

CATHEDRAL
BASILICA



OF SAINT LOUIS



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 17, 2023

MASSSES 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)

EUCCHARISTIC 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 Irons at susie.iron@cathedralstl.org

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Dec. 17th - Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. John William Patridge
10:00 a.m. Joseph Olivastro
12:00 p.m. William McCarty
5:00 p.m. Nick Theiss

Mon. Dec. 18th - Advent Weekday

7:00 a.m. Teresa & Francis Farrow & Family
8:00 a.m. Paul Bader
12:05 p.m. Karen Romeri

Tues. Dec. 19th - Advent Weekday

7:00 a.m. Paul Leible
8:00 a.m. Rose Marie Bergholtz
12:05 p.m. Francis S. Basler

Wed. Dec. 20th - Advent Weekday

7:00 a.m. Joseph Gaurino
8:00 a.m. Joseph & Kathryn Darpel
12:05 p.m. Mary Rosenkoetter

Thur. Dec. 21st - St. Peter Canisius

7:00 a.m. Teresa Hagen
8:00 a.m. Lilian Risch
12:05 p.m. Protestants in Purgatory

Fri. Dec. 22nd - Advent Weekday

7:00 a.m. Joseph Cy Go
8:00 a.m. Santiago, Laura, Luis, & Carolina Ventura
12:05 p.m. Debbie Rupp

Sat. Dec. 23rd - St. John of Kanty

8:00 a.m. Lemoine & Grizelda Skinner
5:00 p.m. Joseph & Kathryn Darpel

Sun. Dec. 24th - Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Debbie Rupp
10:00 a.m. Pamela S. Bizzaro
12:00 p.m. Julie Stott Isaak
5:00 p.m. Mary Catherine Stevermer



FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Parishioners,

December 12th, we celebrated the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Mother of America and the Star of the New Evangelization. This feast takes us back to 1531 when a "Lady from Heaven" appeared to a humble Native American, Juan Diego, at Tepeyac, a hill northwest of what is now Mexico City. She identified herself as the ever virgin Holy Mary, Mother of the True God for whom we live, the Creator of all things, the Lord of heaven and the earth. She made a request for a church to be built on the site, and submitted her wish to the local bishop.



When the bishop hesitated and requested a sign, the Mother of God obeyed without delay or question and sent her native messenger to the top of the hill in mid-December to gather an assortment of roses for the bishop. After complying with the bishop's request for a sign, she also left for us an image of herself imprinted miraculously on the native's tilma or cloak, a poor quality cactus-cloth, which should have deteriorated in 20 years but shows no sign of decay 480 years later and still defies all scientific explanations of its origin. Thus, Our Lady of Guadalupe has never ceased to appear to pilgrims who look upon the tilma which is truly alive with her image.

The continuing message of Advent is preparation. How do we prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ at the end of time and at Christmas? One of those ways to prepare is to cleanse ourselves of sin through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Just a reminder that confessions at the Cathedral Basilica are Monday—Friday 7:30-8:00 am, Saturdays 3:30-4:50 pm and Sundays 9-9:50 and 11-11:50 am

Very soon we will be setting up our manger scenes, as we prepare for Christmas. The Crib helps us contemplate the mystery of God's love that was revealed in the poverty and simplicity of the Bethlehem Grotto. St Francis of Assisi was so taken by the mystery of the Incarnation that he wanted to present it anew at Greccio in the living Nativity scene, thus beginning an old, popular tradition that still retains its value for evangelization today. Indeed, the Crib can help us understand the secret of the true Christmas because it speaks of the humility and merciful goodness of Christ, who "though he was rich he made himself poor" for us (II Cor 8: 9).

Msgr. Henry Breier

PASTORAL STAFF

ARCHBISHOP OF ST. LOUIS
The Most Reverend
Mitchell T. Rozanski

RECTOR
Monsignor Henry Breier
314.373.8206
breier@cathedralstl.org

PAROCHIAL VICAR
Reverend Zachary Povis
314.373.8204
zacharypovis@archstl.org

DEACON
Rev. Mr. Eric Artz
Deacon John Curtin
Deacon Dean Mandis

**DIRECTOR OF
SACRED MUSIC**
Mr. Andrew Kreigh
314.373.8228

BUSINESS MANAGER
Mr. Tom Fasl
314.373.8231

OFFICE MANAGER
Mr. Andrew Specht
314.373.8202

EVENTS MANAGER
Ms. Mary Ann Fox
314.373.8208

DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT
Mrs. Jennifer Stanard
314.373.8220

TOURS - ST. JOHN'S BIBLE
Ms. Susie Irons
314.373.8205



ARCHBISHOP'S COLUMN

End of Advent is a reminder to organize everything around Jesus

We hear in the readings how God asks for our daily “yes,” so that He might shape history through us

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

How do you treat time?

I ask because the Church makes an important shift this week, and it’s meant to be instructive. Most people know there are four weeks of Advent. Not everyone realizes that no matter where we are in those four weeks, the Church shifts gears starting on Dec. 17. The final seven days before Christmas Eve are a special time of spiritual preparation.

The same is true of Lent. Easter is not based on the secular calendar. If it were, Easter would be at the same time every year! Easter is set based on the spring equinox and the full moon. Then Lent is set as a time of preparation before that.

What’s the lesson? For the Church, everything is organized around the life of Jesus. Whatever else may be happening, the Church sets the rhythms of time on the basis of Jesus’ place in her life. And that’s the challenge for each of us: to make our year, our week, our weekend and our day something that’s organized around Jesus.

Faith challenges us — don’t merely fit Jesus into your calendar. Rather, put Jesus first and organize everything else around Him. This week we make that shift in the liturgical calendar. Let’s strive to make that shift in our lives.

Do you believe God acts in history?

The prophets Jeremiah and Isaiah speak to us this week about the Exodus, the return from the Exile and the Incarnation as points of God’s intervention in history.

But various other readings this week speak about small personal acts through which God worked in history. The “yes” of Joseph; the “yes” of the mother of Samson; the “yes” of Zechariah and Elizabeth (more on that later!); the “yes” of Mary; the “yes” of

ARCHBISHOP MITCHELL ROZANSKI

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS



Hannah when she dedicated Samuel to the Lord. Psalm 24 captures the spiritual posture of these people: “Let the Lord enter; He is the king of glory.” Each of these people let the Lord enter their lives and shape history through their individual “yes.” Now, the Lord asks for our daily “yes,” so that He might shape history again through us.

Can the same word mean different things?

“How?” That word is uttered three times by three people in three different ways in this week’s readings.

The angel Gabriel tells Zechariah that Elizabeth will bear the forerunner of the Lord. Zechariah asks: “How can this be?” But his “how” is rooted in skepticism. The angel, as a pure spirit, not only hears the word but also sees the attitude behind it and responds accordingly.

Note: This column appeared in the St. Louis Review for December 16-17 and may be read in the print edition or at <https://it.ly/35ejOXr>



DECEMBER 17, 2023



CATHEDRAL CONCERTS

Experience Great Music in a Great Space!
Join us for the second half of our
2023 - 2024 Season

Missouri State University Chorale

Cameron LaBarr, Director

Friday, January 12, 2024 8:00pm

Tickets: \$20

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

North City Deanery Choir

Simeon A. Layne, Jr., Director

Friday, February 2, 2024 8:00pm

Welcomed by Coldwell Banker Realty - Gundaker
and Paul & Amy Mittelstadt**FREE No Tickets Required**

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

St. Louis Symphony Orchestra & Chorus

Wednesday, February 28, 2024 8:00pm

Presented by BSI Constructors

Stéphane Denève, conductor

Brenda Rae, soprano

Davóne Tines, bass-baritone

St. Louis Symphony Chorus – Erin Freeman, Guest Chorus Director

GABRIEL FAURÉ Pavane, op. 50

CHARLES KOECHLIN Choral sur le nom de Fauré

LILI BOULANGER Pie Jesu

MAURICE RAVEL Pavane pour une infante défunte (Pavane for a Dead Princess)

GABRIEL FAURÉ Requiem, op. 48

Tickets: \$60, \$45, \$30

Artists & Dates subject to change

CathedralConcerts.org 314-533-7662




Mass Schedule

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

8:00 A.M.
10:00 A.M.
12:00 P.M.

Christmas

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

5:00 P.M. CHRISTMAS VIGIL
11:00 P.M. MUSIC PROGRAM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

12:00 A.M. MIDNIGHT MASS
8:00 A.M.
10:00 A.M.
12:00 P.M.





DECEMBER 17, 2023

Women of the Cathedral

The Women of the Cathedral (WOC) meet monthly and invite the ladies of the parish to join them. Nursing babies are always welcome. Coming this month and in the New Year for the WOC: Christmas party to meet our fellow ladies, a Bible study to enrich and grow our faith, and a service project to feed the homeless for Catholic Charities. For more information on these upcoming activities or to be added to the email list, please contact Sarah Schimpf at sarah.schimpf@icloud.com

Pictured below are members of Women of the Cathedral making blankets for Catholic Charities on November 11th.

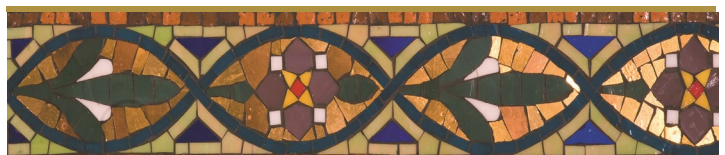


Sacrament of Marriage

Congratulations to **Mr. & Mrs. Graham & Nicole Ruopp** who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage at the Cathedral Basilica on Saturday, November 18, 2023 at 1:30 pm in the afternoon.

Love is patient, love is kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8



PARISH COUNCIL CORDIALLY INVITES
ALL TO

Parish

WINTER DINNER

MENU: CHILI, PASTA, BREAD & BEVERAGES
ATTENDEES ARE ASKED TO BRING A
DESSERT TO SHARE

SUNDAY	CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF ST. LOUIS	AT
7	RSVP TO 314-373-8202	6 PM
JANUARY		IN BOLAND HALL



A Thought on The Sanctity Of Life

“O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are trapped in a state of slavery; Intercede with God on their behalf so that they will be released from their chains of captivity. Those whom man enslaves, let God set free.”

USCCB, “Prayer to St. Josephine Bakhita”

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

December 20
He Ascended into Heaven
(Part II)

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 17, 2023 through December 24, 2023

Sunday: 8: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11 (Ps) Lk 1:46-50, 53-54 1 Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday: 194: Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday: 195: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday: 196: Is 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: 197: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a Lk 1:39-45
Friday: 198: 1 Sm 1:24-28 Lk 1:46-56
Saturday: 199: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Lk 1:57-66
Sunday: 11: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29

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



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, December 21st**. 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.

Appointment with Fr. Marco

Due to the tuckpointing project on the exterior of the Cathedral Basilica, Fr. Marco is no longer in his office in the vestibule. He is, however, available for confession and spiritual discussion in the rectory of Cathedral through appointments,.

To schedule an appointment with Fr. Marco, please call Andrew, our office manager, at 314-373-8202.

Welcome New Parishioners

A very special welcome to our new parishioners! We have been blessed with many families joining the Cathedral Basilica parish this month. The Cathedral clergy, rectory staff, and your fellow parishioners joyfully welcome you and pray for you and your families.

If you are interested in ways that you can become involved at the Cathedral, please contact Andrew at 314-373-8202.

Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

We invite you to take a few moments and spend some time in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel this month. These few moments in adoration are meant to give each one who participates in it a quiet moment with the Lord.

Advent Giving Tree

- Take an envelope from the tree
- Insert your monetary donation or Gift Card (Schnucks, Walgreens, Walmart, and Visa gift cards are very welcome)
- Drop sealed envelopes into the Sunday offertory collection baskets

Donations to benefit
Fr. Dempsey Charities
and residents of
Bernard Nursing Home and
St. Elizabeth Hall

Thank you for your generosity!

Weekly Thoughts on Giving

"Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus." – 1 thessalonians 5:16 - 18

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. "Rejoice always" means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. "Pray constantly" means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. "Give thanks in all circumstances" means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 23 & 24, 2023

	Extraordinary	Lectors	Ministers of Care	Servers	Ushers
5:00 p.m. (Sat)	No Cup Ministers At Any Mass This Weekend	Mitch Smith John Willard		Doug Weber	Bob Sutter Jerry Pastore Matt Colvin
8:00 am		Linda Pallmann Jonathan Klimpel		Doug Weber Kevin Mattingly	Dave Meyer Frank Snyder Joe Schilli
10:00 am		Erin Heathman		Carl Florentin Gideon Schimpf Dean Willis	Susan Metheny William Kasalko Dan Mangus
12 Noon		Mark Burmester David parr		TBD	Willie Stevens Vito Alu Lawanda Reason
5:00 pm		Patricia Rice Pat Harper		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

