

THE ORATORY OF SS. GREGORY AND AUGUSTINE-7230 DALE AVENUE, SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI, 63117 TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS AND SACRAMENTS

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CONFESSIONS

Sundays	7:00 7:45 a.m.
Wednésdays	
Fridays	11:00 11:45 a.m.

FROM THE RECTOR on Low Sunday

This Sunday has attached to it a variety of different names expressing the powerful character of this Sunday within the Octave of Easter. Often times it is referred to as Quasimodo Sunday taken from the first words of the Introit. It is also called Low Sunday reflecting the completion of the great feast of Easter just celebrated. Our Gospel from Saint John presents us with the doubt of Saint Thomas. At first reflection St. Thomas' doubt stems from a resistance to accepting the truth proclaimed to him by his brethren. They have seen the Lord and rejoice in what they have seen, and their joy compels them to witness to this truth. The confirmation of the apostles should be sufficient for St. Thomas. Yet, the life of faith not only involves the confirmation of others but also the intentional and deliberate choice on the part of each person to choose Christ, to believe and cling to Him alone. The doubt of St. Thomas also provides the Lord an opportunity to confirm each of us in our faith: "Because thou hast seen Me, Thomas, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and have believed." While there are times when we struggle with our faith, there is never a reason to lose hope for the Lord has already blessed us in our journey of faith.

IN THANKSGIVING

A word of gratitude to all who assisted in making Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum a beautiful experience for the Oratory. I am particularly grateful to the Head MCs Gregory Grizzle and Nick Werner. Their hard work along with all the servers present made it possible for us to give God fitting praise. I am also grateful Mrs. Elisabeth Kenney and the great choir for their hard work and dedication. Their voices allowed us to sing well God's praises. Finally, I am grateful for Juventutem for celebrating Tenebrae here at the Oratory.

CALLING ALL MEN!

The Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine is looking to form a men's group and what better way than to form our own Knights of Columbus Council. We are looking for men who are current members willing to transfer to this new council as well as men who would be new to the Knight of Columbus. Besides the regular monthly meetings, we want to build a Council where we can come together to pray the Rosary; time for Eucharistic Adoration; and times for discussion on topics that challenge us and call us to be better men, fathers, and husbands. There are many more possibilities! Whether you are a husband, father, single man or considering the priesthood, we are looking for men who want to strengthen their faith and become better Catholics. The Knights of Columbus provide wonderful opportunities for spiritual growth and evangelization. Through our new program of Faith In Action, Fathers For Good, support of our priests, Pro-life, and much more, we invite you to take a deeper look and become a part of what St. John Paul II called, "The right arm of the Church." For further information contact Joseph Miller 314-660-8587 at or joseph1971miller@yahoo.com.

HOLY MASS ON FRIDAYS

It has been my desire to have Holy Mass offered every day at the Oratory. While that has not yet been realized, the Oratory will continue to celebrate Holy Mass on Fridays at 12 Noon with Confessions before at 11:00 am. Blessings to all those who were able to attend during the Lenten season. Please share the news of this sign of our continued growth with the larger community.

AVAILABILITY OF CONFESSIONS

The Oratory will return to its normal schedule after the Octave of Easter is complete. Confessions will continue to be available on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 pm, Friday mornings at 11 am, Sunday mornings at 7 am and on First Friday and First Saturday according to those schedules. Unfortunately, at this time Confessions will not be heard at 10 am in the school building. Understandably this was a convenient time for a number of individuals; however, the preparations necessary for the 11:30 am High Mass have necessitated this change. If the times listed above are not convenient for your schedule, please call the rectory and a time can be arranged for confessions. If you desire anonymity for this process, Donna Mueller can assist you in arranging an appointment for confessions.

ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is now available for the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine. Thank you to both Donna Mueller and Todd Grizzle for making this possible and seeing the process through to completion. The information below will assist you in setting up Online Giving if you are interested in doing so.

Please visit the following link to sign up for Online Giving for the Oratory of Ss. Gregory and Augustine: https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/4785. Click on the green button "create new account" to set up your account. If you need assistance setting up your account please call OSV at 1-800-348-2886, option 2, then option 1.

You can also access online giving from your phone. Simply download the app for free from the Apple or Google store. The name of the app is "Online Giving by Our Sunday Visitor". From there it is the same login process as it is on the website.

If you have any questions, please call Donna at 314-644-2144 x10. We hope to have a link on the website soon as well. Thank you for your patience with this process!

Finally, on Sunday, 28 April and 5 May, after the 11:30 am members of the Finance Committee will be available to assist parishioners of the Oratory in signing-up for online giving. All who anticipate a degree of struggle navigating these technological waters, are encouraged to take advantage of this great service.

JOSEPH CHALLENGE PILGRIMAGE

On Low Sunday, April 28, after the 11:30 AM mass, the Men ages 18 and up are invited to participate in the Joseph Challenge Pilgrimage to the Shrine of St. Oratory will be hosting an Easter egg hunt for ages toddler Joseph in Downtown St. Louis the weekend of May 4-5, through adult. To accommodate our growing community 2019. The pilgrimage is intended to challenge men to and to simplify the hunt, there are a few changes for this grow deeper in their faith. For more information and to year: we are returning to having an OUTDOOR hunt in register, visit josephchallenge.com. the playground; we are creating separate areas for different age groups for safety and fairness to our youngest PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE SCHEDULE members of the community! Finally, we will have prizes this year and the process of redeeming eggs for prizes is going to be streamlined. More details will be shared on the day of the Hunt. So, bring the Easter baskets and dress once more in that pretty Easter attire (because you are sure to get some adorable photos), and PRAY FOR SUNNY WEATHER! The hunt is on!

4/21 - 4/28 Carapella	4/28 - 5/5 Filla
5/5 - 5/12 Cook	5/12 - 5/19 Fowler
5/19 - 5/26 Podesta	5/26 - 6/2 Hayward
6/2 - 6/9 Houlard	6/9 - 6/16 Catalanc
6/16 - 6/23 Kenney	6/23 - 6/30 Petrick
6/30 - 7/7 Raymond	7/7 - 7/14 Gelhot
7/14 -7/21 Schuette	

MASS INTENTIONS Sunday, 28 April – *Low Sunday* 8:00 am – Pro Populo 11:30 am – Alison Stoynoff

Tuesday 30 April – St. Catherine of Siena 7:00 am – Linda Sue Carapella

Wednesday, 1 May - St. Joseph the Workman 6:30 pm – Marguerite Ann Pearson

Thursday, 2 May – St. Athanasius 5:00 pm – James Phillip Pearson

Friday, 3 May – Sacred Heart of Jesus 12:00 pm – Michelle Elizabeth Pearson

Saturday, 4 May – Immaculate Heart of Mary 8:00 am – Cecilia Rose Carapella

Sunday, 5 May – Second Sunday of Easter 8:00 am – Pro Populo 11:30 am – Franchesca Clare Carapella

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

EASTER EGG HUNT

SERVERS' SCHEDULE

April 28th – *Low Sunday (Octave Day of Easter)*

- 8:00 am John Colton, Eli Colton
- 11:30 am Nick Werner, Giambattista Carapella, Carlo Carapella, Tommy Lattenzi

May 5th – Second Sunday after Easter

- 8:00 am Joseph & Anthony Dixon
- 11:30 am Gregory Grizzle, John Armstrong, Phillip Petrick, Simon Wisniewski, Damien Filla

May 12th – Third Sunday after Easter

- 8:00 am Anthony Jones, Caleb Colton
- 11:30 am Cameron Ackerman, John Armstrong, Lance Lavery, Damien Filla, Sebastian Petrick

May 19th – Fourth Sunday after Easter

- 8:00 am -- Joseph & Anthony Dixon
- 11:30 am Cameron Ackerman, Gregory Grizzle, Peter Armstrong, Luke Lavery, Ben Armsrong