

CATHEDRAL
BASILICA



OF SAINT LOUIS



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 14, 2025

MASSSES 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 – 6:00 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)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

3:30 pm–4:30 pm (Sat)
8:30 am–11:45 am
(Every First Friday)

4431 Lindell Boulevard Saint Louis, Missouri 63108-2403



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

Sun. Dec 14 - Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Elisa Schnur
10:00 a.m. Madeline Hopkins
12:00 p.m. Timothy Boland
5:00 p.m. Jon Schnur

Mon. Dec 15 - Advent Weekday

7:00 a.m. Charles Stetler
8:00 a.m. Genevieve Lloyd
12:05 p.m. Shirley Rozanski

Tues. Dec 16 - Advent Weekday

7:00 a.m. Andrea McFarland
8:00 a.m. Ann Walsh
12:05 p.m. Susan Marie Diehl

Wed. Dec 17 - Late Advent Weekday

7:00 a.m. Paul Bader
8:00 a.m. Mary Arconati
12:05 p.m. Dolores Mazan

Thur. Dec 18 - Late Advent Weekday

7:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. C.J. Venneman
8:00 a.m. Charles & Onyi
12:05 p.m. Patricia Swerczek

Fri. Dec 19 - Late Advent Weekday

7:00 a.m. Dave & Kathy Weeks
8:00 a.m. Dr. Bruno Obukofe
12:05 p.m. Dr. Jon Clark

Sat. Dec 20 - Late Advent Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Idoko
5:00 p.m. Francis L. "Shorty" Kraft

Sun. Dec 21 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Bobbi Musko
10:00 a.m. Rick Lee
12:00 p.m. Joseph Matthew Nussbaumer
5:00 p.m. Jim Walsh

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 made online <https://massrequest.cathedralstl.org>

Cathedral Tours

Tours of the Cathedral 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 Irons at sirons@cathedralstl.org



FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Parishioners,

The Third Sunday of Advent is called *Gaudete Sunday*—“Rejoice.” Even the Church’s color shifts from purple to rose, reminding us that Christmas joy is drawing near. The Scriptures speak with hope: “*The desert shall rejoice and blossom,*” Isaiah proclaims, and the Psalmist sings, “*Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob.*”

Yet today’s Gospel places us not in a scene of celebration, but in a prison cell. There we meet John the Baptist, not as the fearless prophet, but as a suffering and doubting man. From his cell he sends the haunting question to Jesus: “*Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?*”

This is surprising. John had seen the Spirit descend upon Jesus. He had proclaimed Him boldly. And yet, in suffering, his certainty falters. His story moves from confidence to doubt, from clarity to unknowing. Still, Jesus does not scold him. Instead, He replies with compassion:

“Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, the poor have the good news proclaimed to them.”

Jesus points not to a theory, but to God’s quiet work unfolding through mercy, healing, and hope. Then He adds a challenging blessing:
“Blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

John’s suffering is not taken away. Justice does not arrive in time. His story ends in silence and death. This unsettles us—especially since we follow a Crucified Savior. We would prefer faith that feels resolved and suffering that ends quickly. But the Gospel is honest: sometimes the prison doors remain closed, and the questions remain.

And yet, this is where true Christian joy appears. Biblical joy is not sentimentality or denial. It is not the absence of pain. It is trust that God is still at work, even when our circumstances are hard. It is the belief that our stories do not end with suffering, but with God.

John once said of Jesus, “*My joy is now complete.*” Perhaps his joy was not rooted in comfort, but in surrender—trusting God even when the path led through darkness. “Are you the one who is to come?” John asked in despair. Through his life and witness, his answer still resounds with hope:

Yes.

On this *Gaudete Sunday*, we rejoice not because everything is easy—but because God is faithful, and He is still coming.

Msgr. Henry Breier

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Advent Giving Tree

- Take an envelope from the tree
- Insert your monetary donation or Gift Card
*suggested gift cards
Schnucks, Walgreens,
Walmart, Aldi, Target &
Visa or Mastercard
gift card
- Drop sealed envelopes
into the Sunday
offertory baskets

**Donations to Benefit
Fr. Dempsey Charities
Bernard Nursing Home
St. Elizabeth Hall**

Thank you for your generosity!





DECEMBER 14, 2025



Experience Great Music in a Great Space! 2025 - 2026 Season

Stile Antico

Monday, November 17, 2025 7:30pm

Christmas at the Cathedral

with the St. Louis Archdiocesan Choirs & Orchestra

Saturday, December 6, 2025 10:30am (NOTE TIME) & Sunday, December 7, 2025 2:30pm

Welcomed by Favazza's Restaurant and Michael Bavlsik & Kathleen Skelly

Missouri State University Chorale

Friday, January 9, 2026 7:30pm

Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir

Tuesday, February 10, 2026, 7:30pm

VOCES8

Monday, February 23, 2026 7:30pm

Welcomed by Bruce & Linda Ryder

Vox Una with St. Louis
Area High School Choirs

Sunday, March 8, 2026 2:30pm (FREE CONCERT - TICKETS NOT REQUIRED)

Three Italian Tenors

Friday, March 27, 2026 7:30pm

Just Added

St. Louis Area Collegiate Choirs

Tuesday, April 7, 2026 7:30pm (FREE CONCERT - TICKETS NOT REQUIRED)

The Tallis Scholars

Friday, April 17, 2026 7:30pm

Just Added

Cappella Romana

Sunday, April 26, 2026 7:30pm



Artists & Dates subject to change



CathedralConcerts.org 314-533-7662



Coffee & Donuts

December 14
following
8am & 10am Mass
Hosted by:
Cathedral Staff

Available for purchase
Cathedral Basilica
of Saint Louis:
An Illustrated Timeline
by: John Guenther
\$45 cash or check
Also for sale on website

Third Sunday of Advent

The Third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday, is a time for rejoicing because Jesus's birth is near, and his presence is a source of lasting joy, not fleeting happiness.



- Rejoice: The season of Advent is called "Gaudete" or "Rejoice" Sunday, marking a pause in the penitential season to celebrate the nearing arrival of Jesus. It's a joy rooted in a living faith and a secure relationship with God, not dependent on external circumstances.
- Repentance and action: The readings for this Sunday often feature John the Baptist, who called people to repent and live justly. This is a reminder to turn away from actions that are not of God and to "act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with God".
- Source of joy: True joy is a spiritual gift from God, not a temporary feeling derived from material possessions or worldly comforts. It is found in the knowledge that "God is with us" (Emmanuel).
- Signs of hope: The period of Advent is a time to look for and acknowledge the signs of God's presence in the world, both past and present. This can be as profound as seeing signs of God's work in the world or as simple as the love and support within a family.



Christmas Memorial Poinsettias

The poinsettias and greenery that adorn our Cathedral are a special part of the celebration of Christmas at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis. Parishioners & visitors are welcomed to honor loved ones still with us or in the memory of loved ones they have lost and want to honor. We ask a donation of \$10 per person being honored with a Memorial Poinsettia.

Please check the box to designate if the flower is in memory or in honor of the person listed and print the name clearly. 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 Poinsettias, 4431 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis, MO, 63108

In Memory	In Honor	NAME OF PERSON - PLEASE PRINT!!



Given by: _____ Phone: _____

Please make checks payable to: Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis

Orders Due Monday, December 15



Stewardship Reflection

"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."
MATTHEW 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church or do you buy more things that go unused. Our time, talent, and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?



Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations and God's continued blessings on **Penelope Grace and the Pizzi Family** (pictured above) She was baptized on August 31, 2025.

"And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on his name." **Acts 22:16**

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 December 14, 2025 December 21, 2025

Sunday: 7: Is 35:1-6a, 10 Ps 146:6-10 Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11
 Monday: 187: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a Ps 25:4-5b, 6, 7bc, 8-9 Mt 21:23-27
 Tuesday: 188: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23 Mt 21:28-32
 Wednesday: 193: Gn 49:2, 8-10 Ps 72:1-4b, 7-8, 17 Mt 1:1-17
 Thursday: 194: Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Mt 1:18-25
 Friday: 195: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6b, 16-17 Lk 1:5-25
 Saturday: 196: Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 1:26-38
 Sunday: 10: Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-6 Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF 11/29/2025-11/30/2025

Offertory	\$10,501.00
Online Giving	\$5,685.00
Loose	\$3,545.75
Cathedral Candles	\$583.99
Cathedral Landscape	\$361.00
Cathedral Maintenance	\$61.00
Catholic Education	\$10.00
Human Development	\$50.00
Retired Religious	\$55.00
Thanksgiving	\$1,787.25



STEWARDSHIP ALIVE!

WITNESS TO LOVE

Do you love your marriage, your faith, and helping young couples grow into a strong marriage?

We are launching a new program, Witness to Love, that will provide our engaged couples with one-on-one couples mentoring to give the best foundation for their marriage.

Criteria to be a mentor:

1. 5+ years sacramentally married
2. Actively practicing the Catholic faith
3. Loving your marriage
4. Willingness to "be real" about the graces & challenges of married life!

If you have interest in being a mentor, please email Father Archer
archer@cathedralstl.org

Men of the Cathedral



As the year draws to a close, the Men of the Cathedral wish you, your families and friends a blessed Advent season and the merry and blessed Christmas season.

Please take the opportunity over the next few weeks to become that Christmas angel, making someone's Christmas a little better by your kindness to them.

The Men will be back for Adoration on January 27, 2026, but more to come on that later!

God bless us, everyone!

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.

Judy McGrath
 Doreen Kelly
 Linda Baldwin
 Barbara Beckemeyer
 Edwin Ayala Padilla
 Dorothy Quinn
 Mary Leah Kovarik
 Guy Thomas
 Kelvin Ayala Reyes
 Wayne Eultgen
 Nicole Pace
 Resy Sanchez

Betty Ytzaina
 Deborah Lee
 Margaret Aubermann
 Goldie Wirth
 Barbara Garrett
 Tronda White
 Tiffany Pitts
 Shamelia Clark
 Mary Ann Murphy
 Juliana Brown
 Craig Campbell

Appointment with Fr. Marco

Fr. Marco is available for confession and spiritual discussion. To make an appointment to meet with Fr. Marco, please call 314.373.8202. Thank you!

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. Our next meeting will be **December 18, 2025**. We will begin with Holy Hour at 6:30 pm, followed by dinner in Boland Hall.

Please enter the Cathedral across the parking lot from the playground on the west side of the Church. Email AnimaChristiStL@gmail.com or see the Anima Christi Facebook page for more details.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 20 & 21, 2025

Extraordinary	Lectors	Ministers of Care	Servers	Ushers
5:00 p.m. (Sat) No Cup Ministers At Any Mass This Weekend	Claire Sommers Phoebe Del Castillo		Doug Weber	Bob Sutter Jerry Pastore Matt Colvin Pat McCann
8:00 am	Jonathan Klimpel Lucas Blatter	Klimpel Thompson Blatter	Doug Weber Kevin Mattingly	Dave Meyer Frank Snyder Joe Schilli
10:00 am	Denise Murphy Br. Ambrose Slama, OP			Sue Metheny Dan Mangus Roger Willis Vito Alu
12 Noon	David Parr Mark Burmester		TBD	Willie Stevens Skip Batchelor Lawanda Reason Mark Burmester
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, 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

