THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 3, 2024

MASSES ON THE LORD’S DAY
5:00 pm Sat (vigil)
8:00 am, 10:00 am,
12:00 noon, 5:00 pm
Live Streaming
Sunday Mass at 10 am
Daily Mass at 8 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)

EUCHARISTICADORATION
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. Public tours of the Cathedral led by volunteer guides are available most weekdays, call for availability.

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
314.533.7662

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 available 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.

If you are interested in volunteering as a docent, please contact Susie sironscathedralstl.org

Sun. March 3rd - Third Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m. The Breier Family
10:00 a.m. Joseph Calderara
12:00 p.m. Marie De L’Assomption Phung Van Khahn
5:00 p.m. Nick Theiss

Mon. March 4th - St. Casimir
7:00 a.m. Paul Leible
8:00 a.m. Charles E. Whitten
12:05 p.m. Debra Davis

Tues. March 5th - Lenten Weekday
7:00 a.m. Freida Weber
8:00 a.m. Robert “Bob” Breier
12:05 p.m. McCadden Family

Wed. March 6th - Lenten Weekday
7:00 a.m. Jerry Purcell
8:00 a.m. Caroline Schmeider
12:05 p.m. Teresa Resendiz

Thur. March 7th - Sts. Perpetua & Felicity
7:00 a.m. Jim Kitowski
8:00 a.m. Michael Reese
12:05 p.m. Lenny Schutz

Fri. March 8th - St. John of God
7:00 a.m. Teresa & Francis Farrow & Family
8:00 a.m. The Breier Family
12:05 p.m. Robert Franklin

Sat. March 9th - St. Frances of Rome
8:00 a.m. Robert Breier
5:00 p.m. Diane Nolt

Sun. March 10th - Fourth Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m. Doreen Bell
10:00 a.m. Julie Endraske
12:00 p.m. Teresa Resendiz
5:00 p.m. Nick Theiss
Dear Parishioners,

This past weekend, the Cathedral Basilica was honored to host the relics of St. Jean de Brébeuf. Brébeuf was born in Normandy, France and entered the Jesuits after he finished his university studies. In a spirit of humility, he asked to be a brother, but his superior convinced him to study to be a priest. He taught at a secondary school-level college in Rouen and then was ordained a priest on Feb. 19, 1622. That same year he became the treasurer of the college. The tall, rugged Jesuit responded to an appeal made two years later by the Franciscan Recollects who asked other religious orders to help evangelize the native peoples of North America. Along with four other Jesuit companions, Brébeuf arrived in Quebec June 19, 1625.

Competition between Christianity and native religion was a constant fact of life. When drought hit the land, native religious leaders blamed it on the crucifix on the priests' cabin; the Jesuits countered with a novena and a procession around the village. When which rain the prayers, the Jesuits interpreted this as an answer to their prayers. When Father Isaac Jogues arrived in 1636, a smallpox epidemic broke out among the Jesuits and their helpers and then spread to the Hurons. The epidemic lasted all winter; during that time the Jesuits baptized more than a thousand people, all at the point of death. Some Hurons accused the Jesuits of causing the epidemic in order to make conversions.

St. Jean de Brébeuf underwent horrible torture before his death throughout which he encouraged his fellow Christians to remain strong. He was 46 years old and had spent 20 years in New France.

In our Gospel this week, the evangelist John presents to us Jesus’ first trip to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover there. The scene of chasing out the sellers from the temple manifests Jesus’ jealousy, as the prophet wrote: "Zeal for your house devours me."

There is another market we need to focus on; it is that which happens in our hearts. It is a market that scandalizes the Lord Jesus even more because the heart is the true temple in which God wants to dwell. Such a market has to do with the way one conceives and conducts one's life. What one seems to count and value is one's own personal gain, at any cost.

Monsignor Henry Breier

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Archbishop’s Column

Make known to those around us the mystery of our new life in Christ

To be effective witnesses, the invitation needs to be rooted in our own experience

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Consider the following quote: “If the sacrament of the Lord’s passion (the Eucharist) is to work its effect in us, we must imitate what we receive and proclaim to mankind what we revere. The cry of the Lord finds a hiding place in us if our lips fail to speak of this, though our hearts believe in it. So that His cry may not lie concealed in us it remains for us all, each in his own measure, to make known to those around us the mystery of our new life in Christ.”

It feels like those words could have been written last week, with their focus on the Eucharist and evangelization. The truth is, they were written in the late 500’s by St. Gregory the Great!

Here are two points that come up in the readings this week that can help us “make known to those around us the mystery of our new life in Christ.”

The first is provided by the episode of the healing of Naaman the Syrian, who had leprosy. He was offended when Elisha told him to wash in the Jordan River, thinking, “What’s so special about this place? Couldn’t I just have washed in the rivers of my home country?”

When he was healed, however, he realized there is something special about this place, something that makes it different from every other place.

We can apply that same kind of thinking to the Eucharist. People ask: “Can’t I pray anywhere?” Our answer is: “Yes, but.” Yes, you can pray anywhere! But, there’s something special about praying before the Eucharist, something that makes it different from every other place.

Rather than scolding people who don’t realize that (yes, perhaps they should know better, but as a method of proclamation, scolding doesn’t bear very good fruit!), we can give people Elisha’s invitation.

But here’s the key: To be effective, that invitation has to be rooted in our own experience! Then we can say, with full conviction: “Sure, you can pray anywhere and everywhere. I do. But there’s something different about praying before the Eucharist. Why don’t you come and find out for yourself?” That kind of invitation is a way “to make known to those around us the mystery of our new life in Christ.”

The second is a reflection on the one word “as.”

We hear Jesus tell the parable of the unforgiving servant this week, with this punch line: “Should you not have had pity on your fellow servant as I had pity on you?”

We pray the same key word in the Our Father: “Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.”

So I have just one question: What if other people talked about us as we talked about them. How would we like it?

How we talk about each other — even in disagreement — shapes the relational environment in which we live. And I’m afraid we create a lot of relational pollution! It also has a real spiritual effect on other people: It lifts them up or tears them down. We could do a better job being stewards of those spiritual effects.

How we talk about others — speaking of them with charity and dignity, even when we disagree with them — that’s another way “to make known to those around us the mystery of our new life in Christ.”

Note: This column appeared in the St. Louis Review for March 2-3 and may be read in the print edition or at https://it.ly/35cj0Xr
Experience Great Music in a Great Space!
Join us for the remaining concerts of our 2023-2024 Season

St. Louis Symphony Orchestra & Chorus
Wednesday, February 28, 2024 8:00pm
Presented by BSI Constructors
Stéphane Denève, conductor
Brenda Rae, soprano
Davone Tines, baritone
St. Louis Symphony Chorus – Erin Freeman, Guest Chorus Director
GABRIEL FAURE Pavane, op. 50
CHARLES KOECHLIN Choral sur le nom de Fauré
LILI BOURJAL Pier Jeu
MAURICE RAVEL Pavane pour une infante défunte (Pavane for a Dead Princess)
GABRIEL FAURE Requiem, op. 48
Tickets: $60, $45, $30

Chanticleer
Monday, April 8, 2024 8:00pm
“The world’s reigning male chorus”
– New Yorker
Welcomed by Melanie & Anthony Fathman, MD
Tickets: $45, $30, $20

The Boston Camerata
Friday, April 19, 2024 8:00pm
Les Miracles de Notre Dame
Medieval Paris was not only a center of learning, debate, art, and architecture; it was also a capital of musical creation and innovation, the most important in Europe. You will hear the magnificent vocal music sung within the walls of the great cathedral, as well as miracle tales, student songs, and minstrel turns performed in Notre Dame’s shadow, on either bank of the steadily flowing Seine. A feast!
A commission of the French Consulate in Boston and premiered a few months after the 2019 fire which destroyed in part the Notre Dame cathedral, it was again performed in 2022, to public and critical acclaim.
Tickets: $45, $30, $20

Artists & Dates subject to change
CathedralConcerts.org 314-533-7662
A Lenten Retreat with Sacred Art
Week 3: St. Luke the Evangelist, by Maggie Jackson
(Located in the All Saints chapel)

Our image this week is an icon depicting St. Luke the Evangelist created by local St. Louis artist and Cathedral Basilica parishioner Maggie Jackson. Icons have been an important form of Christian art since the 3rd century. Unlike other forms of painting, icons are created with the specific intention of facilitating prayer and are meant to serve as a sort of ‘doorway’ between heaven and earth. This is why the figures depicted in iconography aren’t exactly natural-looking; they are rather meant to serve as a window into the supernatural: a way in which the mind and heart can be helped to touch upon the divine. This is also why figures depicted in icons (either saints, angels, or Jesus Himself) are typically staring straight at the viewer. Traditionally, icon “writing” could take several weeks or even months or years and was the fruit of deep prayer and contemplation on the part of the artist.

This idea of being a ‘doorway’ to the divine is appropriate as well to the saint depicted here. St. Luke was a travelling companion of St. Paul and the author of one of the four Gospels as well as the Acts of the Apostles. Based on the elevated style of Greek with which he wrote, he is thought to be a rather educated man and, in fact, St. Paul’s letter to the Colossians refers to him as a physician.

Interestingly, unlike the authors of the Gospels of John and likely Matthew, Luke was not an eyewitness to the things Jesus said and did. Luke, rather, came to know Jesus first by what was handed on to him to those who were eyewitnesses. As a travelling companion of St. Paul, St. Luke would have had the opportunity to meet St. Peter and other Apostles and disciples. Their witness, along with that of St. Paul himself, would have been a ‘doorway’ through which St. Luke came to know Jesus, and it was based on the testimony of these eyewitnesses that St. Luke would have eventually composed his Gospel (Luke 1:1-3). In this way, after having come to know Jesus through the testimony and mediation of others, St. Luke was thus equipped to, himself, become a ‘doorway’ through which others – even in future generations like our own – could likewise come to know Jesus.

We, like St. Luke, are the ones who have come to know Jesus first through the witness of others: parents, teachers, friends, authors, etc. Like St. Luke as well, our knowledge of Jesus is not meant simply to remain at the level of “knowing about” Jesus, but is meant to develop into an active, living relationship with a Person who is still very much alive, interested in, and in love with us. Having grown into such a relationship with Jesus Christ, we are then, in turn, meant to also become a ‘doorway’ through which others might come to know Him. This is how the Church, which is the Mystical Body of Christ, is meant to grow: not simply by getting more people to sign up for programs and participate in events, but rather by being incorporated into the Body through a living relationship with the Head of the Body, Jesus Christ. It is He who communicates the life of divine grace to each of the members.

During this season of Lent, through prayer, we intensify our connection and intimacy with Christ, and through fasting and almsgiving we separate ourselves from whatever weakens that connection. In doing so, we will become more effective ‘doorways’ through which others might come to know and love, and so become connected to Him as well.

St. Luke the Evangelist, pray for us!
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: _____________________________________________________________
Your Email Address ____________________________ Phone ____________________

Order Deadline: Thursday, March 21st
Weekly Thoughts on Giving

“You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything...” - Exodus 20:4

How many “gods” do you put before God? “Idols” do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God’s help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

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 Session

March 6th
From There He Will Come to Judge the Living and the Dead
March 20th
I Believe in 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
March 3, 2024 through March 10, 2024

Sunday: 29: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 Ps 19:8-11 1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25
Monday: 237: Kgs 5:1-15b Ps 42:2-3; 3-4 Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: 238: Dn 3:25, 34-43 ps 25:4bc-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9 Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: 239: Dt 4:1, 5-9 Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: 240: Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Lk 11:14-23
Friday: 241: Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-11b, 14, 17 Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: 242: Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4, 18-21b Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: 32:2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 Ps 137:1-6

Eph 2:4-10 Jn 3:14-21

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.

Roxanne Ali
Linda Baldwin
Janice Bashford
Barbara Beckemeyer
Edwin Ayala Padilla
Pauline Price
David Washington
Dorothy Quinn
Mary Leah Kovarik
Janetta Williams

Guy Thomas
Kelvin Ayala Reyes
Mary Riley
Nicole Pace
Resy Sanchez
Mickey Shears
Mary Anne Work
Betty Ytzaina
Sharon Kay Moore
Therese Terri Svehla
Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations to Patrick Owen Killeen, son of Kevin and Shannon Killeen, who was baptized in Christ on Sunday, February 11, 2024, here at the Cathedral Basilica.

May the blessing of the Lord be always upon him, and may God watch over and cherish all children whom He has blessed with the grace of Baptism.

Anima Christi Young Adults

Anyone between the ages of 18 and 39 is invited to join in prayer and fellowship with the young adult community of the Cathedral Basilica on Thursday, February 29th. Our gathering begins with Holy Hour at 6:30 pm (enter through the west door, by the playground). Afterward there will be dinner in Boland Hall. Please join us, in full or in part, to deepen your relationship with Christ and with one another.

A Thought on The Sanctity Of Life

The Gospel of Life is “meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time a pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!” (The Gospel of Life 5).

Appointment with Fr. Marco

Fr. Marco is available for confession and spiritual discussion. To make an appointment to meet with Fr. Marco, please call Andrew at 314-373-8202. Thank you!

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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.

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 go to Parish Online Giving under the “GIVE” tab. Then 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 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.