CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINT LOUIS

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
JANUARY 8, 2023

MASSES ON THE LORD’S DAY
5:00 pm Sat (vigil)
8:00 am, 10:00 am,
12:00 noon, 5:00 pm
LiveStreaming of Sunday Mass and daily Mass offered at 8:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES
7:00 am (Mon-Fri)
8:00 am (Mon-Sat)
12:05 pm (Mon-Fri)

OPEN WEEKDAYS
6:30 am – 5:00 pm

LITURGY OF THE HOURS
Evening Prayer
4:30 pm (Sat)

OPEN SATURDAY/SUNDAY
7:00 am – 6:30 pm

CONFessions
7:30–8:00 am
(Monday through Friday)
3:30–4:50 pm (Sat)
9:00–9:50 am (Sun)
11:00–11:50 am (Sun)

PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS
Following 8:00 am & 12:05 pm Mass (Tues)

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
3:30 pm–4:30 pm (Sat)
8:30 am–11:45 am
(Every First Friday)

MASS OFFERED
8:00 am

LITURGIES
Evening Prayer
4:30 pm (Sat)

OPEN SATURDAY/SUNDAY
7:00 am – 6:30 pm

OCCASIONAL SERVICES
9:00–9:50 am (Sun)
11:00–11:50 am (Sun)

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ARCHBISHOP MITCHELL T. ROZANSKI and the people of the Archdiocese of St. Louis welcome you and hope that your time in our Mother Church may be an opportunity to share our faith and joy in Jesus Christ.

Please enjoy the beauty of this building dedicated to the glory of God and built for the inspiration of all who enter. Public tours of the Cathedral led by volunteer guides are available **by appointment**.

All visitors who are not of the Catholic faith are welcome to join us in prayer, but not to receive Holy Communion. Reception of Holy Communion is a sign of unity of faith and full membership in the Catholic community. Together let us pray for the eventual unity of all believers.

If you desire to become a member of the Catholic Church or to become a member of the Cathedral Basilica Parish, please complete a registration card, available at the entrances the church.

All contributions to the Cathedral Basilica parish, ministries, and maintenance are sincerely appreciated.

**CATHEDRAL CONCERTS**
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**TOURS**
314.373.8205

**Mass Intentions**
Specific Mass intentions for each scheduled Mass listed regularly in this bulletin are made by individual request. Requests for Mass intentions may be directed to the rectory by calling 314-373-8202.

**Cathedral Tours**
Tours of our beautiful church are once again being offered at various times **by appointment** during the week (pending other events). To book a tour, please visit our website to submit a “tour inquiry” form (https://cathedralstl.org/tour-info) or contact Susie Irons at 314-373-8205.
Dear Parishioners,

In his encyclical, *Caritas In Veritate*, Pope Benedict the XVI addressed issues related to life:

“When a society moves towards the denial or suppression of life, it ends up no longer finding the necessary motivation and energy to strive for man's true good. If personal and social sensitivity towards the acceptance of a new life is lost, then other forms of acceptance that are valuable for society also wither away. The acceptance of life strengthens moral fiber and makes people capable of mutual help. By cultivating openness to life, wealthy peoples can better understand the needs of poor ones, they can avoid employing huge economic and intellectual resources to satisfy the selfish desires of their own citizens, and instead, they can promote virtuous action within the perspective of production that is morally sound and marked by solidarity, respecting the fundamental right to life of every people and every individual (no. 28, 4).”

As we draw near to the anniversary of the Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion in the United States, let us renew our prayer and efforts to support the dignity of human life. While the Supreme Court overturned Roe V. Wade this past June and left the decision to the states, now more than ever, we must renew our efforts and prayers for the sanctity of human life. You are invited to take part in the Annual Celebration of Life on Saturday, January 14, 2023, at 10:00 am at the Cathedral Basilica.

On this Monday that follows the Solemnity of the Epiphany, we are celebrating the Baptism of the Lord. This was the first act of his public life, recounted in all four Gospels. Having reached the age of about 30, Jesus left Nazareth, went to the River Jordan and, in the midst of a great crowd of people, had himself baptized by John.

Mark the Evangelist writes: "And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens opened and the Spirit descending upon him like a dove; and a voice came down from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; in you I am well pleased"” (Mk 1: 10-11). These words, "You are my beloved Son" reveal what eternal life is: it is the filial relationship with God, just as Jesus lived it and gave it to us.

Now our celebration of Christmas concludes. The Child, who the Magi came to adore at Bethlehem offering their gifts, and our attention now will be drawn away from this scene to discover Christ among us. The eternal truth of Christmas we take with us: That God so loved the world that he gave us his only begotten Son.

**Monsignor Henry Breier**

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Labor and delivery are painful. But something beautiful is brought forth

As we move on to Ordinary Time, the lessons of Christmas and The Baptism of the Lord can guide us in All Things New

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

With the feasts of Epiphany (Jan. 8) and the Baptism of the Lord (Jan. 9), we find ourselves at the end of the Christmas Season and the start of Ordinary Time. The next major seasons are Lent and Easter, at the end of which I intend to unveil our All Things New plan for parishes.

It strikes me that pregnancy, labor and delivery – which lie at the heart of the Christmas Season – are an apt metaphor for what we’re undertaking with All Things New. Pregnancy is a time of silent growth on the inside, accompanied by preparation and anticipation on the outside. We’re going through that now. Labor and delivery are painful – and we’re anticipating that pain now. But, finally, the pain brings forth something beautiful, and joy over new life soon overshadows the pain. This is my hope for All Things New!

First time mothers often take classes to prepare for the rigors of labor and delivery. I think we also have to prepare. If we’re not prepared for it, the pain of re-organization can overwhelm us.

One clue for how to prepare comes from the feast that closes the Christmas Season – the Baptism of the Lord. When Jesus emerges from the water, the heavens are opened; the Holy Spirit descends upon Him in the form of a dove; and the Father’s voice says: “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” Jesus’ baptism is a completely Trinitarian event!

Our lives, too – because we live in Jesus – are meant to be a Trinitarian event. That truth is, first, a grace given to us, but it’s also a discipline we have to learn. We have to learn how to remain in Jesus, when we’re constantly pulled into the world. We have to learn how to be sensitive to the movements of the Spirit, when external noise constantly draws our attention. We have to learn how to listen to the Father’s voice and rest in His love, when we’re constantly tempted to measure ourselves by achievement.

If we cultivate the discipline of paying attention to the Trinitarian dynamic of our lives, then our parish configurations become secondary. Not unimportant, mind you! But also no longer the primary thing.

We’ll be reading from the Letter to the Hebrews for the next four weeks. One of its central themes is how the priesthood of Jesus is rooted in sacrifice. Our path to holiness is to follow Jesus. That means sacrifice will be asked of us, and that’s not easy!

If we try to bear the pain of that sacrifice alone – and we all know that temptation! – it turns into a black hole of sadness, weariness, discouragement, and cynicism. If we’re not careful, the coming months could be like that.

But there’s another option, and the Letter to the Hebrews spells it out for us: “We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been similarly tested in every way … So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help.” (Hebrews 4:15-16)

If we turn to Jesus in our sacrifice, then two things can happen. First, we can find joy in sacrifice. Second, Jesus can make our sacrifice fruitful. Sacrifice, borne in Jesus, becomes the opposite of a black hole: It gives off light and life.

My hope for the coming months is that we will bear our sacrifices in Jesus. I invite you to join me in that hope and discipline!

Note: This column appeared in the St. Louis Review for November 26 & 27 and may be read in the print edition or at https://it.ly/35ejONr
The Epiphany of the Lord

Epiphany (or Theophany, as it is known in the Eastern Rite Catholic Church), also known as Three Kings’ Day, is a Christian feast day that celebrates the revelation of God in his Son as human in Jesus Christ. The word *epiphany* comes from the Greek word meaning ‘manifestation.’ The feast also commemorates the visit of the Magi to the Christ child, and thus Jesus’ physical manifestation to the Gentiles.

The feast of the Epiphany allows us to truly comprehend what it means that God has brought His only son into our world. The Wise Men - Caspar, Melchoir, and Balthazar - were the first people outside the stable to come and pay homage to Jesus. These unlikely royal visitors showered Jesus with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, herbs typically used for burial, possibly foreshadowing Jesus’ destiny.

The Magi were taking a huge risk in following the star to Bethlehem, but they trusted that God was leading them to something far greater than they could know. This is such a powerful example of how we as Christians should live our lives. Trusting that God knows what is best for us and that His plan, no matter how unattainable things might seem on the journey, will lead us to where we need to be. We should also have the strength to see Jesus in our lives in unexpected ways, and when we do, worship and adore Him.

The Epiphany not only signifies the calling of the chosen few, like the Wise Men, but it also is an invitation to anyone and everyone around the world to follow Christ. For the first time, God was physically present for people on Earth through His Son, no longer just a voice in the wilderness.

The Gospel tells us the Magi, *going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshipped Him (Mt 2:11)* Today we invite everyone to spend some time in front of the Nativity scene located in the west transept of the Cathedral Basilica. Just as the Magi did, let us enjoy a quiet moment of adoration of the Son of God.

“But you Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah
for out of you will come a ruler
who will shepherd my people Israel”

-Matthew 2:6
The Baptism of the Lord

The Baptism of the Lord is celebrated on the Sunday after January 6th. However, when the Feast of the Epiphany falls on either Sunday, January 7th or Sunday, January 8th, then The Baptism of the Lord is observed on Monday instead.

The Baptism of the Lord will be celebrated on Monday, January 9th with Masses at 7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., and 12:05 p.m.

The mosaic of the Baptism of the Lord is displayed on the left-side of the arch in the west transept of the Cathedral Basilica.

The Gospel of the Lord

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan to be baptized by him. John tried to prevent him, saying “I need to be baptized by you, and yet you are coming to me?” Jesus said to him in reply, “Allow it for now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Then he allowed him. After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened for him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, saying, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

-Matthew 3:13-17

Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations to Olive Anne Keating daughter of Jonathan & Chrissy Keating, baptized in Christ on December 25, 2022 here at the Cathedral Basilica.

May the blessing of the Lord be always upon her, and may God watch over and cherish all children whom He has blessed with the grace of Baptism.
THE FOLLOWING NAMES WERE ERRONEOUSLY OMITTED FROM THE CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS. IT IS OUR SINCERE APOLOGY FOR THIS UNFORNATE OVERSIGHT.

IN MEMORY

EUGENE OVERHOFF, GIVEN BY PHILLIP OVERHOFF & SON HOANG
MAXINE OVERHOFF, GIVEN BY PHILLIP OVERHOFF & SON HOANG
TIGSON OVERHOFF, GIVEN BY PHILLIP OVERHOFF & SON HOANG
VAN HOANG, GIVEN BY PHILLIP OVERHOFF & SON HOANG
VIVIAN M. ALATORRE, GIVEN BY SAL ALATORRE
JOY KAPPERS ALATORRE, GIVEN BY SAL ALATORRE
ERIC G. STEWART, GIVEN BY SAL ALATORRE
JOHN A. TACKES, GIVEN BY SAL ALATORRE
FRANK & LENORA MANGUS JR., GIVE BY DAN & NICKY MANGUS
EDWARD & GERTRUDE TATINA, GIVEN BY DAN & NICKY MANGUS
A Thought on The Sanctity Of Life
“Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable. The Son of God has united himself with every human being and desires for us to share eternal life with him… Each of us is made in the image and likeness of God, and we reflect his glory in the world.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary”

What Catholics Believe
Join us at the Cathedral Basilica two Wednesdays a month, when Fr. Povis will present an in-depth theological reflection on the articles of the Apostles’ Creed.
-6:30pm in Boland Hall
-50 minute presentation followed by social
-Feel free to bring food and drink
-Designed for adults, but all are welcome!

Next Sessions
January 18
“Who was Conceived by the Holy Spirit”

Daily Readings for the Week...
The readings are included each week so that the parishioners who are unable to join us for daily Mass will be able to consider and pray them in union with the whole Church.

Readings for the Week
January 8, 2023 through January 15, 2023

Sunday: 20: Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12
Tuesday: 306: Heb 2:5-12 Ps 8:2ab, 5-9 Mk 21-28 Mk 1:14-20 and 306:1:21-28
Wednesday: 307 He 2:14-18 Ps 105:1-4, 6-9, Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 308 Heb 3:7-14 Ps 95:6-7c, 8-11 Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 309 Heb 4:1-5, 11 Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8 Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 310 Heb 4:12-16 Ps 19:8-10, 15 Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: 64: Is 49:3, 5-6 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34

PRAY FOR THE SICK
It is our responsibility in the Lord to remember the sick, who are especially close to the Redeemer in their suffering.

Linda Baldwin Mary Riley
Janice Bashford Vivian Rachel Rossen
Barbara Beckemeyer Resy Sanchez
Deborah Harlan Mickey Shears
Jennifer Jaswal Mary Anne Work
Edwin Ayala Padilla Betty Ytzaina
Pauline Price Sharon Kay Moore
David Washington Richard Franklin
Willa Washington Rosie Mullins
Dorothy Quinn
Kelvin Ayala Reyes
Have You Considered Online Giving

Online Giving is a secure and convenient web-based service to make your weekly or monthly contributions to Cathedral Parish from your computer, laptop, or tablet. Simply access the Cathedral website (www.cathedralstl.org) and click on the ONLINE GIVING button on the home page. Watch the 5-minute “Watch Help Video” and follow the easy instructions to set up your secure account and authorize your contributions to be automatically withdrawn from your bank account on the date you specify. All of information is encrypted and stored securely.

Re-Gifting for Pro-Life

The Cathedral Pro-Life Ministry will be collecting two types of items the weekend of January 7th & 8th to support expectant mothers and babies.

Those items you may receive during Christmas which can be “re-gifted” to the thrift shop at Our Lady’s Inn, which can then generate revenue to support the Inn’s mission.

Baby supplies such as diapers, new bottles, and toys all of which will be gifted to Birthright St. Louis are appreciated.

Please place your items in the drop box at the main entrance of the church after any of the Masses the weekend of January 7th & 8th.

If you have any questions, please email Bryan Kirchoff at

Weekly Thoughts on Giving

“Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” Matthew 2:11

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to you.
Parish Information

**Registration in Parish**
To join our parish, please register online at [https://cathedralstl.org/about-basilica/parish-life](https://cathedralstl.org/about-basilica/parish-life) or call the rectory at 314-373-8202.

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**Baptism of Infants**
Parents requesting Baptism should be registered members of the parish. To schedule baptisms or register for baptismal preparation classes for parents or godparents, contact the rectory at 314-373-8202.

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults**
For persons interested in becoming Catholic, contact the rectory at 314-373-8202.

**Anointing of the Sick**
Parishioners facing surgery or struggling with serious illness may request this sacrament by calling the rectory at 314-373-8202.

**Vocations to Christian Marriage**
Couples planning to marry at the Cathedral Basilica may contact Mary Ann Fox at 314-373-8208.

**Vocations to Holy Orders and Consecrated Life**
Those who feel called to this life are invited to call the Archdiocesan Office of Vocations at 314-792-6460.

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