



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 21, 2021

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)

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

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.

Small public tours of the Cathedral led by volunteer guides are available *by appointment*, as is access to the Cathedral Gift Shop. Large public tours are not currently available, due to the difficulty of being able to adequately social distance larger groups.

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.

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

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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 21– First Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. - For the Parish Family

10:00 a.m. - James Mikesch

12:00 p.m. - Ann Louise Morris-Kenney

5:00 p.m. - Nick Theiss

Mon., February 22- The Chair of St. Peter

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

8:00 a.m. - Nancy Ralston

12:05 p.m. - Judith Hale

Tues., February 23-St. Polycarp

7:00 a.m. - Ryan McNeil

8:00 a.m. - Harry & Judy Fabick

12:05 p.m. - Steve Dunnegan

Wed., February 24- Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. - Rosemary Farrow

8:00 a.m. - Anne Marie Nguyen K. Nhuong

12:05 p.m. - John Henry, Sr.

Thur., February 25– Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. - Gerald Marie Phung N. Quan

8:00 a.m. - Richelle Weisbrod

12:05 p.m. - Peggy Hawkey

Fri., February 26- Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. - Anne Duval

8:00 a.m. - Dolores Harbert

12:05 p.m. - John & Christine Foppe

Sat., February 27– Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. - Ann Rigby

5:00 p.m. - Joseph L. Stegall, Jr.

Sun., February 28-Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. - Justin Maciekowicz

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

12:00 p.m. - Alfred Rozanski

5:00 p.m. - Nick Theiss

FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Parishioners,

We have entered Lent. This season is many things, but one thing it calls us to do is to simplify our lives. It is a time to refocus. It is a time to get back to basics. It is a time, especially considering everything that we have had to deal with in this last year, where perhaps we've allowed different habits to develop, Lent takes us back to what really matters in life.

To make Lent a special time we need to do things differently. In all our lives, we know if we want to change something, then we need to change our routine and habits. That is why there is fasting and days of abstinence in Lent. We change our regular eating habits to be more mindful of sacrifice and repentance. After all, repentance is the bottom line purpose of Lent - "Reform your lives and believe in the gospel," as Jesus says.

Lent's refocusing includes prayer. That is essential. If our prayer routines have waned during the pandemic, Lent is the perfect time to help us put that priority back into place. With vaccinations now being administered, we hope there can be more comfort soon with returning more people returning to in-person Mass. Still, this Lent, we will continue to have our Lenten Stations of the Cross and our Lenten Retreat with Sacred Art. series. To assist you in deepening your prayer this lent, he parish has also provided copies of the Lenten Companion available at the main entrance of the Cathedral.

Besides prayer and fasting, our refocusing efforts for a good Lent calls us to go outside ourselves. That means using our time, talent and treasure for others. While "almsgiving" is the traditional term used for this component of Lent, what is behind this is our concerns for our brothers and sisters, especially those who are in need and less fortunate than we are. One example of this is the Rice Bowl project, which we take home and fill up through the season with our coins and dollars, then return at the end of Lent to support the efforts of Catholic Relief Services, helping those in need throughout the country and our world. Another option is our participate in our St. Patrick Center warm clothing drive.

Recently, I cam across this quote: "A comfort zone is a beautiful place, but nothing ever grows there." I think that's an appropriate description for a good Lent - to get out of our comfort zone and grow closer to the Lord.

May this Lent be that special time for us.

Monsignor Breier

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ARCHBISHOP'S COLUMN

God is always challenging the righteous to go deeper and sinners to repent

This Lent, ponder this: How God is pursuing us and how are we responding?

ARCHBISHOP MITCHELL ROZANSKI

SERVE THE LORD
WITH GLADNESS



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

So many aspects of our lives have been altered this past year. We've had to step back, think through our priorities, and reset basic patterns in our lives.

Answering that question can produce an earnest, well-targeted The readings this week offer two surprises that are good for us to ponder in Lent: one for the sinner, and one for the righteous.

We hear the episode of Jonah's preaching to Nineveh. Understand — not only was Nineveh filled with sin, it was also the capital of Assyria, a major enemy of ancient Israel. The Bible is saying: you can't get more opposed to God than this! Jonah preaches, Nineveh repents, and the city is spared from destruction.

This was a bitter surprise to Jonah, who personified the attitude of much of Israel at the time. Most of Israel, at this point in its history, held a position that's still instinctive for many of us: virtue leads to reward and sin leads to punishment. That's not entirely wrong. But if it's the whole story, then the treatment of Nineveh makes no sense. What else could be going on — what is God trying to say?

The prophet Ezekiel explains God's logic very clearly. On the one hand: "If the wicked man turns away from all the sin he committed ... None of the crimes he committed shall be remembered against him." Ezekiel then spells out the other side of the coin: "And if the virtuous man turns from the path of virtue to do evil ... None of his virtuous deeds shall be remembered."

Israel was approaching the covenant as a ledger. But God was saying: the covenant is not a ledger, it's a relationship. My concern is not simply with achievement, which lies in the past; my main concern is with movement, which lies in the present.

Sure, Nineveh was the capital of the enemy of Israel. Sure, David was an adulterer and a murderer. Sure, Peter denied Jesus. But the Lord asked for their repentance, they accepted the invitation and the movement is what pleased Him. Likewise for us: no matter how bad we've been, God's invitation is still there. That's surprisingly good news for the sinner!

But we should ponder the other side of the coin, as well: no matter how much good we may have done in the past, what matters most is the direction of our movement in the present. That's surprisingly challenging news to the righteous. And three episodes this week drive home the point.

First we hear about Queen Esther. She had never committed any great sins. But that wasn't enough. She was called to go deeper in her relationship with the Lord in order to save the Jewish people in a time of crisis.

Second, we hear Jesus say directly: "Unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven."

Third and last, consider Jesus' refrain in the Sermon on the Mount: "You have heard that it was said ... But I say to you." Again and again, Jesus says that the old law was good, but the new law requires something deeper. He relentlessly pursues the whole heart.

And there's the key: God pursues, relentlessly. The sinful person who despairs and the righteous person who presumes both commit the same error. They misunderstand who God is; they think that the achievement of the past is all that matters to God. But if God's character is to pursue, and theology tells us that God is unchanging, then God is always pursuing, always inviting deeper. That means the sinful person is always welcome to repent, and the righteous person is always challenged to go deeper.

God is relentlessly pursuing each of us, inviting repentance, and calling us deeper into His life. Past achievement is not the key; present movement is. That's worth pondering as we enter the first full week of Lent: how is God pursuing you, and what's your response?

Note: this column appeared in the St. Louis Review for February 22-28 and may be read in the print edition or at https://bit.ly/35ejOXr.



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A LENTEN RETREAT WITH SACRED ART

Sacred art is meant to assist in the raising of the mind and heart to God. As Pope Benedict XVI wrote, "Images of beauty, in which the mystery of the invisible God becomes visible, are an essential part of Christian worship... The image of Christ and the images of the saints are not photographs. Their whole point is to lead us beyond what can be apprehended at the merely material level, to awaken new senses in us, and to teach us a new kind of seeing, which perceives the Invisible in the visible." (The Spirit of the Liturgy).

To assist in our Lenten journey, a different piece of sacred art will be displayed each week in the All Saints chapel of the Cathedral Basilica. Please feel free to visit and pray with these images along with the reflections provided in the bulletin as we journey toward the celebration of our Lord's Resurrection.



Week 2: Shower of Roses

(located in the All Saints chapel)

The artist, George Capps, a parishioner at the Cathedral Basilica and the founder and President of Goretti Fine Art, LLC, says the following about this week's painting:

Originally created for the Cathedral's former associate, Fr. Joseph, Shower of Roses depicts St. Therese of Lisieux in glory. Shortly before succumbing to tuberculosis at the age of 24, the French Carmelite famously declared, "After my death, I will let fall a shower of roses." While this vibrant image of her heavenly intercession has influenced both popular devotion and artistic representations of the saint, many previous paintings depict Therese selectively dropping her floral favors one by one. By contrast, Shower of Roses aims to convey a sense of the exuberant superabundance of God's grace, channeled through the intercession of this great but eminently relatable saint, whose power lies in her littleness and humility.

Rich in the visual vocabulary of the Western Christian symbolic tradition, the painting focuses on the higher spiritual realities of faith (represented by clouds, incense, rich drapery, idealized figures, etc.) while at the same time highlighting heaven's ability, through intercessory prayer and the Communion of Saints, to intersect with earthly existence (represented by the terrestrial orb in the lower register--if you look closely, you might even spy the Gateway Arch!). The Christ Child and the engraving of the Holy Face reflect Therese's professed name with the Carmelites and draw attention to the ultimate source of the graces credited to her, while the cross and crown of thorns emphasize the role that suffering played in her spirituality and sanctification.

Prayer and penance, along with almsgiving, are the three pillars which characterize the Lenten journey toward Easter. We are mindful of our communion with Therese and the other saints who stand now before the very throne of God. Perhaps as we strive to remain faithful to our Lenten resolutions to daily prayer, it can be helpful to call this communion to mind: the union of our earthly prayers with the prayers of those who have "fought the good fight" and have "finished the race."

Similarly, we are reminded of the central role of penance and suffering in the earthly pilgrimages of the saints - particularly St. Therese – and, of course, of our Lord Himself. The wounds which Jesus willfully accepted during His earthly life now redound unto His greater glorification in heaven. The saints show us how to accept our sufferings and bear our penances in this life, so that they might be the cause of our own heavenly glorification. As we embrace our penances during this Lenten season, may we look to their example.

St. Therese of Lisieux, pray for us!

Archdiocesan Lenten Regulations

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him." (Jn 3:16-17)

The Church has always helped us fulfill these words of Jesus by prescribing very definite penance for all Catholics. Universal Lenten directions are printed here in order that we may be reminded of what is expected of all Catholics for all the days of Lent.

- 1. **Abstinence from meat** (totally meatless days) is observed by all Catholics 14 years of age and older (no upper age limit) on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent.
- 2. **Fasting** is observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics between 18 and 59. Those who are bound by this eat only one full meal; two smaller meals are taken to maintain strength according to each one's needs.
- 3. **Fasting** on other weekdays of Lent is not obligatory but recommended most strongly; if fasting is not observed, some other form of **self-denial is obligatory**, not from Church direction but from Christ's command.
- 4. **Prayer** is especially necessary to maintain the perspective of penance and to keep the motivation spiritual. Some substantial time should be given to prayer each day.
- 5. **Almsgiving** or charity is necessary to maintain and intensify the movement of the soul away from self-centeredness. A substantial donation of monetary funds and/or time and/or personal effort should be given to those in need.

Operation Rice Bowl

The effort known as **Operation Rice Bowl** is a regular feature of Lent in Catholic homes, whereby families reduce substantially one meal eaten together to a very simple fare like soup and bread, then donate the money saved to the "rice bowl". At the end of Lent, all the "rice bowl" funds are forwarded to the poor through Catholic Relief Services. "Rice bowls", instructions, and a Lenten Calendar are available on the tables at each entrance. Please consider taking one and using it to fulfill the Universal Lenten Direction toward almsgiving or charity this Lenten season.

Lenten Companion

The Cathedral parish is offering free copies of the Magnificat Lenten Companion, available in the vestibule after Mass. Spend a few moments meditating on the inspiring daily reflections and the short prayers that follow them and accompany Jesus through his Passion and Death, emerging on Easter Sunday to the overflowing joy of his Resurrection.

Lenten Resources

In addition to the Magnificat's Lenten Companion being offered to all parishioners, the following is a list of additional resources available to enhance your prayer life this Lenten season:

- Augustine Institute Formed: https://formed.org/
- Best Lent Ever daily reflections: https:// dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever
- Bishop Barron Word on Fire Lenten Reflections: https://www.lentreflections.com/
- USCCB: http://usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/lent/index.cfm

Finally, the Lenten Day of Recollection with our new Archbishop, is scheduled for Saturday, March 13.

Stations of the Cross

A privileged devotion frequently prayed in a public service during Lent is the **Stations of the Cross.** For centuries, pilgrimage to the holy places in Jerusalem and a walking the path of Christ's carrying the cross to Calvary has been an esteemed devotion and penitential practice. In similar fashion, the faithful have prayed at fourteen "stations of the Cross" erected on the walls of their parish churches. Join us for this powerful devotional prayer **every Friday evening of Lent at 7:00 p.m., live or via livestream!**

Lent and Confession

All Catholics associate Lent with the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Sometimes we put off going to Confession until the last minute depriving ourselves of a much richer Lent; indeed, a much richer life. Everyone is urged to make their Lenten confession early, allowing the richness of God's mercy to "take root" in Lent and then blossom into a hardy Easter joy.





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 Janice Noack Vivian Chemelekov **Dorothy Quinn** Joe Dubuque Myra Richardson Teresita Sanchez Sidney Edwards-Cole Wayne Eultgen Darlene Throop Breanna Evans Richelle Weisbrod Alvin Griffin Mary Anne Work Donald Lang Betty Ytzaina Lenore Molloy

Help for the Homeless

St. Patrick Center provides opportunities for self-sufficiency and dignity to people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. One of the many services provided includes a mobile outreach unit that goes around the city providing for the homeless still on the street, offering shelter, sandwiches, water, snacks, and miscellaneous items. Items particularly needed this time of year are stocking caps, hand warmers, mittens, and gloves for adults, for both men and women. Donations may be dropped off in the designated receptacle located in the vestibule of the Cathedral, or brought to the parish office during regular business hours.

Weekly Thoughts on Giving

"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God..." - Mk 1:14

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.

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 21, 2021 through February 28, 2021

Sunday: Gn 9:8-15 Ps 25:4-9 1 Pt 3:18-22

Mk 1:12-15

Monday: 1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-6 Mt 16:13-19

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-7, 16-19

Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19

Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25 Ps 138:1-3, 7-8

Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-8 Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8

Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9, 10-13, 15-18

Ps 116:10, 15-19 Rom 8:31-34

Mk 9:2-10

40 Days For Life

The Cathedral Basilica Parish has adopted **Sunday**, **March 21**, as its day for the 40 Days for Life vigil of quiet prayer outside of Planned Parenthood.

To sign up for your preferred hour to stand vigil between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m, or for additional information, please contact Bryan with the Cathedral Pro-Life Ministry at **bryankirchoff@att.net**. Join us in peaceful prayer for all life!

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 25**. We begin with Adoration and confessions in the church at 6:30 pm (*enter through the west door by the playground*), followed by dinner in Boland Hall at 7:30 p.m. For additional information, please e-mail **AnimaChristiStL@gmail.com**.



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Easter Memorial Flowers

The beautiful Easter lilies and spring flowers that adorn our church are a special part of the celebration of Easter at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis. We invite parishioners to share in the experience through a memorial or thanksgiving gift - to remember loved ones, honor friends, and offer thanksgiving to God for prayers answered and blessings received. The suggested donation is \$10.00 per remembrance. The names of all those being remembered will be printed in the parish bulletin on Easter Sunday and the week following Easter.

Please indicate in whose memory, or in whose honor, you wish the flowers to be dedicated. Completed forms and payment may be placed in an envelope and dropped into the weekend offertory baskets, OR mailed to: Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, c/o Memorial Lilies, 4431 Lindell Blvd, Saint Louis, MO, 63108.

Please check one: In memory of OR In honor of (those still living):						
Name of person/family being honored:						
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Total number of remembrances X \$10 each = Total Payment of \$						
Please make checks payable to the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis						
Given by:						

Order Deadline: Wednesday, March 24





Liturgical Ministers February 27-28, 2021						
	Extraordinary Ministers	Lectors	Ministers of Care	Servers	Ushers	
5:00 p.m. (Sat)	No Cup Ministers At Any Mass This Weekend	Kevin Reese Sal Alatorre		Sacristan	Jerry Pastore Matt Colvin Robert Sutter	
8:00 am		Pat Harper Jessica Lobo		Doug Weber Kevin Mattingly	Dave Meyer Tom Doyle Frank Snyder	
10:00 am		Sr. Mary Kathleen Mike Roth		Simon Blanner JP Blanner Thomas Jackson Matthew Brewer Joseph Brewer Michael Brewer	Victor Stuart Barb Murray Susan Metheny	
12 Noon		David Parr Kathleen Schmitz		Henry Foppe Gus Foppe George Foppe	Kenneth Brandl Rebecca Brandl Jerry Danekas	
5:00 pm		John Stith Phoebe Del Castillo		Brak Welby Luke Welby	Willie Kelsey Charlie Hapke Pat McCann	

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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