



THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD FEBRUARY 2, 2020

MASSES ON THE LORD'S DAY

5:00 pm Sat (vigil) 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 noon, 5:00 pm

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)

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

Archbishop Robert J. Carlson 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 are available with volunteer guides Monday through Friday. Tours are also available Sundays after 1:00 pm, unless pre-empted by an afternoon event.

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 ministries and maintenance are sincerely appreciated. Gift Shop and Museum open 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.

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GIFT SHOP 314.373.8243

Mass Intentions

Specific Mass intentions for each scheduled Mass listed regularly in this bulletin are made by individual request. Every effort is made to accommodate times or dates as requested but when not possible, the intention will be kept as soon as there is an available opportunity. Requests for Mass intentions should be directed to the rectory by calling 314-373-8202.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun., February 2– The Presentation of the Lord

8:00 a.m. - Patricia Voegelie

10:00 a.m. - For the Parish Family

12:00 p.m. - Robin Charles

5:00 p.m. - Nick Theiss

Mon., February 3–St. Blaise

7:00 a.m. - Jo Ann Elder

8:00 a.m. - Alice & Eugene Owens Sr. & Family

12:05 p.m. - Eugene Rosmus

Tues., February 4– Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. - Rose and Anthony Farrow

8:00 a.m. - Priest's Intention

12:05 p.m. - Helen Klunk

Wed., February 5-St. Agatha

7:00 a.m. - Stephen Michael Murray

8:00 a.m. - Priest's Intention

12:05 p.m. - Charles E. Whitten

Thurs., February 6-St. Paul Miki & Companions

7:00 a.m. - Teresa and Francis Farrow & Family

8:00 a.m. - In Memory of Lloyd Taaffe III

12:05 p.m. - Donna Gail

Fri., February 7– Weekday in Ordinary Time

7:00 a.m. - Ed Alexander

8:00 a.m. - Joseph L. Stegall, Jr.

12:05 p.m. - Raymond Jacob Siefert

Sat., February 8-St. Jerome Emiliani

8:00 a.m. - Alice and Eugene Owens Sr. & Family

5:00 p.m. - Dale Edwards

Sun., February 9–5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. - Catherine Anstey

10:00 a.m. - For the Parish Family

12:00 p.m. - Robin Charles

5:00 p.m. - Nick Theiss



February 2, 2020

FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Parishioners.

This past Wednesday, the rectory became a bit quieter as we said goodbye to Father Joseph. He departed from us to begin his study of the Italian language in preparation for his studies at the Gregorian University in Canon Law. We wish him all the best and let him know that he is always welcome here at the Cathedral Basilica, his home away from Rome.

In my column last week, I shared with you a brief story of a group of 5th graders from Queen of All Saints Elementary School who came for a tour of the Cathedral Basilica. The students were impressed by their visit and inspired to create some mosaics in Art Class. You will find later in this bulletin a collection of their work. I hope you are as impressed as I was.

As you enter the Cathedral Basilica this week, you may notice that there are a few areas of the basilica that are a bit brighter. Over the past month or so, we have been changing out many



of the lights on the lower part of the basilica. I hope you take a moment to walk through the ambulatories and look that the ceilings. You may notice details in those mosaics you never saw before. This small improvement will also help to save a considerable amount in our electric bill each year.

In addition to the lighting improvements, crews have been hard at work at continuing the restoration of our marble floors. Workers are now in the sanctuary/altar area. You may notice that the large candles are missing behind the altar. These will return as soon as the work around the altar is completed. This was done to protect them from damage and to keep them from getting too dirty.

This Sunday, our normal Ordinary Time Sunday is interrupted with the Solemnity of the Presentation of Our Lord. We contemplate the Lord Jesus, whom Mary and Joseph bring to the Temple "to present him to the Lord" (Lk 2:22). This Gospel scene reveals the mystery of the Son of the Virgin, the consecrated One of the Father who came into the world to do His will faithfully.

Simeon identifies him as "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" (Lk 2:32) and announces with prophetic words his supreme offering to God and his final victory. This is the meeting point of the two Testaments, Old and New. Jesus enters the ancient temple; he who is the new Temple of God comes to visit his people, thus bringing to fulfilment obedience to the Law and ushering in the last times of salvation.

Monsignor Henry Breier

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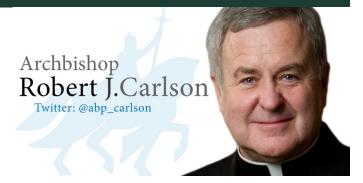


ARCHBISHOP'S COLUMN

BEFORE THE CROSS | Access to the power of Jesus is conditioned on the presence of faith

Sacramentals, which help us bring faith into every aspect of our lives, are not superstitions

We celebrate the feast of St. Blase this week, and I'd like to talk about the fine line between devotion and superstition.



The Gospel readings this week set us on the right path. We read about the healing of Jairus' daughter, with Jesus' clear instruction to her parents: "Do not be afraid; just have faith." We read about the woman who suffered from hemorrhages for 12 years, how she was healed by touching Jesus' clothes, and Jesus' commendation to her: "Your faith has saved you." We read about how Jesus returned home, and was "not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people" because of their lack of faith.

Finally, after hearing about how Jesus performed mighty deeds, we read about how He sent out His apostles with the same powers. It's the first time we see that Jesus intends for His own mission and ministry to be continued through His followers.

That's where St. Blase comes in: The mission and ministry of Jesus also comes to us through him. And so, on his feast day, we customarily receive the blessing of the throats.

This blessing is one of the "sacramentals" of the Church. Sacramentals — like the use of holy water, the veneration of relics, the signing with ashes, and so on — are outward signs. And while they don't convey grace the same way the seven sacraments do, they do "prepare us to receive grace and dispose us to cooperate with it" (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1670).

The Catholic religion is rich with such outward signs! They help us to bring faith into every aspect of our lives. But if it's important to let the faith penetrate every aspect of our lives, it's also important that we use these sacramentals with the right disposition.

There's a danger of falling into superstition as we use the sacramentals. It's important that we refrain — both for our own faith and for the witness we give to others.

It's superstition when we expect the mere external performance of an act (burying a statue of St. Joseph, for instance) or the mere external presence of an object to produce an effect without the interior disposition of faith. In short, we think we're manipulating God. That turns sacramentals into a kind of religious magic, which is exactly what they're not supposed to be.

The Gospels direct us to the right path: Access to the power of Jesus is conditioned on the presence of faith. It was faith, not magic, that allowed the woman to be healed just by touching His clothes. The same holds true for sacramentals such as the blessing of St. Blase.

Let me be clear: I'm not saying we shouldn't use sacramentals. Not at all! On the contrary: we should use them, and do so abundantly! They enrich our lives immensely. But we must do so with the right disposition. We use them rightly when we approach them with devotion, which is built on faith in the power of God.

Note: this column appeared in the St. Louis Review for Feb. 3-9 and may be read in the print edition or at https://bit.ly/35ejOXr.

STEWARDSHIP ALIVE!

Annual Statements

Contribution statements, which reflect parish records of each parishioner's financial contributions over the past calendar year, were mailed out recently. Any parishioner who has not received this mailing is urged to contact the parish office at 314-373-8202.

Offertory					
Sunday Collection	01/26/2020				
Offertory	\$7,088.00				
Loose	2,631.00				
Landscape and Maintenance	407.00				
St. Louis Review Subscription	245.00				
Other Misc. Collections	110.00				

Weekly Thoughts on Giving

"...they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord..." (Lk 2:22)

How seriously do you take being a Catholic? Is "being Catholic" something I just do when I attend Sunday Mass or attend one of my parish functions? It's easy to be Catholic then; it's harder to be Catholic when I am out in the world. Would someone recognize you as a Catholic by the way you act, dress, and talk? How do you present yourself to the Lord and to others?

Anima Christi Young Adults

All young adults interested in growing the fellowship of our young adult community are invited to the next young adult gathering scheduled for **Thursday**, **February 6.** We will begin with a Holy Hour in the church at 5:30 pm (enter through the west door by the playground), followed by Mass at 6:30 pm, and concluding in Boland Hall with dessert and fellowship beginning at 7:15 pm. Please join us, in full or in part, to deepen your relationship with Christ and with one another. For more information, please e-mail **AnimaChristiStL@gmail.com**.

Women of the Cathedral

The next meeting of the Women of the Cathedral will be Wednesday, February 19. We begin at 6 pm (note early start) with Adoration in the Blessed Mother Chapel led by Msgr. Mikesch (confession will also be available at this time). At 6:30 pm, we move to Boland Hall for fellowship with an opening meditation by Msgr. Mikesch, a light meal and dessert, a short meeting, and conclude with closing prayer at 7:30 pm. All women are invited. Please RSVP to Barbara Murray at murraybj@swbell.net or call 314-974-6900 if you will attend.

For the Poor

Today, and on the first Sunday of every month, the Cathedral Parish collects foodstuffs and canned goods for delivery to local food pantries. Please place donations in the baskets near the sanctuary at the side aisles. Thank you for your generosity!

Eyeglass Drive

Today, and on the first Sunday of every month, "The Respectacle Project", an eyeglass recycling program, is accepting donations of quality used eyeglasses. Please place donations in the baskets near the sanctuary at the side aisles. Thank you!

St. Patrick Casserole Program

Casseroles and other offerings collected by volunteers of the St. Patrick Casserole Program provides one week of dinners for the Women's Shelter, and one night of dinners for the Men's Alumni Club. The next collection will be **Thursday**, **February 13**, at **Boland Hall**, **from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.** For more information, please call Skip or Nicky Batchelor at 916-834-4843 or the rectory office at 314-373-8202.

Coffee and Donuts

The Cathedral Parish Coffee and Donuts gathering is held each Sunday in Boland Hall following the 10:00 a.m. Mass. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship today!



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.

William H. Bachmann
Sandy Dubuque
Alvin Griffin
Alexander Hacker
Carmen R. Jackson

Linus Pottebaum
Dorothy Quinn
Teresita Sanchez
Sr. Patricia Sevik
Rose Teran

Linda McGinnis Willa Washington
Lenore Molloy Richelle Weisbrod
Janice Noack Mary Anne Work

A Thought on The Sanctity Of Life

"When parents say 'yes' to life for their child, they are saying 'yes' to the most loving and healing path for all involved. When God invites us to draw close to him by following his commandments (Jn 14:15), he does so because he wants what is best for us. By saying 'yes' to life for their child, which is morally good and right, parents are placing their trust in God and embracing their child and the life their child has been given for as long as it is given."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Supporting Families Who Receive a Prenatal Diagnosis"

Pro-Life Mass

Remember to join us at the Cathedral Basilica on the third Saturday of each month for a pro-life Mass at 8:00 a.m., followed with a rosary procession to Planned Parenthood at Boyle and Forest Park. The next Mass is scheduled for **Saturday**, **February 15**.

Infant Baptism

According to the mind of the Church, parents are obliged to see that infants are baptized within the first weeks after birth. If you are a registered parishioner who is or is about to become a parent or godparent, please contact the parish office at 314-373-8202 to schedule a baptism or to register for our next baptismal preparation class. The next class will be held at the rectory on **Tuesday, February 25, at 7:00 p.m**.

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

February 2, 2020 through February 9, 2020

Sunday: Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7-10 Heb 2:14-18

Lk 2:22-40 **or** 2:22-32

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 Ps 3:2-7

Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14, 24-25, 30--19:3

Ps 86:1-6 Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17 (or 1 Cor 1:26-31)

Ps 32:1-2, 5-7

Mk 6:1-6 (or Lk 9:23-26)

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 (or Gal 2:19-20)

1 Chr 29:10-12

Mk 6:7-13 (or Mt 28:16-20)

Friday: Sir 47:2-11 Ps 18:31, 47, 50-51

Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13 Ps 119:9-14 Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Is 58:7-10 Ps 112:4-9 1 Cor 2:1-5

Mt 5:13-16

30-Minute Speaker Series

The Pro-Life Ministry's "30-Minute Speaker Series" continues on **Sunday, March 8.** Whether you want to simply speak more knowledgeably on the topic or are interested personally in the prospect of adoption, our next talk is for you! Good Shepherd Family & Children Services will present on the adoption process and common myths. The presentation will occur in the gym above Boland Hall from 11:25 - 11:55 a.m. (between the 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Masses). No cost or RSVP for entry.

You Can Help Carry the Burden

Our Parish is blessed with significant demographic diversity. While many of us live comfortably, a significant number within our Parish boundaries are not nearly so fortunate. **The Poor Box**, located near the main aisle in the rear of the church, is the primary source of funding for the assistance provided by the Cathedral Chapter of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Any help you can give is greatly appreciated.



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Blessing of Throats

The annual blessing of throats is a traditional sign of the struggle against illness in the life of the Christian, and is ordinarily given on **February 3**, the Memorial of St. Blaise. The Blessing of Throats will be offered following each Mass on Monday, February 3.

Our First and Best to the Lord

How do you present yourself to God when you attend Mass? Do you make Sunday Mass a priority or just try to fit it in when it is convenient? Do you prepare for Mass ahead of time? Do you read the Scripture readings and think about what the Lord may be saying to you? What is your disposition when you attend Mass? Are you looking to be entertained? How often do you complain about the homily or the music? Or, do you come to worship and adore God? Do you ask God what He is going to do for you like He is a genie in bottle granting wishes? Or, do you ask God what you can do for Him to help build His kingdom on earth? How do you dress for Mass? Do you take time in silence before and/or after Mass to talk to God personally? Do you make an offering to the Lord or just let the collection plate go by thinking that's someone else's burden. Think of it this way, when you go to a friend or family member's house, you typically prepare ahead of time. You shower, put on nice clothes, think about the other people who may be attending and usually you don't come empty-handed, you bring a bottle of wine or an appetizer. Why wouldn't you do the same before you go to God's house? Remember, God is the Creator of the Universe, He ranks higher than family and friends. Why do you go to great lengths to prepare to meet family and friends, yet for God, you do the bare minimum? Worse, yet, do you just go to Mass out of obligation and not out of love for God? As we start the new year, let's make God the priority and give Him our first and best every day. For more, visit archstl.org/live-the-faith.

A Lasting Gift

Looking for a special gift to memorialize a loved one, or celebrate a birth, wedding, or other important event? Consider a commemorative brick in the Cathedral Basilica Jubilee Prayer Garden! Contact the parish office at 314-373-8202 for more information.

Requiescat in Pace

Please pray for the repose of Catherine Anstey, dear mother of parishioner John Anstey, who passed away on January 18, 2020. A Funeral Mass for Catherine was celebrated at St. Margaret of Scotland on January 23.

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them."

Eucharistic Exposition

The Blessed Sacrament, the very presence of Christ's body and blood in the Eucharist, is reserved in the tabernacle of the Blessed Sacrament Chapel to the east of the main sanctuary. At all hours the Cathedral is open, people may be found praying there before the Lord "face to face." Each Saturday afternoon, beginning at 3:30 p.m., the Eucharist is displayed for prayer and adoration in public exposition in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for a holy hour. Following this holy hour, the Evening Prayer of the Church with Benediction is celebrated.

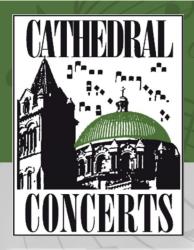
Additionally, the Blessed Sacrament is displayed for public adoration and prayer on the First Friday of the month. First Friday Adoration begins at approximately 8:30 a.m., following the completion of the 8:00 a.m. Mass, and concludes with Benediction at 11:45 a.m. Our next First Friday Adoration will be held on Friday, February 7.

Welcome to FORMED

Parishioners of the Cathedral Basilica have access to an exciting and educational online platform: **FORMED.org**. With FORMED, parishioners have 24/7 access to the truth, beauty, and meaning of the Catholic Faith anytime, anywhere - on your computer, tablet, or smartphone. Find books, movies, and audio from inspiring teaching from renowned speakers, info on Marriage Prep and Enrichment, RCIA, Scripture Study, Sacrament Preparation, Small Group Teen Discipleship, and much more! And it's so easy:

- Go to www.Formed.org and enter our parish code
 4P2W8Q on the homepage
- Create a personal account with your own unique user name/email and password, then simply enjoy the best Catholic content... all in one place!





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A Ascension







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North City Deanery Choir Friday, January 24, 2020 8 PM



The Sheldon's City of Music All-Star Chorus Friday, January **31**, 2020 **8** PM

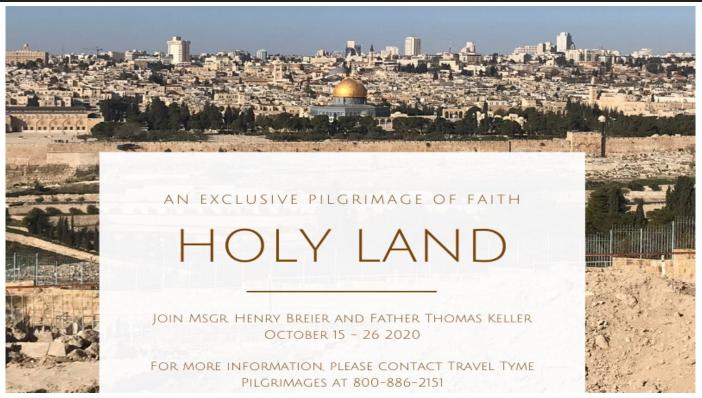


New Sunny Mount Baptist Church Chancel Choir & The Gospel Symphonic Choir Friday, February 7, 2020 8 PM



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	Liturgical Ministers February 8-9, 2020						
	Extraordinary Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Care	Servers	Ushers		
5:00 p.m. (Sat)		Luke Koebbe Rachel Kondro		Doug Weber	Jerry Pastore Matt Colvin Robert Sutter Luke Koebbe		
8:00 am	Michael Weisbrod Mitch Smith Tim Hirzel Thomas Gregory	Tim Hirzel Mitch Smith	TBD	Doug Weber Kevin Mattingly Pat McAllister	Dave Meyer Michael Held Tom Doyle Frank Snyder		
10:00 am	Laura Robinson Sr. Marie Paul St. Maria Howell Mary Elizabeth Grimes	Nary Elizabeth Grimes Sr. Mary Kathleen		Simon Blanner John-Paul Blanner Jack Ryan Joseph Cyr	Victor Stuart Barb Murray Ana Anita Atok Liz Ballman Susan Metheny		
12 Noon	Jessica Lobo Jerry Danekas David Parr Doug Weber	Jessica Lobo David Parr		Henry Foppe George Foppe August Foppe	Kenneth Brandl Rebecca Brandl LaWanda Reason Jerry Danekas		
5:00 pm	Mary Ann Cheng Barb Murray	Barb Murray Mary Ann Cheng		George Lawrence	Willie Kelsey Charlie Hapke		

Parish Information

Registration in Parish

To join our parish, please fill out a registration card (found at entrances to church) or contact the parish rectory at 314-373-8202.

ON LINE GIVING is a secure and convenient web-based service to make your weekly or monthly contributions to Cathedral Parish from your computer, or lap top, or tablet. Simply access the Cathedral web site (www.cathedralstl.org), click on the bright red DONATE button, 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.

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 Laura Voegelie at 314-373-8202.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

For persons interested in becoming Catholic, contact the parish 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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