

CATHEDRAL
BASILICA



OF SAINT LOUIS



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 21, 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)

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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.

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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 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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Mon. Dec 22 - Late Advent Weekday

7:00 a.m. Dr. Bruno Obukofe
8:00 a.m. Chloe Natalie C. Javier
12:05 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Idoko

Tues. Dec 23 - St. John of Kanty

7:00 a.m. Charles & Onyi
8:00 a.m. Dr. Jad M. Gennaoui
12:05 p.m. Karen Kantz

Wed. Dec 24 - Late Advent Weekday

7:00 a.m. Teresa Hagen
8:00 a.m. Kamala Mohanchander
12:05 p.m. Manolito Magno
5:00 pm. Madeline Hopkins

Thur. Dec 25 - The Nativity of the Lord

Midnight Archbishop's Intention
8:00 a.m. Earl Weisbrod
10:00 a.m. Jocelyn Mary Chapman
Noon Patricia Walden-Kraft

Fri. Dec 26 - St. Stephen, the First Martyr

7:00 a.m. Uchenna Ogbuokiri
8:00 a.m. Dr. Jon Clark
12:05 p.m. Andrea McFarland

Sat. Dec 27 - St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

8:00 a.m. Walter Schwartz
5:00 p.m. Vivian Alatorre

Sun. Dec 28 - Feast of the Holy Family

8:00 a.m. Glenn Mitchell
10:00 a.m. Patti Augustyniak
12:00 p.m. Mary Walden Lause
5:00 p.m. Dr. Bruno Obukofe



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 setting up the Nativity Scene. And many thanks to our Ministers of Hospitality (Ushers) for all their work as well. Thanks to all!

Msgr. Henry Breier

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ARCHBISHOP'S COLUMN

Let Your Dissatisfaction Lead You Deeper Into God's Call

Dissatisfaction can turn into determination to make the world—and ourselves—better

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Do you experience any dissatisfaction as you look around at the way culture celebrates Christmas — or as you look within at your own preparations?

I want to encourage all of us — but especially the young Church, our youth — to take note of those places of dissatisfaction. I make this appeal especially to the young Church for two reasons.

First, because at the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis, during a live conversation with the Holy Father, one of the young participants asked, “How is the Church preparing for the future?” I want to turn that question around: You, the youth, are the young Church! What are you doing to prepare for the future?

Dissatisfaction is one of the natural strengths of youth — seeing that the world isn't what it could be. That dissatisfaction becomes a poison when it turns toward despair (the belief that the world can never be better) or acedia (the lack of motivation to make it better). But dissatisfaction can also turn into determination to make the world better than it is — and the strength of the determination is usually proportionate to the strength of the dissatisfaction. So I say to all of us, but especially to the young Church: Don't rush past those places of dissatisfaction. Take note of them, take notes on them and draw strength from them as you think about how to make your lives a deeper response to God.

The second reason I speak especially to the young Church is simple: because Mary was a teenager when she became the mother of God. In a stirring homily, reflecting on the pause between Gabriel's annunciation and Mary's yes, St. Bernard of

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SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS



Clairvaux cries to Mary from his heart: “Adam asks this of you... Abraham asks this of you.. David and all the great figures of salvation history ask it!” In short, all the elders of the faith are waiting on the “yes” of a teenager to God's plan.

But don't miss this key: History is not waiting on a deeper “no” to culture. History pivots on a deeper “yes” to God. The annunciation is, first, an event in salvation history. But it's also the revelation of one of the fundamental patterns of discipleship. As one of the great spiritual writers said: The most fruitful human activity is to receive the love of God.

So, do you notice that Christmas advertising and music and decorations started too early? Then develop a deeper patience in yourself. Do you notice that Christmas lawn ornaments are becoming too numerous and have nothing to do with the real meaning of Christmas? Then develop greater simplicity and a deeper connection to Christ in yourself. What other things do you notice? Take note, and take notes, and develop a deeper response.

If this is a special appeal to the young Church, it's also truly an appeal to all of us. Notice the places of dissatisfaction. They're an indication, built into us, that we were made for more and the world was made for more. Just let that dissatisfaction find its proper pivot: not into cynicism, but — like Mary — into a deeper “yes” to God.

Note: This column appeared in the St. Louis Review for Dec 13 - Dec 19 and may be read in the print edition or at <https://it.ly/3SejOXr>



DECEMBER 21, 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



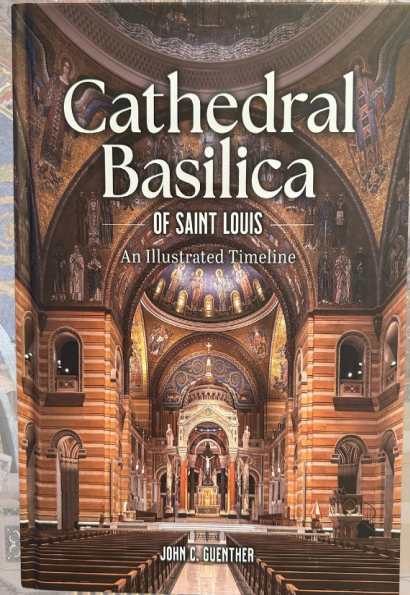
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Fourth Sunday of Advent



The Advent season culminates in the joyful realization that Christ's arrival brings peace, healing, and fulfillment of God's promises, urging us to welcome Him into our hearts with the same faith as Mary and Joseph.

- **Mary: Faith & Haste:** Mary's immediate journey to Elizabeth ("in haste") shows selfless love and trust, modeling how we should share God's presence with others, even when we are carrying something significant.
- **Joseph: Obedience & Trust:** Joseph's willingness to accept the angel's message in a dream, despite the difficulties, highlights faithful service and trusting God's plan over human fear.
- **Emmanuel (God with Us):** The promise of Jesus' name, Emmanuel, means God is with us, transforming our world and bringing ultimate hope, peace, and restoration.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE

DAILY MASS 7 A.M., 8 A.M. & 12:05 P.M.

CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL 5 P.M.

DECEMBER 25 – CHRISTMAS

MUSIC PROGRAM BEGINNING AT 11 P.M.

MIDNIGHT MASS

8 A.M., 10 A.M. AND NOON



JANUARY 1 – SOLEMNITY OF MARY

8 A.M., 10 A.M., NOON & 5 P.M.



Stewardship Reflection

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." MATTHEW 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF 12/6/2025-12/7/2025

Offertory	\$9,636.75
Online Giving	\$5,473.00
Loose	\$4,257.28
Cathedral Candles	\$384.38
Cathedral Landscape	\$51.25
Cathedral Maintenance	\$5.00
Catholic Education	\$28900
Human Development	\$20.00
Seminary	\$155.00
Immaculate Conception	\$1,581.00

Consider a Year-End-Gift

Your gift to our parish makes a great difference to us!

If you choose to make a cash or check donation, make sure it is dated by December 31, 2025 and received at the Rectory by January 7 to qualify as a gift in the year 2025. Contributions received in the offertory at Mass on January 1st will be treated as 2026 gifts.

"As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." - 1 Peter 4:10-11

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 21, 2025 December 28, 2025

Sunday:	10: Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-6 Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24
Monday:	198: 1 Sm 1:24-28 (Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8d Lk 1:46-56
Tuesday:	199: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps 25:4-5b, 8-10, 14 Lk 1:57-66
Wednesday:	200: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29 Lk 1:67-79 Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord: 13: Is 62:1-5 Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Thursday:	Midnight: 14: Is 9:1-6 Ps 96:1-3, 11-13 Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: 15: Is 62:11-12 Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12 Ti 3:4-7 Lk 2:15-20 Day: 16: Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Friday:	696: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc-17 Mt 10:17-22
Saturday:	697: 1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Sunday:	17: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 128:1-5 Col 3:12-17 Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Your generosity has been a blessing to the Cathedral Basilica Parish throughout this past year. Your continued support allows us to help our church family and spread God's Word throughout the world.

Online Giving is a convenient way to make your gift to the Cathedral parish. Simply visit www.Cathedralstl.org/give





STEWARDSHIP ALIVE!

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!



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 Anne Work
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

We will not have a gathering on Thursday, December 25, Christmas. Please enjoy your Christmas and we hope to see you at one of the Masses here at the Cathedral.

If you have any questions about Anima Christi please email AnimaChristiStL@gmail.com or see the Anima Christi Facebook page for more information.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 27 & 28, 2025

Extraordinary	Lectors	Ministers of Care	Servers	Ushers
5:00 p.m. (Sat) No Cup Ministers At Any Mass This Weekend	Mary Ann Cheng David Butler		Doug Weber	Bob Sutter Jerry Pastore Matt Colvin Pat McCann
8:00 am	Brian Ragen Pat Harper	Ragen Robinson Weisbrod Harper	Doug Weber Kevin Mattingly	Dave Meyer Frank Snyder Joe Schilli
10:00 am	Denise Murphy Patricia Rice			Sue Metheny Dan Mangus Roger Willis Vito Alu
12 Noon	Michael Murphy Mark Burmester		TBD	Willie Stevens Skip Batchelor Lawanda Reason Mark Burmester
5:00 pm	Claire Sommers Phoebe Del Castillo		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

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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

