

CATHEDRAL
BASILICA



OF SAINT LOUIS



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 22, 2020

Due to the current public health crisis, Hours of Operation and the Schedule for Masses, Confessions, and Devotions have been adjusted as follows:

**MASSSES ON
THE LORD'S DAY**

All public Masses have been suspended

LiveStreaming of
Sunday Mass offered
at 10:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

LiveStreaming of
Daily Mass offered at
8:00 am Monday -
Saturday

OPEN DAILY

CONFESSIONS

12 noon - 1:00 pm
(Monday through Friday)

3:30-5:00 pm (Sat)
9:00 am-12 noon (Sun)

**PERPETUAL HELP
DEVOTIONS**

8:45 am
(Monday through Friday)

**EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION**

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



MASS INTENTIONS

Sun., March 22– 4th Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 a.m. - For the Parish Family
- 10:00 a.m. - Dan Stubler
- 12:00 p.m. - Dr. Antoine Saugrain
- 5:00 p.m. - Nick Theiss

Mon., March 23– St. Turibius of Mogrovejo

- 7:00 a.m. - Teresa and Francis Farrow & Family
- 8:00 a.m. - Helenmary Judge
- 12:05 p.m. - Marie Mosher

Tues., March 24– St. Oscar Romero

- 7:00 a.m. - Teresa Farrow
- 8:00 a.m. - Phylis Smith
- 12:05 p.m. - Maria McCruden

Wed., March 25– The Annunciation of the Lord

- 7:00 a.m. - James Muckadan
- 8:00 a.m. - Arthur and Virginia Eultgen
- 12:05 p.m. - Jonathan Thayer

Thurs., March 26– Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. - Betty Owens Ward & Family
- 8:00 a.m. - In Memory of Lloyd Taaffe III
- 12:05 p.m. - Helen Klunk

Fri., March 27– Lenten Weekday

- 7:00 a.m. - Lemoine and Grizelda Skinner
- 8:00 a.m. - Jackie Finnegan
- 12:05 p.m. - Linus Pottebaum

Sat., March 28– Lenten Weekday

- 8:00 a.m. - Elvina Echelmeyer
- 5:00 p.m. - Charles E. Whitten

Sun., March 29– 5th Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 a.m. - Gerard Pisano
- 10:00 a.m. - For the Parish Family
- 12:00 p.m. - Glenn Mertens
- 5:00 p.m. - Nick Theiss

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.

William H. Bachmann
 Alex Burns
 Sydney Cole
 Sandy Dubuque
 Sidney Edwards-Cole
 Alvin Griffin
 Paula Littleton
 Lenore Molloy
 Marie Mosher
 Janice Noack

Dorothy Quinn
 Terri Reason
 Teresita Sanchez
 Sr. Patricia Sevik
 Rita Sheftall
 Rose Teran
 Willa Washington
 Richelle Weisbrod
 Mary Anne Work
 Betty Ytzaina

Requiescat in Pace

Please pray for the repose of **Glennon Mertens**, who passed away on March 12. Glenn and his wife Lucy served as giftshop attendants for the Cathedral Basilica for many years.

“Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.”

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 March 22, 2020 through March 29, 2020

- Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 Ps 23:1-6
 Eph 5:8-14
 Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
- Monday: Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13
 Jn 4:43-54
- Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9
 Jn 5:1-16
- Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Ps 40:7-11
 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38
- Thursday: Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-23 Jn 5:31-47
- Friday: Wis 2:1, 12-22 Ps 34:17-21, 23
 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
- Saturday: Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3, 9-12 Jn 7:40-53
- Sunday: Ez 37:12-14 Ps 130:1-8 Rom 8:8-11
 Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45

**FROM OUR RECTOR**

Dear Parishioners,

In a very short amount of time, our lives have changed drastically because of the outbreak of Coronavirus (Covid-19). It was just last week we were talking about “social distancing” at Mass, suspending the sign of peace and separate lines for Holy Communion. Things changed so quickly.

I would never have guessed that in my life-time, I would be celebrating Mass in the Cathedral Basilica at the Main Altar and not have a single person in the congregation. It breaks my heart. There are so many faithful Catholics that so much desire to receive Our Lord in the Holy Eucharist, and they are unable to do so. It breaks my heart.

The words of the Prophet Joel came to me in prayer this week: “return to me with your whole heart, with fasting weeping and mourning.” These words may sound familiar to you, and they are the words we heard on Ash Wednesday in our First Reading. I repeat them to you today because, in the midst of all the anxiety, stress, and unknown, the Lord is speaking to us. Return to me, return to me.

Even though you are unable to attend Mass, the Cathedral Basilica will remain open for private prayer and devotion. Confessions will be available Monday—Friday 12–1 pm, 3:30–5 pm on Saturday, and 9–12 on Sunday. Also, we will have the Blessed Sacrament exposed on Sunday from 9–12 at the main altar. We ask that during this time, everyone continues to remain at a safe distance from each other.

During a most recent Angelus, at the Vatican, our Holy Father, Pope Francis, addressed the faithful regarding the particular situation in which we find ourselves today.

“I am close to you in prayer to those who are suffering as a result of the current coronavirus epidemic, and to all those who are caring for them. I thought of them very much during the days I was on retreat. I join with my brother bishops in encouraging the faithful to live this difficult moment with the strength of faith, the certainty of hope and the fervour of charity. May the time of Lent help all of us to give an evangelical meaning also to this moment of trial and suffering.”

Msgr. Henry Breier

PRAYER FOR A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I am not able at this moment to receive You sacramentally, I ask that you spiritually enter into my heart. I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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ARCHBISHOP'S COLUMN

BEFORE THE CROSS | How will we follow and serve Jesus?

When we encounter Jesus, He presses in at precisely the places we need to change

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Lent turns a corner this week.

At the beginning of the week, the prophet Isaiah announces that God is “about to create a new heavens and a new earth.” Ezekiel describes his vision of the heavenly Temple, with the river of life flowing from its side bringing healing to the nations.

In perfect tandem, the Gospel readings show Jesus doing His second and third signs in the Gospel of John: healing the royal official’s son and healing a crippled man at the pool of Bethesda. These signs are perfect fulfillments of the readings from Isaiah and Ezekiel: Jesus Himself is the river of life, bringing healing.

At the end of the week, however, the book of Wisdom describes the wicked saying: “Let us beset the just one, because he is obnoxious to us ... With revilement and torture let us put him to the test ... Let us condemn him to a shameful death.” The prophet Jeremiah describes the people’s plot against him: “Let us destroy the tree in its vigor, let us cut him off from the land of the living.”

Again, in perfect tandem, the Gospel readings show that the Jewish leaders are trying to kill Jesus, and how a division occurs in the crowd because of Him.

What happened?

At the beginning of the week everything conspired to show God doing amazing things for his people. By the end of the week everything is falling apart and Holy Week begins to loom on the horizon.

What stands exactly in the middle of those things — the pivot point — is the feast of the Annunciation. God takes flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary. It’s His greatest sign; it’s the means by which He will create the new heavens and the new earth. That’s precisely what the fickle, sinful heart of humanity can’t stand. We can’t stand it because when He comes, He presses in at precisely the places we need to change. It’s what the prophets did. It’s what Jesus did. Sinful hearts and habits don’t like it.

We like to think we’d do better. But perhaps we’re not that different from ancient Israel. The Body of Christ was physically present 2,000 years ago, and people found excuses not to believe in Him and not to serve Him. The Body of Christ is sacramentally present to us in the Eucharist today, and people find excuses not to believe in Him and not to serve Him. The Body of Christ is mystically present to us in the Church today, and people find excuses not to believe in Him and not to serve Him. The Body of Christ is present to us in the poor today, and people find excuses not to believe in Him and not to serve Him.

Like God’s people all through salvation history, we want to pick and choose how God is present to us and how we serve Him. But God isn’t satisfied with our picking and choosing. Today, as through all salvation history, He demands all.

Lent pivots this week on the Incarnation. So do our spiritual lives. When Jesus becomes present to us in the flesh, He asks: Will you follow me and serve me? The readings for the week show how sinful humanity has responded through all salvation history. Will we do better?

Note: this column appeared in the St. Louis Review for March 22-28 and may be read in the print edition or at <https://bit.ly/35ejOXr>.



Stations of the Cross

A privileged devotion most frequently prayed in a public service during Lent is the **Stations of the Cross**. For centuries pilgrimage to the holy places in Jerusalem and a walking the path of Christ's carrying the cross to Calvary has been an esteemed devotion and penitential practice.

Though we are unable to pray Stations of the Cross publicly together, the Cathedral is open from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm daily for private prayer. You are also invited to join us online for a livestreamed version of Stations of the Cross.

Spiritual Sight

There are simply times in life where we are in the dark and do not see as the Lord sees. Lent is a time of going into the desert, a time that can be dry and desolate in our spiritual lives. In the midst of this darkness, however, the Lord can work wonders and purify our relationship with Him and family members and friends. Just as the blind man could not see but obeyed the Lord, we too must continue to heed the voice of the Lord so that we may truly see with the eyes of faith. As the Pharisees shows us, it is often when we think we know it all or see everything already that the opposite is true. Jesus came that we may see. We pray that Jesus might open the eyes of our hearts and minds to see Him.

For more, visit archstl.org/live-the-faith.

A Thought on The Sanctity Of Life

“There is an everyday heroism, made up of gestures of sharing, big or small, which build up an authentic culture of life... Part of this daily heroism is also the silent but effective and eloquent witness of all those ‘brave mothers who devote themselves to their own family without reserve, who suffer in giving birth to their children and who are ready to make any effort, to face any sacrifice, in order to pass on to them the best of themselves’... We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life.”

Lenten Resources

Following are also a list of some resources available for Lent this year:

- Best Lent Ever daily reflections: <https://dynamiccatholic.com/best-lent-ever>
- Bishop Barron Word on Fire Lenten Reflections: <https://www.lentreflections.com/>
- USCCB: <http://usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgical-year/len/index.cfm>

And though the Archbishop's Day of Recollection on April 4th has been cancelled due to restrictions on public gatherings, **stay tuned for a virtual Day of Recollection coming to your computer soon!**

Lent and Confession

All Catholics associate Lent with the Sacrament of Penance, Reconciliation, and Confession. Sometimes we put off going to Confession until the last minute depriving ourselves of a much richer Lent; indeed, a much richer life. In response to the current public health crisis, the Cathedral has updated our confession schedule as follows:

- ♦ **Monday through Friday, from noon until 1PM**
- ♦ **Saturday, from 3:30PM until 5PM**
- ♦ **Sunday, from 9AM until noon.**

Please note: Confessors will be available behind the screen only; face to face will not be offered.

FORMED

Parishioners of the Cathedral Basilica have access to an exciting and educational online platform: **FORMED.org**. With FORMED, parishioners have 24/7 access to the truth, beauty, and meaning of the Catholic Faith anytime, anywhere - on your computer, tablet, or smartphone. Find books, movies, and audio from inspiring teaching from renowned speakers, info on Marriage Prep and Enrichment, RCIA, Scripture Study, Sacrament Preparation, Small Group Teen Discipleship, and much more! And it's so easy:

- Go to www.Formed.org and enter our parish code **4P2W8Q** on the homepage
- Create a personal account with your own unique user name/email and password, then simply enjoy the best Catholic content... all in one place!



STEWARDSHIP ALIVE!

All Public Gatherings Cancelled

As a precautionary measure during the current public health crisis, **the rectory offices will be closed to the public until further notice.**

Likewise, all meetings, classes, and public gathering of the various parish groups - such as Lectio Divina, the Men's and Women's groups, the Legion of Mary, the Anima Christi group, St. Vincent De Paul, RCIA, baptismal preparation classes, et al – will either be cancelled or rescheduled in the near future as virtual meetings.

Now More Than Ever: Consider Online Giving!

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 click on the bright red DONATE button on the home page. Watch the 5 minute "Watch Help Video" and 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. All of information is encrypted and stored securely.

AHC Lecture Series Suspended

In accord with Archdiocesan guidance, the Sunday lectures being presented by the Association of Hebrew Catholics have been halted until further notice.

However, Dr. Feingold will still present the lectures from his home, as scheduled, using Zoom video communications. Those who wish to view the lectures from their computer can register for Zoom at <https://www.hebrewcatholic.net/lectures-sacramental-economy/>. Lectures will also recorded for viewing at a later time. For questions, call 314-535-4242 or email dmoss@hebrewcatholic.net.

The House for Life

Due the coronavirus, the Respect Life Apostolate made the decision to close Our Lady of Guadalupe Convent to visitors for the next 6 weeks. There will be no Mass or Adoration in the chapel until April 24.

Sister Sue Ann and Sister Delores will remember you in their prayers.

Cathedral Tours

Though the Cathedral will remain open daily from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm for private prayer and devotion, all public tours of our beautiful church have been suspended until further notice.

OFFERTORY

Sunday Collection	03/15/2020
Offertory	\$9,539.00
Loose	1,763.00
Landscaping & Maintenance	10.00
Catholic Relief Services	50.00
Central and Eastern European Missions	5.00
Easter Memorial Flowers	140.00
Other Misc. Collections	5.00

Weekly Thoughts on Giving

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart." (1 Sm 16:7)

How often do we invest our time, talent, and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car, and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent, and treasure here on earth.



MARCH 22, 2020

Easter Memorial Flowers and Lilies

The beautiful Easter lilies and spring flowers that adorn our church are a special part of the celebration of Easter at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis. We invite parishioners to share in the experience through a memorial or thanksgiving gift by filling out the form below. Donations toward the cost of Easter flowers in the Church may be made in memory or honor of family members and friends. This is a wonderful way to remember loved ones, honor friends, and offer thanksgiving to God for prayers answered and blessings received. The suggested donation is \$10.00 per remembrance. The names of all those being remembered will be printed in the parish bulletin on Easter Sunday and the week following Easter.

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 Lilies, 4431 Lindell Blvd, Saint Louis, MO, 63108.

Please check one: ☐ In memory of OR ☐ In honor of (those still living):

Name of person/family being honored: _____

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Name of person/family being honored: _____

Total number of remembrances _____ X \$10 each = Total Payment of \$ _____

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

Given by: _____

Your Email Address _____ Phone _____

Order Deadline: Friday, April 3



An Update Regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19)
from Saint Louis Cathedral Concerts

The health and safety of our guests, musicians, and staff is our highest priority. Based on the order issued by the City of St. Louis Health Department that any large gathering or event for which attendance is anticipated to be in excess of fifty (50) people shall be cancelled effective March 16, 2020 through at least May 17, 2020, **the following concerts and events are officially postponed. Rescheduled dates will be announced as soon as possible.**

- March 28, Organ Plus
- April 21, Stile Antico
- May 3, Annual Gala

The following options are available for those who have purchased tickets to postponed events:

- Exchange your tickets for the rescheduled date of the postponed concert for which you purchased tickets.
- Exchange your tickets for a credit to any concert in the 2020/2021 season.
- Donate the value of your tickets to Cathedral Concerts and receive a tax deduction for the total ticket value.
- Receive a refund for the value of the tickets.

If you are unable to attend on the rescheduled date, please consider donating the value of your tickets to Cathedral Concerts. Your generous gesture will help Cathedral Concerts continue to fulfill its mission of presenting affordable live concerts featuring world-class musicians and the finest repertoire of sacred and classical music for the enrichment, education, and enjoyment of the entire region. Your ticket donation is 100% tax deductible, and you will receive a receipt for tax purposes.

Please contact Cathedral Concerts at 314-533-7662 or concerts@cathedralstl.org to let us know your preference of the 4 options listed above.

Thank you for your support of Saint Louis Cathedral Concerts. We will get through this and continue to share great music in this great space with you again. We look forward to seeing you during our 28th season.

Sincerely,
Scott Kennebeck
Executive Director





PERPETUAL HELP DEVOTIONS

Opening Hymn (Stand)

Leader: Let us kneel as we gather together to honor our Mother and our Perpetual Help. We recall how she helped others. Her whole life was a lesson in love.

All: Mother of Perpetual Help, today we face so many difficulties. Your picture tells us so much about you. It reminds us to reach out and help those in need. Help us understand that our lives belong to others as much as they belong to us. Mary, model of Christian love, we know we cannot heal every ill or solve every problem. But with God's grace, we intend to do what we can. May we be true witnesses to the world that love for one another really matters. May our daily actions proclaim how fully our lives are modeled after yours, Mother of Perpetual Help.

Leader: Mary, you were a woman of steadfast faith. Your faith in Jesus never wavered. Model of all believers, pray to the Holy Spirit for us. Help us not only to accept all your Son teaches us, but also to put that teaching into practice.

All: Mother of Perpetual Help, as a child Jesus ran to you for comfort and reassurance. You did not see him as only a frail child. Moved by the Holy Spirit you accepted Jesus as the Son of the Most High, the long-awaited Messiah. Following your example of faith, help us recognize Jesus in those we meet, especially the poor and the lonely, the sick and the elderly. Keep us always mindful, dear Mother, that whatever we do to the least of our brothers and sister, we do to your loving Son. May His words live in our hearts (Biblical) and influence our lives and the lives of those we meet.

Leader: Let us pray to be open to God's Word.

All: Mary, woman of faith, you pondered and treasured the meaning of God's words and actions in your life. You generously responded to His Word in faith. As we listen to God's Word help us be attentive to His message. May the Holy Spirit enlighten our understanding, and give us the courage to put these



words into practice.

(If homily follows, all should be seated.)

Leader: Let us stand as we present our petitions: Grant wisdom and guidance to our Holy Father, Pope..., our Bishop..., our priests, and all the leaders of our nation, state, and community.

All: May your mother intercede for us, Lord.

Leader: Grant peace and unity throughout the world, especially in our homes and families.

All: May your mother intercede for us, Lord.

Leader: Grant that young people respond generously to the call of the Holy Spirit in deepening their faith and choosing their vocation in life.

All: May your mother intercede for us, Lord.

Leader: Grant us continued health of mind and body, and help the sick, especially... to regain their health



according to your holy will.

All: May your mother intercede for us, Lord.

Leader: Grant eternal rest to all our deceased, especially... and to the souls of all the faithful departed.

All: May your mother intercede for us, Lord.

Leader: Let us pause now to silently present our own personal petitions to Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

Leader: Let us kneel as we continue our prayers:

All: Mary, humble handmaid of the Lord, we need your example today to discover God's will in our lives. You always gave God the first place in your life. Just as you pondered His Word in your heart, help each of us to seek his plan in all that we do.

Give us the conviction that nothing is more important than doing the will of our heavenly Father. May we spend each moment in loving and pleasing Him. Help us follow your example in proclaiming, I am the servant of the Lord. I will what God wills, when He wills it, as he wills it, because He wills it.

Leader: Mother of Perpetual help, your picture reminds us that we are to carry our cross as Jesus did. With courage, he endured injustice, abandonment and betrayal, pain and suffering, even a criminal's death.

All: Mary, we turn to you as our model in suffering and courage. You shared in your Son's suffering and death. Now you share in His Resurrection. We, too, share in the cross of Christ, and someday, like you, we will share fully in His Resurrection. Help us be patient in our suffering, and to trust in the loving care of our Father in heaven. May those suffering sickness in mind or body experience your Son's healing power. Help us follow his example, and through Him, with Him, and in Him, commend ourselves to the care of our heavenly Father.

Leader: Let us ask Mary to watch over all families.

All: Mother of Perpetual Help, bless our families with your tender, motherly love. May the sacrament of Marriage bring husbands and wives ever closer together that they may always be faithful, and love each other as Christ loves us. Help all mothers and fathers love and cherish the children God has en-

trusted to them. May they always be models of a truly Christian life. Help all children, that they may love and respect their parents. Inspire all people to value Christian marriage and family life. Give us a sense of responsibility that we may do our part in making our homes havens of love and peace. Mary, our model, help every family grow daily in genuine love for God and neighbor so that justice and peace may flourish everywhere in the human family.

(The following Act of Consecration is to be said the first week of the month.)

Leader: Let us renew our Act of Consecration.

All: United with the members of the Confraternity of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, here and throughout the world, we consecrate ourselves to your service. We promise to renew this dedication once a month and frequently to receive the sacraments. We beg you to obtain for us the grace to imitate your great servant, St. Alphonsus, in his love for you and your Son.

Section 9

Leader: From the first moment of her existence, the Holy Spirit filled Mary with His love. By his power, she became the Virgin-Mother of God. Through the same Holy Spirit, she became the perfect wife, the perfect mother. Let us imitate her generosity, her openness to the Holy Spirit, and say,
All: Come, Holy Spirit. Fill our hearts with your joy and your peace, with your power and your love, with your constant Presence within us.

Leader: Receive the Holy Spirit. May He be with you to strengthen you, above you to protect you, before you to lead you, behind you to encourage you, within you to possess you totally. Through the prayers of our holy patron, St. Alphonsus, through the intercession of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, through the merits of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, present in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the altar, may the blessing of almighty God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, descend upon you and remain forever.

All: Amen.