

CATHEDRAL
BASILICA



OF SAINT LOUIS



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 18, 2022

**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 *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://cathedralstl.org/tour-info>) or contact Susie Irons at 314-373-8205.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. December 18th– Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. - Peter Dwyer
10:00 a.m. - Special Intentions
12:00 p.m. - Jeffrey N. Harrison
5:00 p.m. - Nick Theiss

Mon. December 19th– Weekday

7:00 a.m. - Teresa & Francis Farrow & Family
8:00 a.m. - Tom Jeffrey
12:05 p.m. - Michelle & Jeremy Hill

Tues. December 20th– Weekday

7:00 a.m. - Petronilo Luna
8:00 a.m. - Tim Pusateri
12:05 p.m. - Cherie Eckelkamp

Wed. December 21st– St. Peter Canisius

7:00 a.m. - Daniel J. Doerr
8:00 a.m. - Andrea Grubb
12:05 p.m. - August J. Rivituso

Thur. December 22nd– Weekday

7:00 a.m. - Gretchen Piccozzi
8:00 a.m. - Baby Reese
12:05 p.m. - August J. Rivituso

Fri. December 23rd– St. John of Kanty

7:00 a.m. - Scott Florez
8:00 a.m. - Joseph & Kathryn Darpel
12:05 p.m. - Jennifer Jansen

Sat. December 24th– Christmas Eve

8:00 p.m. - Teresa Hagan
5:00 p.m. - Elizabeth & Kevin Abraham

Sun. Dec 25th– The Nativity of the Lord

12:00 a.m. - Archbishop Rozanski's Intentions
8:00 a.m. - Msgr. Mikesch
10:00 a.m. - Archbishop Rozanski's Intentions
12:00 p.m. - Dorothy Kade



FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Parishioners,

As we draw near to the celebration of Christmas we are greeted in our liturgy by one of the ancient liturgical antiphons: “O Emmanuel, our king and lawgiver, hope and salvation of the peoples: come to save us, O Lord our God”. *Veni ad salvandum nos!* Come to save us! This is the cry raised by men and women in every age, who sense that by themselves they cannot prevail over difficulties and dangers. They need to put their hands in a greater and stronger hand, a hand which reaches out to them from on high. Dear brothers and sisters, this hand is Christ, born in Bethlehem of the Virgin Mary. He is the hand that God extends to humanity, to draw us out of the mire of sin and to set us firmly on rock, the secure rock of his Truth and his Love.

This is the meaning of the Child’s name, the name which, by God’s will, Mary and Joseph gave him: he is named Jesus, which means “Savior.” He was sent by God the Father to save us above all from the evil deeply rooted in man and in history. It is this evil that separates us from God, and with it our own prideful presumption of being self-sufficient. In addition we try to compete with God and to take his place, to decide what is good and evil, to be the master of life and death. This is the great evil, the great sin, from which we human beings cannot save ourselves unless we rely on God’s help, unless we cry out to him: “*Veni ad salvandum nos!* – Come to save us!”

As we celebrate Christmas let us turn our gaze anew upon the grotto of Bethlehem. The child whom we contemplate is our salvation! He has brought to the world a universal message of reconciliation and peace. Let us open our hearts to him; let us receive him into our lives.

Masses for the Solemnity of Christmas begin on Christmas Eve with Mass at 5:00 p.m. and midnight. Masses on Christmas day will be at 8:00 am, 10:00 am, and 12 Noon. Please note there will not be confessions between the Masses on Christmas Day.

Many thanks in advance to everyone who has worked to make our Christmas celebrations so wonderful. The choir has been through lengthy practices to provide us with the best liturgical music possible. Many hours have already been spent by volunteers decorating our Basilica with greenery, and will begin setting up the Nativity Scene in the coming days. And many thanks to our Ministers of Hospitality (Ushers) for all their work as well. Thanks to all!

Monsignor Henry Breier

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ARCHBISHOP'S COLUMN

Several scriptural 'annunciations' offer lessons as we approach Christmas

**ARCHBISHOP
MITCHELL
ROZANSKI**



**SERVE THE LORD
WITH GLADNESS**

Announcements in the Bible of a baby to be born can bring a sense of anticipation and joy, but also sorrow

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In this final week before Christmas, we hear a series of “annunciations.” 1) The annunciation — by an unnamed angel — of the conception and birth of Samson. 2) The annunciation — by the angel Gabriel — of the conception and birth of John the Baptist. 3) The annunciation — by the prophet Isaiah — of the conception of Emmanuel by a virgin. 4) And, finally, the Annunciation — by the angel Gabriel — of the conception and birth of Jesus.

Three lessons contained in those annunciations can help us prepare for Christmas.

To start, each annunciation certainly brings a sense of anticipation and joy. But if we reflect carefully on each of the figures to be born — Samson, John the Baptist and Jesus — we realize that none of them lived an easy life.

So if your preparation for Christmas is filled not only with anticipation and joy but also with sorrow — which it is for many of us, and for a variety of reasons — that combination isn't incongruous. You don't have to fight down any of those feelings. If you experience all three this week, then your life is following a biblical pattern.

Second is the famous — and some people think unfair — distinction between Zechariah's “how” and Mary's “how.” When Zechariah receives the annunciation about John the Baptist's conception and birth, he asks “How can this be?” As a result, he is (apparently) punished for his doubt. When Mary receives the Annunciation about Jesus' conception and birth, she asks “How can this be?” As a result, Gabriel explains the matter to her and reassures her. Sometimes people wonder: “How is that fair?”

Remember that an angel is a pure spirit, and therefore able to sense what is invisible. Gabriel would have known the attitude underneath Zechariah's words. This question is rooted in skepticism, and the response needs to address and break through that skepticism! Gabriel also would have known the attitude behind Mary's words. Her question is rooted in modesty and humility, and the response needs to reassure those qualities!

This is worth remembering as we give gifts and prepare for Christmas Mass. What's the attitude behind our words and actions? The angels — and Jesus — are able to see what's in our heart. What response would the angel give to us? Is there anything in our attitude that could use some purification? If so, the final week before Christmas is a great time to work on that purification.

Third and last, we can measure our lives by biblical patterns, to know how far we've come in the life of discipleship, and how far we still have to go. Take, for example, Mary's response to the Annunciation. In the span of about 30 seconds, Gabriel has upended her entire life, asking her to give her body and soul to God's plan. By the time 60-75 seconds have passed (read the story out loud and time it!) Mary has said yes. Most of us take days and weeks and months to make a discernment like that. It took Mary less than a minute and a half. That can measure us — we're not there yet! It can also challenge us: That's what we have to work on.

One of the Psalm refrains for the week is, “Let the Lord enter; He is the king of glory.” Originally this might have been an appeal to let Him enter Israel, Jerusalem and the Temple. But, in this week before Christmas, let's also hear it as an appeal to let Jesus enter into us, our schedules and all the joys and sorrows of our hearts.

Let the Lord enter; He is the king of glory.

Note: This column appeared in the St. Louis Review for December 12 & 13 and may be read in the print edition or at <https://it.ly/35ejOXr>



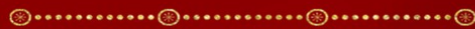
Christmas Mass Schedule

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

8:00 A.M.

5:00 P.M. CHRISTMAS VIGIL

11:00 P.M. MUSIC PROGRAM



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

12:00 A.M. MIDNIGHT MASS

8:00 A.M.

10:00 A.M.

12:00 P.M.





RE-GIFTING FOR PRO-LIFE

THE CATHEDRAL PRO-LIFE MINISTRY WILL BE COLLECTING TWO TYPES OF ITEMS THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 7TH & 8TH TO SUPPORT EXPECTANT MOMS AND BABIES.

THOSE ITEMS YOU MAY RECEIVE DURING CHRISTMAS WHICH CAN BE "RE-GIFTED" TO THE THRIFT SHOP AT OUR LADY'S INN, WHICH CAN THEN GENERATE REVENUE TO SUPPORT THE INN'S MISSION.

BABY SUPPLIES SUCH AS DIAPERS, NEW BOTTLES, AND TOYS ALL OF WHICH WILL BE GIFTED TO BIRTHRIGHT ST. LOUIS.

SIMPLY PLACE YOUR ITEM(S) IN THE DROP BOXES AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH AFTER ANY OF THE MASSES THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 7TH & 8TH.

QUESTIONS? PLEASE EMAIL BRYAN KIRCHOFF AT BRYANKIRCHOFF@ATT.NET



DECEMBER 18, 2022

Christmas Memorial Poinsettias

The beautiful poinsettias and greenery that adorn our Cathedral are a special part of the celebration of Christmas at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis. This year, we invite all parishioners and visitors to share in the experience through a memorial or thanksgiving gift by purchasing one or more of the poinsettias decorating the Nativity Scene or the Baptismal Font. Memorial Poinsettias are \$10.00 each. In addition, names of person(s) being honored will appear in the weekend and Christmas bulletins.

Please indicate in whose memory, or in whose honor you wish the flowers to be dedicated. 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

Please Check one: ___ in memory of OR in honor of ____
Name of person/ family _____

Please Check one: ___ in memory of OR in honor of ____
Name of person/ family _____

Please Check one: ___ in memory of OR in honor of ____
Name of person/ family _____

Given by _____

Phone _____

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

Order by Monday, December 19



A Thought on The Sanctity Of Life

“Perhaps one of your friends has become pregnant unexpectedly. As someone who has been there, I encourage you to support your friend in her new journey of being a mother.” Learn ten tips at respect-life.org/support-her. USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities “10 Ways to Support Her When She’s Unexpectedly Expecting”

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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 Sessions

December 21

“And in Jesus Christ His only Son, Our Lord”
(part I)

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 18, 2022 through December 25, 2022

Sunday:	Is 35:1-6a, 10 Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11
Monday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 Lk 1:39-47
Tuesday:	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 s 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday:	Is 45:c-8, 18, 21c-25 Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday:	Is 54:1-10 Ps 30:2 and 4,5-6, 11-12a and 13b Lk 7:24-30
Friday:	Is 56:-3a, 6-8 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 Jn 5:33-36
Saturday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10 Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 Mt 1:1-17
Sunday:	Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, [7c, 10b] Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24

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
Deborah Harlan
Jennifer Jaswal
Edwin Ayala Padilla
Pauline Price
David Washington
Willa Washington
Dorothy Quinn
Kelvin Ayala Reyes

Mary Riley
Vivian Rachel Rossen
Resy Sanchez
Mickey Shears
Mary Anne Work
Betty Ytzaina
Sharon Kay Moore
Richard Franklin
Roslie Mullins



STEWARDSHIP ALIVE!

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!

St. Patrick Casserole Program Pick up on Thursdays

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 casserole organizers will host "touchless" drop-off by the Portico of Boland Hall January 12, 2023 from 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.

If you have questions about anything, feel free to contact us. Please know that the staff, volunteers, residents, and community of St. Patrick's Shelter are so very grateful for your continued commitment to their needs!

Skip & Nicki Batchelor— 916-834-4843



Catholic Charities
ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT LOUIS

PARISH AMBASSADOR NEWS

Cold Weather Supplies Needed

With temperatures dropping quickly, St. Patrick Center is in immediate need of winter supplies to provide to our unsheltered neighbors.

Cold Weather
AHEAD

What We Need

- Wool Socks & Hats
- Thick Blankets (similar to moving blankets)
- Coats
- Snowsuits
- Tents + Tarps
- Underwear + Undershirts
- Sleeping Bags
- Hand Warmers
- Water Resistant Gloves
- Winter Boots
- To-Go Kleenex
- Lip Balm/Vaseline

Donations can be dropped off at:

St. Patrick Center
800 N Tucker Blvd.,
St. Louis, MO

Monday-Friday
8am-3pm



www.stpatrickcenter.org



LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 24-25, 2022					
	Extraordinary	Lectors	Ministers of Care	Servers	Ushers
5:00 p.m. (Sat)	No Cup Ministers At Any Mass This Weekend	Phoebe Del Castillo Michael Pajor		Doug Weber	Bob Sutter Jerry Pastore Matt Colvin Chris Newgent
8:00 am		Brian Ragen Jonathan Klimpel	Stevens, Klimpel, Gregory	Doug Weber Kevin Mattingly	Dave Meyer Frank Snyder
10:00 am		Patricia Rice Sr. Maria Howell		TBD	Barb Murray Susan Metheny Jerry Danekas
12 Noon		Mary Ann Cheng Mark Burmester		TBD	Willie Stevens Vito Alu Lawanda Reason Barb Murray
5:00 pm		Barb Murray John Stith		Brak Welby	Willie Kelsey Charlie Hapke Pat McCann

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 at 314-792-6460.

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