will bestow it upon us. Great faith is required to approach the Father, but the Son’s Passion, Death, and Glorious Resurrection give us courage and strength. So too, Our Lord’s Ascension inspires confidence in us because He has gone before us to prepare a place for us. What more could we ask of God to engender confidence in us to go to the Father in the Son through the Spirit? St. James reminds us in the Epistle that this life of faith must translate into action as well. To believe the things of God requires doing the things of God. Of course, our participation in the sacramental life of the Church is precisely that: doing that which God commands! We are also called to practice profound charity, live a confident hope and strengthen the gift of faith already received. All of this is accomplished through daily prayer, deliberate acts of service, and hearts full of mercy and compassion. Let us continue to rejoice in the new life given to us through the Cross. Through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother, may our souls magnify the Lord through all that we do.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, 11 May:

- **OFFICE CLOSED**
- Vespers @ 6:00 pm
- Compline @ 6:30 pm

Tuesday, 12 May:

- **OFFICE CLOSED**
- Funeral ~ William Erdel @ 9:00 am
- Compline @ 6:30 pm
- Choir practice @ 7:00 pm

Wednesday, 13 May:

- **OFFICE CLOSED**
- Adoration/Confessions @ 5:00 pm
- Vespers @ 6:00 pm
- Compline @ 6:30 pm

Thursday, 14 May:

- **OFFICE CLOSED**
- Compline @ 6:30 pm
- Knights of Columbus Meeting @ 7:00 pm

Friday, 15 May:

- **OFFICE CLOSED**
- No Events Scheduled

Saturday, 16 May:

- Weissler Baptism @ 10:00 am

Sunday, 17 May:

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

PILGRIM VIRGIN MARY STATUE 2026

05/03-05/10 Kelly	05/10-05/17 Jones
05/17-05/24 Holman	05/24-05/31 Carapella
05/31-06/07 Cook	06/07-06/14 Hayward
06/14-06/21 Joseph	06/21-06/28 Blum
06/28-07/05 Wisniewski	07/05-07/12 Catalano
07/12-07/19 Kenney	07/19-07/26 Raymond
07/26-08/02 Hayes	08/02-08/09 Schuette
08/09-08/16 Filla	08/16-08/23 Petrick

Drop off and pick up the statue in the vestibule (back of church). Place the statue bag on the floor to left of the Oratory table. To join or to be removed from the schedule please contact Sharon Alexander saalexa@sbcglobal.net.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, 11 May – **Feria**

- 6:30 am: Roger D. Beer (d)
- 12:15 pm: Jim & Bernice Smith & Family

Tuesday, 12 May – **Sts. Nereus & Cpmpanions**

- 6:30 am: Jim Griffin (d)
- 12:15 pm: Dolores & Francis Ivich (d)

Wednesday, 13 May – **St. Robert Bellarmine**

- 6:30 am: John Mendel (d)
- 12:15 pm: William H. Kuhlmann (d)

Thursday, 14 May – **THE ASCENSION**

- 6:30 am: Br. Macarius of Jesus Christ Crucified
- 12:15 pm: Kim Willoughby (d)

Friday, 15 May – **St. John the Baptist de la Salle**

- 6:30 am: John Mendel (d)
- 12:15 pm: Karen Kasprzak

Saturday, 16 May – **St. Ubald**

- 8:15 am: Sharon Leonard

Sunday, 17 May – **Sunday in the Octave of the Ascension**

- 6:30 am: Pro Populo
- 8:00 am: Doris Coughlin (d)
- 10:00 am: Rita Ohlman

~ 05/03/2026 ~	
Weekly Collection Total	\$ 17,764.75
Online Giving	\$ 9,521.69
Total	\$ 27,286.44
Needed	\$ 16,800.00
Year to Date Total	\$ 841,263.34

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OFFICE CLOSED ** IMPORTANT NOTICE **

PLEASE NOTE that the office will be closed Friday, 8 May through Friday, 15 May and will reopen on Monday, 18 May. Please DO NOT come to the rectory door and/or ring the doorbell as there will be no one to answer the door and/or to assist you. If you need to schedule a baptism or a wedding please email office@oratorysga.org with the necessary details and Donna will reply to you as soon as she is able.

2026 MASS INTENTIONS ** IMPORTANT NOTICE **

PLEASE NOTE: the Mass intention calendar for 2026 is full. We are no longer able to accept Mass intentions for 2026. We will begin accepting Mass intentions for 2027 this fall.

PRIESTLY ANNIVERSARY TALK FROM MSGR. MORRIS

Thursday, 28 May @ 6:30 pm in the St. Joseph Room

This May, Msgr. Morris is celebrating his 30th anniversary of priestly ordination. As part of this month's events, he will give a talk reflecting on his 30 years of priesthood. There will be opportunities to ask questions and mingle with other Oratory faithful. Drinks and light hors d'oeuvres will be served.

Reservations are required. This event is limited to 55 guests, ages 21 and older. Please RSVP via email to office@oratorysga.org no later than 14 May to with your name(s) (so it is clear who is attending). Do not delay! Spaces will be reserved in the order they are received.

CELEBRATING THIRTY: SAVE-THE-DATE

This May, Msgr. Morris will celebrate his 30th anniversary of priestly ordination. The Oratory community will celebrate this joyous occasion on Sunday, 31 May, following the 10:00 am Mass in the Oratory Piazza (parking lot between church and school). Food and drinks will be provided. Please RSVP via email to office@oratorysga.org (please include the total number of adults and number of children attending) no later than 25 May so we can get an accurate count for the food. We hope you can join us as we celebrate Msgr. Morris!

SUPPORT OSGA CHESTERTON STUDENTS – PIZZA FUNDRAISER FOR SENIOR CLASS PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

Next spring, OSGA Chesterton seniors will make a pilgrimage to Rome—the heart of the Church—where they will pray, attend the sacred liturgies, and walk in the footsteps of the saints who have gone before us.

To help make this journey possible, they will be hosting a pizza fundraiser after all Masses on Sunday, 17 May, featuring St. Louis style pizza from Stefanina's, a well-loved local pizzeria known for its thin crust and signature Provel cheese topping.

Stop by the courtyard or the St. Joseph's Room to place your order and support these students in this culminating moment of their high school formation. Payment may be made by cash, check, or Venmo. Pricing: Cheese-\$10; Pepperoni-\$11; Sausage-\$12; and Bacon-\$13.

Your support will help send these students on a pilgrimage that will remain with them for a lifetime. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

SAVE-THE-DATE: HARVEST FAIR

Saturday, 17 October 2026

Location: Oratory Piazza (parking lot between church and school)

Calling all creatives! This Autumn, the Oratory will host its inaugural Business Fair. This is an opportunity for parishioners to connect with others over shared interests and to witness and share in others' varied industrious activities. This is an opportunity not only to source goods and services for your family from within our parish community, but to witness a reflected image of God's own creativity, in variation and abundance.

Do you have a good or service to offer fellow parishioners? If so, we'd love to consider you as a vendor for this event. Please email Mrs. Rebecca Hoven at rebstolarski@gmail.com to indicate your interest! More details about this event will follow in the coming months.

FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION

"Look My daughter, at My Heart, surrounded with thorns with which ungrateful men pierce Me at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You at least try to console Me and announce in My name that I promise to assist at the moment of death, with all the graces necessary for salvation, all those who, on the First Saturday of five consecutive months, shall confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the Rosary, and keep Me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary, with the intention of making Reparation to Me." *Our Lady to Lucia on December 10, 1925*

In response to Our Lady's request for the devotion of reparation to her Immaculate Heart, all are invited to join us in reciting the Holy Rosary on First Saturdays, beginning 2 May. The Rosary will begin at 7:40 am, finishing in time to allow for the additional 15 minutes of private meditation on any of the mysteries of the Rosary with the intention of making reparation to Our Lady. Confessions are available 7:00 am – 8:00 am; Mass begins at 8:15 am. Help Our Lady bring about peace in the world!

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

On 18 July at the Cathedral Basilica, all are warmly invited to attend the Bicentennial Jubilee Mass at 10:00am, marking 200 years since the establishment of the Diocese of St. Louis.

The Prayer of the People is an archdiocesan-wide, prayerful and unifying initiative in preparation for this celebration. In the months leading up to the Jubilee Mass, the faithful are invited to submit personal prayer intentions, which will be gathered from across the Archdiocese and symbolically presented during the entrance procession.

Through the Prayer of the People, the faithful of every parish community will be represented in this historic moment. By bringing these intentions together, we express our commitment as one Church and entrust our prayers, hopes, and gratitude to our Lord, Jesus Christ.

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The faithful may submit prayer intentions (anonymously) in one of two ways: (1) online portal: intentions submitted through the secure online portal on the Bicentennial website; (2) written prayer intentions may be placed in the collection basket or dropped off at the rectory office until 13 July.

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CONFIRMATION DATE CHANGE

Attention families of Confirmandi: the Rite of Confirmation has been rescheduled for **Tuesday, 26 May, at 7:00pm**. Please notify anyone impacted by this change (especially Confirmation sponsors) and please forgive any inconvenience this may have caused. Thank you. - J. Fowler

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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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ST. LOUIS MARIAN CONFERENCE

The 27th Anniversary St. Louis Marian Conference is 15-17 May 2026 at the Renaissance St. Louis Airport Hotel. Everyone is welcome and parking is FREE. The cost is only \$60 for 3 full, dynamic days of inspiring talks, Holy Mass, Adoration, Confession, a large selection of vendors, beautiful music, and fellowship with Catholics from all over the country (20 states so far). The hotel group rate is \$119 per night (1-4 people).

Confirmed speakers: His Eminence Raymon Leo Cardinal Burke; Fr. Mitch Pacwa, S.J.; Fr. Bill Casey, CPM; **Msgr. Eugene Morris**; Sr. Gianna Casino, LIHM; Patty Schaefer; Susan Tassone; Ken and Mary Ann Duppong (parents of Servant of God, Michelle Duppong); and Eric Genius.

For more information, to register, or to book your hotel room please visit us at www.stlmc.org or call 314-850-7718.

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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 implement a summer schedule again. Beginning on 29 June 2026 and concluding on 14 August 2026 the Oratory will have daily Holy Mass at 12:15 pm (NO 6:30 am) 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. 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.

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BLESSING OF ITEMS

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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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.

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ADULTS SEEKING THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

**** CATECHISM CLASSES WILL RESUME ON 27 MAY****

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

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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.

WEDDING BANNS

There is a promise of marriage between:

- II ~ Jack Ryan & Grace Mohr
- I ~ Josh Tolluto & Sarah Gilmore

NEW FAMILIES for APRIL (alphabetical order)

A warm welcome to our new parishioners!

- Evan Boothe
- The Bowler family ~ Samantha and Ilya
- The Dames family ~ Zach & Kimberly
- The Gibbenhuck family ~ Tyler & Katherine
- The Hankammer family ~ Benjamin & Cameryn, and Franny
- Dylan Karr
- Wendy Watson

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; Michael Norfleet, son of Marsha Norfleet; Elizabeth Ryan; Sue Schaefer, mother of Christi Reinlein; 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

- William Robert Erdel
- Andrew Richard "Andy" Gilfoil, brother of Joe Gilfoil
- Darlene Harris, sister of Sharon Leanord & Joe Mendel
- Joan Rita Short, aunt and godmother of Gregory Latham
- David M. Smith, brother-in-law of Carol Smith

USHERS' SCHEDULE

Sunday, 10 May

- 6:30 am Brayden Bauman*, Chris Bauman
- 8:00 am Jeff Martin*, Kip Babington, Ken Catalano, Terry Conway
- 10:00 am Tom Gates*, Joe Thomas, Robert Morgan, Ethan Lamons

Sunday, 17 May

- 6:30 am Evan Adair*, Ken Jones
- 8:00 am Kip Babington*, Sam Ashlock, Ken Catalano, Michael Nelson
- 10:00 am Robert Morgan*, Ethan Lamons, John Simmons, Gabe Jones

Sunday, 24 May

- 6:30 am Chris Bauman*, Brayden Bauman
- 8:00 am Joe Thomas*, Ken Catalano, Kenny Buyle, Mike Blum
- 10:00 am Ethan Lamons*, John Simmons, Tom Gates, Jordan Hermann

+ Altar Server Schedule: May 2026 +

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

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WELLSPRING OF TRADITION: THE PASCHALTIDE 'LETDOWN'

The Easter Vigil is certainly the highlight of our year. It brings us to a spiritual climax as well as an emotional high after the 40 days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in Lent. The excitement of our Lord's resurrection and His triumph over sin and death are clearly manifested in the splendor and solemnity of the Roman rite liturgical celebration. The beautiful and exotic chants recount the history of creation and our role in it as the pinnacle of God's handiwork and the recipients of His generosity. We hear the 'good news' of the Resurrection and the apostles' gradual coming to believe in its reality. But as we ease into the Paschal season and leave behind the Easter Octave, there can be an emotional letdown in the weeks following. If Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, and in so doing has conquered sin and death, why does it feel as though nothing

has really changed? We still face the same quota of problems, challenges, troubles, and conflicts that we had before Easter. What then was all of the hoopla about?

Holy Mother Church, in her great wisdom, has given us answers in her choice of Scripture for the Paschal season. We are given regular selections from St. Peter, St. Paul, the Acts of the Apostles, and from the Gospel and the Apocalypse of St. John. The Acts tell of the struggles of the early Church to spread the 'good news' amid persecutions, internal conflicts, disputes, and martyrdom for many. They often faced discouragement and doubt, even after their encounters with the risen Lord and receiving the gifts of the Holy Ghost. The epistles of St. Peter and St. Paul do not shy away from the difficulties and challenges faced by the early Church. St. John's Gospel has a liturgical/historical point of view of the life of our Lord while on earth and also now in the life of the Church. The Apocalypse is a prophetic book set in a liturgical framework that offers hope and consolation amid the internal and external conflicts of the early Church and challenges us to remember that our earthly participation in the heavenly liturgy is both a consoling reality in the present and a promise that God will always be faithful to the new and eternal Covenant sealed with the blood of the Lamb. [N.B. The word 'prophetic' in Sacred Scripture does not really mean foretelling the future. In Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, prophecies are messages from God to specific people(s) or leaders, often addressing social justice and calling for repentance.] The readings from the Fathers further elucidate the 'little while' of not seeing and then seeing Him that our Lord speaks of in the gospel pericope for the 3rd Sunday after Easter. St. Augustine writes:

This little while seems a very long while to us now, as it is still going on; but when it is over we shall feel indeed how truly it is only a little while. So may our rejoicing never be like the rejoicing of that world. ... Although our gladness is still coming to us through throes of sorrow, let us not be altogether sorrowful. Rather, as the Apostle says Rejoicing in hope: patient in tribulation. (Rom. 12:12) A woman, when she is in the travail of giving birth has sorrow, because her hour has come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembers no more the anguish, for her joy that a new person is born into the world. And so will it be with us.

We can find in these readings from Sacred Scripture and the Fathers much to make us hopeful but also a cautionary reminder. Our Lord's Resurrection certainly has borne the fruits of our redemption and future glory, but to get there we need to pass through our own share in His sacred Passion and Cross. We still must 'make up what is lacking in the sufferings of Christ,' as St. Paul reminded us in his epistle to the Colossians (1:24). Our salvation has truly been won for us; but as the body of Christ, we continue the suffering of the Head so as to fully enter into His Passion and be ready to share in His Resurrection. The paradox of 'already but not yet' that lies at the heart of our faith.

The beautiful Paschal Candle burns brightly to symbolize this paradox, even as the wounds of the crucified body of the Lord are clearly made visible on its front. This candle dates from the early centuries of Catholicism. St. Jerome and St. Augustine make it clear that it had been a long-standing tradition in their time (4c) when asked to compose a *carmen cerei* (chant of the candle) to be sung in its honor as it is blessed at the Easter Vigil. Already in the 5c we have evidence of the current form of that, the *Praeconium* (aka the *Exultet*, from its first word). The candle has a number of important symbols: the cross, which is its most prominent symbol, has the Greek letters alpha and omega at its top and bottom, symbolizing that God is the beginning and the end, as described in the Apocalypse. The numerals of the current year between the arms of the cross tie together the present year with the eternity into which we enter through the Sacred Liturgy. Five grains of incense are embedded in the candle encased in red or golden wax "nails" to represent the Five Holy Wounds: the three nails that pierced Christ's hands and feet, the spear thrust into his side to wound his heart, and the thorns that crowned his head. The grains of incense recall the aromatic spices that were used to prepare Christ's body for the tomb. In earlier centuries, especially in the medieval era, Paschal candles could reach enormous sizes. (The one at Salisbury Cathedral, e.g., was as high as 36 feet, and the Sarum use had special ceremonies to accommodate that.)

So although the same old daily grind of our ordinary lives continues in the weeks and months ahead, there is a difference now. The annual cycle of celebrating the Paschal Mystery of our Lord's Passion, Death, and Resurrection can remind us that amid the strife of our daily toil we have a beacon of light and hope that inspires us to carry on in the sure and certain hope that His Resurrection affords us. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, and in so doing 'passed over' into a new life of glory. It's often difficult to feel that has any real meaning for us when the familiar problems and struggles of life don't really feel any different. But the frequent *Alleluia* we proclaim throughout the weeks of Paschaltide can remind us that we are not lost or abandoned but indeed redeemed. Our pain and difficulties are real; but so is the glory to which we are led.

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

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