# Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

**August 22, 2021**

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**Confessions**

- 7:30–8:00 am (Monday through Friday)
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- 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 by appointment, as is access to the Cathedral Gift Shop.

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

**Gift Shop & Tours**

314.373.8205

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**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.

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**Cathedral Tours**

Small 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://cathedralstl.org/tour-info) or contact Susie Irons at 314-373-8205.
Dear Parishioners,

In the coming weeks, you will see a new face around the parish. Archbishop Rozanski has appointed Deacon Sudeep Kodigandla to the Cathedral Basilica Parish as a transitional deacon. He is a seminarian studying for the Archdiocese of Kansas City, Kansas, and a student at Kenrick Seminary. Deacon Sudeep will be with us during the academic year, arriving around the first week of September. So please join me in extending to our newest member of the Cathedral clergy a warm welcome.

St. Louis IX, King of France, was the son of Louis VIII, King of France. He was born at the Castle of Poissy in the diocese of Chartres on the 25th of April 1215. His mother was Blanche, daughter of Alfonso, King of Castile. King Louis VIII, his father, died when Louis was only 12 years old, and on the first Sunday of Advent 1226, the coronation ceremony took place in the historic Cathedral of Rheims.

In the year 1234, Louis IX married Margaret, the oldest daughter of the Count of Provence. Two years afterward, Louis took the reins of government in his hands. His only aim was to be a faithful servant of God and a loving father to his people. He attended Mass every day and spent an hour in prayer and meditation every day. Even in the night, he often rose from his bed to visit a chapel which he had built in honor of the blessed Virgin Mary. In addition, he built magnificent churches in honor of the Mother of God, bearing testimony to St. Louis’ great love and devotion to her. The holy King was also remarkable in his charity.

In July of 1270, he and his army embarked for Sardinia, where a council was held. There was a fearful heat; malignant fevers and other epidemics broke out among the soldiers of St. Louis. The King’s son died, and on the same day the King himself was seized with the same disorder. Aware of his critical condition, he called his son and successor, Philip, to his deathbed, gave him instructions, and acted for the last sacraments. So after the King quoted the words of the psalmist: “Lord, I will enter into Thine house; I will adore in Thy holy temple and will give glory to Thy name.” St. Louis gave his soul into the hands of God on the 25th of August 1270.

The heroic virtue of St. Louis shone brighter in his afflictions than it could ever have done in his triumphs.

St. Louis King of France, pray for us.

Monsignor Henry Breier
**ARCHBISHOP’S COLUMN**

**Structural elements of Scriptures and ministry can enrich our mission**

Paying attention to the structural patterns can guide us in our next steps

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This week we celebrate the feast of St. Louis (August 25), which means I mark the one year anniversary of my installation as Archbishop of St. Louis. Looking back over the past year is like walking into the Cathedral Basilica — I am filled with wonder, and gratitude.

A careful reading of this week’s readings turns our attention to structures, and I find that structures are very much on my mind these days.

For example, we hear Jesus denounce the scribes and Pharisees in Matthew 23: “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!” Seven times Jesus repeats this denunciation, and the number is significant. The sevenfold repetition indicates a “fullness” of denunciation. If we analyze the content and miss the structural point, we miss a major part of Jesus’ message.

In fact, the whole Gospel of Matthew is divided into five major sections. Matthew is making another structural point: Jesus is building on and superseding the first 5 books of the Bible. He is the new and living Torah.

Even the genealogy at the start of the Gospel makes a structural point. Matthew divides the ancestors of Jesus into three groups of fourteen. Some people, looking closely, note that the genealogy doesn’t exactly match the chronology of the Old Testament. But that misses the main point. Fourteen is the number that corresponds to the name “David.” And Hebrew has no comparative terms, so to repeat something three times is to say “it is the greatest.” With an understanding of these structures, we can see that the point that Matthew is making: Jesus is the “David-est” — the greatest king — in the history of Israel.

We also hear, this week, the vision of the heavenly Jerusalem from Revelation 21. The new Jerusalem is described in terms of seven sets of twelve. Again, the point is structural: this is the fullness (seven) of the fullness of Israel (12).

If we read the Bible with an eye to its structural elements, we’ll find ourselves greatly enriched. If we ignore the structural elements, we’ll miss a great deal.

Having gotten to know the people of the Archdiocese of St. Louis over the past year, I’m now beginning to think about some structural elements of our mission. We build on a wonderful foundation! But we can’t be content with what we’ve done. We need to ask: what’s the next right step? Part of the next right step involves paying attention to structures.

To take two simple examples: 1) We’re set to cross a historic benchmark in the next few years. The number of active diocesan priests in parish work will match, and then dip below, the number of parishes we have. 2) Our two largest parishes in St. Charles County serve the same number of Catholics as twenty-three of our parishes in the city. The number of priests and the distribution of parishes are structural elements of our mission that are on my mind.

Have I reached any conclusions about that? I need to say this as clearly as possible: No!

But are there structural questions we need to ask ourselves? We need to say together, with just as much clarity: Yes!

That’s why we’re in the initial stages of preparation to conduct a comprehensive pastoral plan that will shape our mission. Neither I nor anyone else has already reached any structural conclusions. But, just as it’s important and enriching to think about the structural elements of the Scriptures, so we also need to think about the structural elements of our ministry. I invite you to join me in prayer and conversation over the next few years as we do so together.

*Note: this column appeared in the St. Louis Review for August 23-29 and may be read in the print edition or at [https://bit.ly/35ejQXr](https://bit.ly/35ejQXr).*
**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**

**August 22, 2021 through August 29, 2021**

**Sunday:** Jos 24:1-2, 15-17, 18 Ps 34:2-3, 16-21
Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2, 25-32 Jn 6:60-69
**Monday:** 1 Thes 1:1-5 Ps 149:1-6 Mt 23:13-22
**Tuesday:** Rv 21:9-14 Ps 145:10-13, 17-18
Jn 1:45-51
**Wednesday:** 1 Thes 2:9-13 Ps 139:7-12
Mt 23:27-32
**Thursday:** 1 Thes 3:7-13 Ps 90:3-5, 12-14, 17
Mt 24:42-51
**Friday:** 1 Thes 4:1-8 (or Sir 26:1-4, 13-16)
Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 10-12
Mt 25:1-13 (or Lk 7:11-17)
**Saturday:** 1 Thes 4:9-11 (or 1 Jn 4:7-16)
Ps 98:1, 7-9
Mt 25:14-30 (or Mt 23:8-12)
**Sunday:** Dt 4:1-2, 6-8 Ps 15:2-5
Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**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, September 18**.

**A Thought on The Sanctity Of Life**
“God’s love—individual, real, unchanging—is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather whose we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given dignity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives.”

*USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
“How to Build a Culture of Life”*

**Infant Baptism**
According to the mind of the Church, parents are obliged to see that infants are baptized within the first weeks after birth. As soon as possible after the birth, or even before it, parents should request the sacrament for their child and are to be properly instructed in preparation for it. Godparents are also encouraged to attend baptismal preparation before the child is born. If you are a **registered parishioner** who is or is about to become a parent or godparent, contact Laura Voegelie at 314-373-8202 to schedule a baptism or to register for baptismal preparation class.

**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 **Friday, September 3**.
AUGUST DONUT SUNDAY!!

Today
Sunday, August 22
Following the 8:00 am and 10:00 am Masses
at the Entrance of Boland Hall

This month, brought to you by the Men of the Cathedral

THIS SUMMER, TEAM UP WITH THE CATHEDRAL PARISH AND ST. PATRICK CENTER FOR THE BARE ESSENTIALS

There is currently an urgent need for:

- all sizes of men’s and women’s new adult underwear
- all sizes of new women’s sports bras
- all sizes of new adult men’s t-shirts

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.
For the Poor
On the first Sunday of every month, the Cathedral Parish collects foodstuffs and canned goods (non-perishable items only, please!) for delivery to food pantries in the area. Our next parish food drive will be held Sunday, September 5.

Eyeglass Drive
"The Respectacle Project", an eyeglass recycling program, facilitates the redistribution of quality used eyeglasses to those in need both locally and abroad. Donations are typically accepted on the first Sunday of every month. Our next eyeglass drive will be held Sunday, September 5.

Stewardship Alive!

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, August 26. 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 Bolton Hall at 7:30 p.m. Please join us, in full or in part, to deepen your relationship with Christ and with one another. For additional information, please e-mail the group at AnimaChristiStL@gmail.com.

St. Vincent de Paul Membership
Members of the Cathedral St. Vincent de Paul Society meet weekly. Members are committed to aiding fellow parishioners and neighbors with necessities such as food, clothing, utilities, and rent—all in the context of the Christian imperative. If interested in becoming a member or in learning more about the Society and our Conference, please leave a message on the SVDP HotLine at 314-373-8288.

Men of the Cathedral
With great joy, the Men of the Cathedral announce their next meeting for monthly Adoration will be on Tuesday, August 30. We convene in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel at 6 PM. Confessions will also be heard during this time. Dinner will be served in Bolton Hall immediately after Adoration. An offering of $20 to offset the cost of dinner is suggested.

Weekly Thoughts on Giving
“If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” Jos 24:15
When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a disciple in the work of the Lord. A disciple is a person who spends time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports their local parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it!
August 25 is the Feast Day of Saint Louis IX, one of the most notable European monarchs of the Middle Ages and long regarded as the ideal Christian ruler. He was inspired by zeal for Christ and a strong Catholic devotion. His fellow European rulers esteemed him highly, not only for his pre-eminence in arms or the unmatched wealth of his kingdom, but also for his reputation of fairness and moral integrity. He is the only canonized king of France, and there are many places named after him. Our city is one of them.

One of the most important ways in which Holy Mother Church celebrates and remembers her saints is through the celebration of Holy Mass and the Divine Office in their honor. For this Festival of Saint Louis, patron of the Archdiocese and the City and County, we are singing publicly the hours of First Vespers on Tuesday, August 24, at 5:30 pm at the Cathedral Basilica. Matins, Lauds, Prime, Terce, and Second Vespers are scheduled on the Feast Day, August 25, at St. Luke Catholic Church in Richmond Heights.

The Festival of St. Louis is sponsored by the Oratory of Sts. Gregory and Augustine and The Saint Louis Forever Rosary Coalition. For a full schedule of events or other information, please visit festivalofstlouis.org or email festivalofstlouis@gmail.com.

The Blue Mass
On September 29, 1934, a tradition of showing gratitude to emergency responders began when a Catholic priest from the Archdiocese of Baltimore organized the Catholic Police and Firemen’s Society while stationed at St. Patrick Church in Washington, D.C. On that September day, over 1,000 police and firemen, dressed in their blue uniforms, attended a Mass that has since come to be known in churches across the country as the “Blue Mass”.

The Archdiocese of St. Louis continues that tradition of gratitude as we celebrate the Annual Blue Mass on Sunday, September 12, at 10:00 a.m. Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski and the pastoral staff of the Cathedral Basilica invite all to join us in prayer, seeking God’s blessing upon those who serve and protect.

A Lasting Gift
Looking for a special gift to memorialize a loved one, or celebrate a birth, wedding, ordination, graduation, anniversary, or other important event? Consider a commemorative brick in the Cathedral Basilica Jubilee Prayer Garden! For more info and order forms, please, contact the parish office at 314-373-8202.

We Will Serve the Lord
In the last chapter of the Book of Joshua we read, “As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” How many of us wish that we could go back in time and be better spiritual leaders for our families when our children were younger. Too many of us think that it is too late to start. But, all is not lost! Start now, be the spiritual leader that you are called to be! Matthew Kelly says, “Don’t let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do.” We’ve all heard the statement that your life may be the only Gospel someone else sees. Start today, share the joy of your Catholic faith with others, especially your family members. Soon you will notice that they will begin asking you questions about the Catholic faith and the dialogue will begin. The seeds of faith will be sown and will lead others back on the path of holiness.

Visit archstl.org/dynamic for more info.
Early Alert for National Holiday

Monday, September 6, is Labor Day, a day on which our nation honors working people. It also typically marks the end of the summer vacation season. Though the church will be open from 7:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., the Cathedral Basilica, in accordance with our usual holiday schedule, will offer one Mass on Labor Day at 8:00 a.m.

Please note the rectory office will be closed on Monday in observance of the holiday, and will reopen on Tuesday, September 8, at 8:30 a.m.

St. Joseph PSR

Religious education is an important component for forming children in the teaching of the Catholic Faith. Consider St. Joseph in Clayton for religious education, sacramental preparation, and family formation. PSR is offered from 9:30-10:45 am each Sunday morning. Online registration is available by emailing ekopff@stjosephclayton.org, or stop by the St. Joseph parish office to receive a paper form. We look forward to helping your children grow in their relationship with Jesus and knowledge of the faith.
**Liturgical Ministers August 28-29, 2021**

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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 contact the office 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) 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 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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