## CATHEDRAL BASILICA



## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 14, 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)

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. 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 sirons@cathedralstl.org

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Sun. April 14th - Third Sunday of Easter 8:00 a.m. Sr. Mary Romana Gomez 10:00 a.m. Addyson Nicole Gomez 12:00 p.m. A Special Intention 5:00 p.m. A Special Intention Mon. April 15th - Easter Weekday 7:00 a.m. Paul Leible Charles E. Whitten 8:00 a.m. 12:05 p.m. Alex Congers Tues. April 16th - Easter Weekday 7:00 a.m. John Callahan Sr. Maria Howell 8:00 a.m. 12:05 p.m. **Dennis Bader** Wed. April 17th - Easter Weekday 7:00 a.m. Jim Lehn 8:00 a.m. Mary Turner John Owczarzak 12:05 p.m. Thur. April 18th - Easter Weekday 7:00 am. Mary Agnes Weber 8:00 a.m. Latosha Penney 12:05 p.m. Jena & Virginia Wurthmann Fri. April 19th - Easter Weekday 7:00 a.m. Robert Breier 8:00 a.m. Arthur & Virginia Eultgen 12:05 p.m. Joshua Curfman Sat. April 20th - St. Martin I, Pope Pamela Meier 8:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. Ben Janson Sun. April 21st - Fourth Sunday of Easter 8:00 a.m. Charles E. Whitten 10:00 a.m. George Casey 12:00 p.m. Paul Leible Nick Theiss 5:00 p.m.





### FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday's Gospel takes us back to Easter evening. The two disciples on their way to Emmaus had hurried back to Jerusalem and were telling the others what had happened to them. And then Jesus "in person" appears in their midst and greets them again saying: "Peace be with you." Jesus finds them still incredulous, amazed and full of doubt. In the Acts of the Apostles, Luke writes that Jesus "After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God" (Acts 1:3). We could say that Jesus took forty days to make the disciples understand the mystery of his death and resurrection, so central is this mystery to Jesus for having faith in him.

The disciples were attached to their doubts. We must be aware that there is a subtle temptation in doubt, that of never choosing, thus maintaining an inner reservation. Doubt can, of course, come, but cultivating it and cherishing it ends up making us think we are clever and intelligent, but actually making us sad. We could say that those forty days were like a great school during which Jesus explained Moses and the Prophets to them, and this time the evangelist also adds the Psalms.

Listening to the Scriptures and the preaching done by Jesus, the disciples dissolved their doubts and hardships and were freed from fear and dread. But Jesus showed them the power of his resurrection by which he had defeated evil, and which was to be communicated to all: "repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem."

Jesus breaks down the walls of the room where they had shut themselves in out of fear, and he hears before him all peoples. To that frightened little group, Jesus says that they must go out to all peoples, no one excluded: all have the right to encounter the Gospel, the good news of salvation that consists in conversion, that is, in the fruit that is reaped after preaching and in the gift of forgiveness from the Lord. From Easter day onwards, the universal dream of Jesus is clear. At the end of the meeting Jesus says to them: "You are witnesses of these things." This is the first time that Luke's Gospel uses the term "witnesses" in relation to the disciples. The risen Lord wants us to be passionate witnesses and not uncertain and cautious officials; joyful witnesses and not fearful disciples protected by closed doors; witnesses, who live what they communicate and who by communicating it, learn to live it.

**Monsignor Henry Breier** 

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### **ARCHBISHOP'S COLUMN**

## The Eucharist allows us to take in the 'medicine of immorality'

It would be uncharitable if we don't share the Good News found in the Eucharist

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

"I am the bread of life ... whoever eats this bread will live forever" (John 6:48, 51).

This week, we hear the "bread of life" discourse from John 6. Several components help to show why we need a Eucharistic revival.

One of the basic presuppositions that made the bread of life discourse matter to its original audience is the

knowledge that eternal life is something we need to receive, not something to which we're entitled or toward which we're automatically tending. That's one of the reasons why the theme of "eternal life" permeates the bread of life discourse. Jesus says: "Do not work for food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you." And He says: "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day." And He says: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever." And He says: "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life."

Jesus wants to give His eternal life to us. One of the ways He does so is through is through the Eucharist.

It may seem odd that this is how we receive eternal life. But C.S. Lewis has a wonderful passage in "Mere Christianity" addressing this puzzlement: [P]lease remember how we acquired the old, ordinary kind of life. We derived it from others, from our father and mother and all our ancestors, without our consent, and by a very curious process involving pleasure, pain and danger. ... Now the God who arranged that process is the same God who arranges how the new kind of life — the Christ life — is to be spread. We must be prepared for it being odd, too. He did not consult us when He invented sex; He has not

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### SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS



consulted us either when He invented this."

St. Cyril of Alexandria thought of the Eucharist as the "medicine of immortality." For him, the logic of the matter was simple. We, of our own power, tend toward death. God, on the other hand, is immortal. Because Jesus is God in the flesh, His flesh and blood have immortal life. So: if we consume His flesh and blood in the Eucharist, we take in "the medicine of immortality."

Sometimes we speak of evangelization as "one beggar telling another beggar where to find bread." We might also speak of a Eucharist centered evangelization as one sick person telling another sick person where to find medicine.

We're rightly concerned with saying we believe the faith but not actually living what we believe. That's the error of hypocrisy.

We're just as much in danger today of an opposite error: believing and living the faith, but never being willing to tell others what we believe. Let's name that for what it is: If we're all dying, and the Eucharist is the medicine of immortality, failing to tell people about it is a lack of charity. And that's a good reason for a Eucharistic revival! Let's tell the world the Good News.

*Note: This column appeared in the St. Louis Review for April 13-14 and may be read in the print edition or at <u>https://it.lv/35ejOXr</u>* 





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



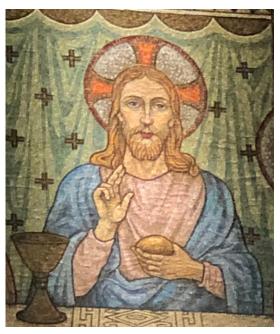


## Sacrificial Love & Triumph

Mosaic of The Last Supper

The Gospel reading for today, the Third Sunday of Easter, recounts Jesus' resurrection and appearances to His disciples, highlighting His sacrificial love and triumph over sin and death. Luke's account, distinct from Matthew and Mark, is tailored for a broad audience, including non-Jewish readers, emphasizing the universality of Jesus' message of salvation. The Gospel highlights salvation and redemption, showcasing God's love and the call for everyone to find forgiveness and reconciliation through faith in Jesus Christ, making it a vital piece for understanding the inclusive nature of God's invitation to salvation.

Following last week's readings, we continue to hear accounts of Jesus' appearances to his disciples following the resurrection. Today's reading begins directly following the report of Jesus' appearance to his disciples on the road to Emmaus. This is the exact event that is being recounted in the opening verse of today's Gospel.



In almost every report of Jesus' post-resurrection appearance, Jesus begins by greeting his disciples with the words, "Peace be with you." This is a very important and apropos greeting since the disciples just witnessed the brutal death of someone that they dearly loved, and they now fear for their own lives as well. Peace is what they need more than anything. Jesus often connects greetings of peace with another gift– the gift of forgiveness. We notice in today's Gospel reading that this connection of peace with forgiveness is present in the final few verses.

Even as they hear Jesus' greeting of peace, the disciples are immediately startled and even terrified. They are uncertain of what to make of the person before them. Quite understandably, they even mistake Jesus for a ghost. Yet the man before them is not a ghost; Jesus, seeing their fear, immediately invites them to experience his resurrected body with their own human senses. He invites them to look at him and to touch him. The man standing before them in human form is very much flesh and bone, and still bears the marks of His crucifixion. Although his disciples will never forget his torture and death, peace begins to fill their hearts and minds, and their fear soon turns into amazement and wonder.

As further proof of his identity and resurrected body, Jesus eats a meal with his disciples. The disciples have come to know Jesus best through the simple meals that he so often shares with them. Descriptions of these exact meals are a distinct and defining element of the Gospel according to Luke. By eating with his disciples after His resurrection, Jesus recalls all these meals, and most importantly, he recalls the Last Supper which was shared directly before his arrest and eventual death on the cross.

Luke's description of the Last Supper and the meals that Jesus shared with his disciples after his resurrection show us the true significance of the Eucharist. Having shared a meal with his disciples, Jesus now uncovers for them the importance of what was written about his plan for salvation in the scriptures. So, too, our celebration of the Mass is an encounter with the living Christ, through the Word and Sacrament of the Eucharist. As Jesus commissions his disciples to be witnesses to what the scriptures foretold, our celebration of the Eucharist commissions us. Just like the disciples, we are sent to announce the good news of Jesus' forgiveness of sins and everlasting salvation.





## Men of the Cathedral

The **Men of the Cathedral** cordially invite all parishioners and visitors to attend Adoration of the Holy Eucharist on Tuesday, April 30th at 6 PM.

We will have just celebrated the passion, death, and rising from the dead of our Lord. What a terrific way to continue to honor the ultimate sacrifice he gave to offer us salvation!

Adoration will begin promptly at 6 PM confessions will be heard during Adoration.

All men are invited to drinks, dinner and fellowship in Boland Hall immediately after the conclusion of Adoration. In anticipation of Cinco de Mayo, we will have a Mexican feast! A suggested donation of \$20 is appreciated.

Please consider making this prayerful evening a family event. Invite your family and friends to celebrate Christ through Adoration.

For dinner reservations, please contact Michael Weisbrod at 314-914-2893 or michael.weisbrod@rcfstl.org by Monday, April 29th. The need is constant. The gratification is instant.

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Give blood.



Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis Blood Drive Thursday, May 16, 2024 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Bolland Hall, 4430 Maryland Avenue

Schedule through the QR code or Visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: CATHEDRAL to schedule an appointment

Contact: Phoebe Razon at pdel33@gmail.com

## Women of the Cathedral

Christus Resurrexit (Christ is Risen)! Please join us on **May 7th** for our next monthly meeting. We meet for Adoration and Benediction from 6:30-7:00 pm followed by food, fellowship and faith in Boland Hall. Nursing babies are always welcome!

A monthly **LADIES LUNCHEON** will begin on the first Wednesday of every month starting on May 8th at Chris' Pancakes from 11:30 am-1:00 pm. You do not need to attend the monthly meeting to attend this, it is open to all ladies of the parish and please bring your friends! This is a wonderful way to meet your fellow parishioners. Nursing babies and/or children are welcome! RSVP to Suzanne by May 1st at: suzbjef@netzero.com RSVP is required for this even by the deadline.

Please email Sarah Schimpf at <u>sarah.schimpf@icloud.com</u> with any questions and for email notifications with events, service opportunities at the parish and updates.







## Weekly Thoughts on Giving

*"Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you. 'But they were startled and frightened..." - Luke 24:36-37* 

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to "see the face of Jesus" in others and to "be the face of Jesus" to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide "peace" to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a "God-centered" life and not a "self-centered" life.

## 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!



**April 17** The Communion of Saints

## Daily Readings for the Week...

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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 April 14, 2024 through April 21, 2024

Sunday:	47: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19 Ps 4:2, 4, 7-9 1
	Jn 2:1-5a Lk 24:35-48
Monday:	273: Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24, 26-27,
	29-30
Tuesday:	274: Acts 7:51—8:1a Ps 31:3cd-4, 6ab,
	7b, 8a, 17, 21ab Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	275: Acts 8:1b-8 Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a Jn
	6:35-40
Thursday:	276: acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20
	Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	277: acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1-2 Jn 6:52-59
Saturday:	278; Acts 9:31-42 Ps 116:12-17 Jn 6:60-
	69
Sunday:	50: Acts 4:8-12 Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 28
•	-29 1 Jn 3:1-2 Jn 10:11-18

## 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 Doreen Kelly Linda Baldwin Barbara Beckemeyer Edwin Ayala Padilla Pauline Price David Washington Dorothy Quinn Mary Leah Kovarik Janetta Williams
- Aisha Mitchell Guy Thomas Kelvin Ayala Reyes Nicole Pace Resy Sanchez Mary Anne Work Betty Ytzaina Sharon Kay Moore Therese Terri Svehla Deborah Lee



### **STEWARDSHIP ALIVE!**

## 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**, **April 18th.** Our gathering begins with Holy Hour at 6:30pm (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.

## Monthly Prolife Mass & Rosary

The Archdiocesan Monthly Prolife Mass and Rosary (formerly called the Helpers of God's Precious Infants Mass and Rosary) has always been held on the third Saturday of each month here at the Cathedral Basilica. Beginning on Sat., April 20, 2024, the Mass and Rosary will now be celebrated at various parishes throughout the Archdiocese. Therefore, on Sat., April 20, the Mass will take place at 8:30 a.m. at Incarnate Word Parish in Chesterfield.

Everyone is invited to attend. For more information on upcoming monthly Prolife Masses, please go to https://www.archstl.org/repect-life-apostolate/ programs/sprirutal-support. If you have any questions concerning the Mass and Rosary, please contact Madeleine Appelbaum, Program Manager for the Respect Life Apostolate, at madeleineappelbaum@archstl.org or at 314-792-

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### OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR The Weekend of 4/06/2024-4/07/2024

Offertory	\$4,267.00
Online Giving	\$9,323.17
Loose	\$9,121.00
Cathedral Candles	\$1,052.60
Confirmation Offering	\$2,330.26
Easter Flower Offering	\$150.00
Retired Priests	\$235.00

## Catholic Charities

**Catholic Charities of St. Louis** brings the healing, help, and hope of Jesus Christ to those in need with a compassionate and caring presence.

**Cardinal Ritter Senior Services (CRSS)** is a ministry of Catholic Charities that provides compassionate care for senior adults through high quality residential communities which include independent and assisted living skilled nursing, and memory care. CRSS also provides seniors in need who are gaining at home access to extensive support services, information, and referrals.

Volunteers are needed to help the seniors get to and from Mass at their onsite chapel in Shrewsbury. For more information, please contact your Parish Ambassador Alisa Goessling at 314-367-5500 or go to ccstl.org/volunteer to see this and all volunteers opportunities.

## **Divine Mercy Chaplet**

Last weekend we celebrated Sunday of Divine Mercy.

Throughout the month of April, we invite everyone to take some time to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet with your family and loved ones.

The Chaplet is a form of intercessory prayer that can be recited for one's own needs, and the needs of others. As a prayer of intercession, it is made in union with the offering up of Christ's Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity.

## A Thought on The Sanctity Of Life

"Like us, Christ entered the world through the womb of a woman. He willingly experienced the fullness of human suffering. He breathed his last on the Cross at Calvary in order that He might save us. Therefore, 'God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end' (Spe salvi 31)." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Respect Life Reflection: Christ Our Hope in Every Season of Life" (citing Pope Benedict XVI



Liturgical Ministers For April 20 & 21, 2024							
	Extraordinary	Lectors	Ministers of Care	Servers	Ushers		
5:00 p.m. (Sat)	No Cup Ministers At Any Mass This Weekend	Phoebe del Castillo Thomas Gregory		Doug Weber	Bob Sutter Jerry Pastore Matt Colvin		
8:00 am		Brian Ragen Mark Burmester	Burmester, Ragen, Cheng, McGrath	Doug Weber Kevin Mattingly	Dave Meyer Frank Snyder Joe Schilli		
10:00 am		Br. Juan Gabriel Seiglie, OP Erin Heathman		Carl Florentin Gideon Schimpf Dean Willis	Sue Metheny Dan Mangus John Mosher Vito Alu		
12 Noon		Doug Weber David Parr		TBD	Willie Stevens Skip Batchelor Lawanda Reason		
5:00 pm		Nancy Butler David Butler		TBD	Willie Kelsey Charlie Hapke Pat McCann Don Burns		

## **Parish Information**

### **Registration in Parish**

To join our parish, please register online at 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, or 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

