CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINT LOUIS

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 1, 2022

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)

EUCHARISTICADORATION
3:30 pm–4:30 pm (Sat)
8:30 am–11:45 am
(Every First Friday)
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  
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 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://cathedralsl.org/tour-info) or contact Susie Irons at 314-373-8205.
FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Parishioners,

Over the past few weeks, I have received many positive comments regarding the new lighting installed in the central dome of the Cathedral. These fixtures provide a significant amount of light in the nave of the Cathedral and, at the same time, highlight the many other areas that now seem very dark. With the central dome installation, we are now proceeding with the lighting plan for the remainder of the Basilica. This will take time as the supply chain is presenting many challenges.

Many thanks to the Friends of the Cathedral Basilica that sponsor our Annual Gala each year. You might also consider becoming a member of the John L. May Society. At present, we have a little over 60 members of our John L. May Society, a group comprised of men and women who have committed to giving $1,000 per year to support the upkeep of the art and architecture of the Cathedral Basilica. This is in addition to over 120 members of the Friends of the Cathedral who also make contributions annually to support the Cathedral Basilica preservation.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Friends of the Cathedral, or in supporting the Cathedral preservation more strongly, please contact Chrissy Chapo in the rectory office for more information. Also, please mark your calendar for the Cathedral Gala on Saturday, August 20, 2022. This is our largest fundraiser of the year that directly supports the preservation of the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis.

We encounter the disciples on the lake, while everything seemed to be sadly ending, Jesus came close to those seven tired and depressed disciples. Jesus, whom they had not yet recognized, invited them to look elsewhere: "Cast the net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." The seven accepted the invitation and obeyed: the fishing was great and miraculous. It was the advice Jesus had given them at the beginning of their friendship on the shores of that same lake. From those words and that catch they recognized him: "It is the Lord!" And when they reached the shore, they found a fire with bread and fish prepared by Jesus. They were speechless, as when one is overcome by love and tenderness.

Jesus then asks, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" Jesus asked Peter about love. Jesus did not ask him only once about love, but three times: that is, always. Every day the Lord questions us about love. Every day he entrusts us with the care of others. Christ is the one who loved us first and will never abandon us again, even when "another will fasten our belt around us and take us where we do not wish to go." What counts is faithfulness and love, which every Sunday is repeated for us; Jesus’ love for his disciples and for each one of us.

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Our response to hard sayings requires integrity

Jesus lost followers when He offered challenging teachings, but He didn’t soften the demand

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

“This saying is hard; who can accept it?”

All this week, we’re reading from John 6, where Jesus gives the bread of life discourse. He says, in no uncertain terms: “Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood you do not have life within you.”

Confronted with this hard saying, some — like Peter — believe in Him and remain His disciples. Others, finding the saying too hard, walk away: “As a result of this, many of His disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer walked with Him.”

This helps us consider a curious feature of today’s world: How many people believe they can have it both ways, rejecting the hard saying, while still claiming to be His disciples? But it doesn’t really work. It never has.

To respond adequately to this error, we have to be clear about two things. First, Jesus never stopped inviting people to follow Him! He was always willing to seek out “tax collectors and sinners;” He was always willing to welcome back the prodigal son or daughter. In that way, Jesus was very soft.

But, second, there are hard sayings, and there are hard choices to make. Jesus invites everyone to follow Him. But He never pretends that everyone who receives the invitation is a disciple. He leaves the choice to us — to accept the hard saying or to reject it. In that way, Jesus was very hard.

And it wasn’t just the bread of life discourse. All through the Gospel of John, we see Jesus conduct a series of extended, hard conversations — for example, with Nicodemus, with the woman at the well, even with Pontius Pilate. Jesus is always willing to engage in the conversation and make the invitation. But He never softens the hard sayings. And He always leaves the choice with the person: to follow Him or walk away.

Similarly, in every age, the Church has had to maintain some hard sayings: about Jesus being truly divine, about the place of images (icons), about the sacraments — especially the Eucharist, about the pope, Mary’s Immaculate Conception and Assumption, abortion, the purpose of human sexuality and a host of other issues. In every age, some people have remained with Jesus and some have walked away.

I wonder if we’ve lost some of that integrity, both as inviters and as followers. The world wants us to soften the demand — to pretend that there are no hard sayings and choices. But that wasn’t Jesus’ way, and it can’t be ours.

St. Athanasius, whose feast day we celebrate this week (May 2), knew this pattern in his own life. He was present at the first great ecumenical council, the Council of Nicaea in 325, which defined the divinity of Christ. Athanasius was Bishop of Alexandria for 45 years after the council. He was exiled five times, for a total of 17 years, because he stood up for the hard sayings of the Council of Nicaea against those who wanted to soften the choice, making Jesus more than human but less than divine.

The world today presses believers to compromise the faith by avoiding hard sayings and choices. Our response needs to be a deeper examination of conscience — Have we compromised? — and a growth in integrity, both as evangelizers and as disciples.

Note: this column appeared in the St. Louis Review for May 2nd — May 8th and may be read in the print edition or at https://bit.ly/3SejOxR
CATHEDRAL CONCERTS 2021 - 2022 SEASON

Spring Concerts

Canadian Brass
Tuesday, May 3, 2022 8:00 PM

Welcomed by John Winski & Liesel Duhon

Cappella Romana
Friday, May 20, 2022 8:00 PM

WWW.CATHEDRALCONCERTS.ORG
or call: 314-533-7662
CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF ST. LOUIS 4431 LINDELL BOULEVARD 63108
The Cathedral Pro-Life Ministry will be selling roses to benefit Birthright on Mothers' Day weekend, **May 7-8th**. Volunteers will be available at a table in the main entrance area of the Cathedral before and after the 5pm Mass on Saturday, and for each of the morning Masses on Sunday (8 am, 10am, and noon). Roses will sell for $3 per stem (cash or check only).

Walk-up sales will be available at a table near the front steps of the Cathedral, but if you would like to reserve a rose, please contact the Pro-Life Ministry chairperson, Bryan, at bryankirchoff@att.net.
Worldwide Marriage Encounter is excited to announce the following schedule for IN-PERSON weekend Experiences for the summer and fall of 2022. We will have in place all the needed precautions to provide a safe environment for participants.

For more information or to apply, go to wwwme.org, or call Terry & Eric Engholm at 314-649-7317.

8/5-8/7/2022 - Courtyard Marriott, St. Peters, MO
9/30-10/2/2022 - Courtyard Marriott, St. Peters, MO

Did you know? Catholic Charities of St. Louis and its family of eight agencies serve people in need throughout the archdiocese. Cardinal Ritter Senior Services is highlighted today.

Cardinal Ritter Senior Services is adding to its memory care at Mother of Perpetual Help, an assisted living community on their campus in Shrewsbury. The nearly 20,000-square-foot development will feature two homelike neighborhoods to care for 26 residents living with memory loss.

Special features are being added to help mitigate the effects of sundowning, a state of increased confusion and restlessness that begins or worsens as daylight fades.

CRSS creates communities that promote the dignity of human life and reflect the spirit of Jesus Christ. To learn more about CRSS go to cardinalritter-seniorservices.org. For volunteer opportunities, please contact your Parish Ambassador, Mary Ann Cheng at Machengmd@gmail.com.

Annual Catholic Appeal
Please consider giving a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal.
- Text “ACA” to 43725
- Give online at aca.archstl.org
- Scan the QR code to give

THANK YOU for your support!
**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  
Janice Bashford  
Barbara Beckemeyer  
Joe Dubuque  
Wayne Eultgen  
Deborah Harlan  
Jennifer Jaswal  
Lenore Molloy  
Edwin Ayala Padilla  
Pauline Price  
Dorothy Quinn  
Keith & Terri Reason  
Kelvin Ayala Reyes  
Mary Riley  
Vivian Rachel Rossen  
Resy Sanchez  
Mickey Shears  
Durie Shiebler  
Mary Anne Work  
Betty Ytzaina

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**St. Louis Catholic Resident Physicians and Medical Students**

Interested in joining a community of Catholic resident physicians and medical students? Scan the QR Code to sign-up

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**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.

Cathedral casseroles organizers will host our next "touchless" drop-off in the parish parking lot on Thursday, May 12th, from 1:00 –2:00 p.m. Please contact Skip or Nicki Batchelor at 916-834-4843 for additional information.

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**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**

**May 1, 2022 through May 8, 2022**

**Sunday:** Acts 5:27-32, 40-41  Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13  Rv 5:11-14  Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14
**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 15:1-8  Ps 19:2-5  Jn 14:6-14
**Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8  Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a  Jn 6:35-40
**Thursday:** Acts: 8:26-40  Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20  Jn 6:44-51
**Friday:** Acts: 9:1-20  Ps 117:1bc, 2  Jn 6:52-59
**Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42  Ps 116:12-17  Jn 6:60-69
**Sunday:** Acts 13:14, 43-52  Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5  Rv 7:9, 14b-17  Jn 10:27-30

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**Welcome New Parishioners**

A very special welcome to our new parishioners! The following families have recently joined the Cathedral. The Cathedral clergy, rectory staff, and your fellow parishioners joyfully welcome you and pray for you and your families.

Ryan Wilson, Yarel Belanger, Timothy & Marcia Dorsey, Grace Baldetti, Colleen Gosser, Maxwell Burchman, Roger & Lucy Willis and family, Christof & Sonia Simons and family, Tyler Ballard, Kathryn Liebrecht, Ashley Vassallo, Daniel & Karla Vargas & family, Antonio & Anabel Haskour Idrogo, Margaret McGuire, Anh Le, James & Karen Shaughnessy, MaryBeth Huber & James Newbold, James Zdrodowski, David & Madeleine Arditti, Christopher Lane, Giovanni Alvarez, and Eva Hernandez.

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**Catholic Charities**

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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, May 5th. Our gathering begins with a Holy Hour in the church at 5:30pm (enter through the west door, by the playground), followed by Mass at 6:30pm. After Mass we will gather for dinner in Boland Hall. Please join us, in full or in part, to deepen your relationship with Christ and with one another. For additional information, please email us at AnimaChristiStL@gmail.com.

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!

For the Poor
On the first Sunday of every month, the Cathedral Parish collects foodstuffs and canned goods for delivery to food pantries in the area. Our next parish food drive will be held today, May 1st.

Women of the Cathedral
The next gathering of Women of the Cathedral for Mass, breakfast and fellowship will be Saturday, May 14, 2022. We will start with 8am Mass together in the Cathedral and then go to Boland Hall for a light breakfast and short program until 10am. We welcome all parish women to come grow in faith and fellowship together. Please RSVP to Barbara Murray by text or phone (314-974-6900) by May 11th if you plan to come for breakfast.

First Friday Adoration
A Special Invitation
“Come to me as you are”
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 Friday, May 6th.

Weekly Thoughts on Giving
“...Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, ‘Do you love me?’ and he said to him, ‘Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep.’” (John 21:17)

How often do you actually say the words “I love you” to Jesus, to family members, or to friends? We are made to be in relationship with God and each other. Sincerely telling someone that you love them is the best gift you can give them because it comes from your heart. You are giving them the gift of yourself. We all crave love. Tell someone you love them every day.
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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, 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 at 314-792-6460.

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