

CATHEDRAL
BASILICA



OF SAINT LOUIS



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 5, 2021

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*, as is access to the Cathedral Gift Shop.

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 5 - Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. - Charles E. Whitten
10:00 a.m. - Tom Klueh
12:00 p.m. - For the Parish Family
5:00 p.m. - Nick Theiss

Mon., December 6 - St. Nicholas

7:00 a.m. - Teresa and Francis Farrow & Family
8:00 a.m. - Bertha Bader
12:05 p.m. - Anthony Ganema

Tues., December 7 - St. Ambrose

7:00 a.m. - For Vocations
8:00 a.m. - Ann Marie Nguyen K Nhuong
12:05 p.m. - Richard Morris

Wed., December 8 - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 a.m. - Virginia & Arthur Eultgen
8:00 a.m. - Thomas Hitchell
12:05 p.m. - For Mary & her Mother
5:30 p.m. - For the Parish Family

Thur., December 9 - San Juan Diego

7:00 a.m. - Marjorie Siebert
8:00 a.m. - Gerald Marie Phung N. Quan
12:05 p.m. - Jared Schmitz

Fri., December 10 - Weekday in Advent

7:00 a.m. - Joe W. Wiley & Family
8:00 a.m. - Betty Banstetter
12:05 p.m. - Vivian Reisinger

Sat., December 11 - St. Damasus I

8:00 a.m. - Jared Schmitz
5:00 p.m. - Archbishop intentions

Sun., December 12 - Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. - For the Parish Family
10:00 a.m. - Shirley Weather
12:00 p.m. - Mary Karisman
5:00 p.m. - Nick Theiss



FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Parishioners,

John the Baptist is the last prophet before Jesus. On this **Second Sunday of Advent**, the Church turns to the Gospel of Luke, which first introduced John in its Infancy Narrative that reports on the early life of John and Jesus. John is the herald of the Good News; he points out the Lamb of God, the Savior. He is the Precursor to the Messiah.

In this Sunday's gospel passage, Luke presents John as the one fulfilling one of the prophecies of Second Isaiah. He is a voice crying out in the desert, ***'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'*** In presenting this message to the reader, Luke introduces a theme prominent in his gospel: **the universality of salvation**. Throughout the gospel of Luke, Jesus extends the promise of salvation to people of diverse backgrounds.

The Baptist's message was clear: repent of your sins and prepare to meet the Lord. He himself was not the Messiah but he proclaimed the Messiah's immanent arrival. The Advent season is all about **the coming of the Lord**. During December, prepare for the coming of the Lord by making a worthy confession of your sins and by living a virtuous life. Come Lord Jesus, come!

This coming Wednesday, December 8, we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, which is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses for the holy day will be celebrated at 7:00 am, 8:00 am, 12:05 pm, and 5:30 pm.

Mary Immaculate helps us to rediscover and defend what lies within people, for in her is a perfect transparency of the soul in the body. She is purity in person, in the sense the spirit, soul and body are fully consistent with one another and with God's will. Our Lady teaches us to be open to God's action and to see others as He sees them, starting with the heart, by looking at them with compassion, love and infinite tenderness, especially those who are lonely, despised or exploited.

This feast finds its origin in a moment in time when Our Lady appeared to Saint Catherine Laboure in the year 1830. The message of the Blessed Mother was to have a medal made with the words: "O Mary conceived without sin pray for us who have recourse to thee." The wearing of this medal quickly spread and led to a great devotion to Our Lady as the Immaculate Conception, which was declared to be a teaching of the church in 1854.

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ARCHBISHOP'S COLUMN

God reverses the knots of human sin to bring about salvation

In Advent, we can present our own knots of sin to God for His help in untangling them

**ARCHBISHOP
MITCHELL
ROZANSKI**

**SERVE THE LORD
WITH GLADNESS**



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This week we celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception — the fact that Mary was without sin from the moment she was conceived. St. Irenaeus — who died around 202 AD — developed a line of thought about Mary that is not only interesting in itself but also contains a helpful spiritual lesson for Advent.

One of the outstanding features of Irenaeus' thought was his keen sense of salvation history, of how the different events fit together. Once, in order to explain this, he used the example of what happens when two knots have been tied on one string, and you have to untie the second knot first, before you can get back to undo the first knot: "For what was tied together once cannot be loosened except by untying the knot in reverse order so that the second knot be dissolved by untying it first and the first knot be dissolved by untying it second."

Irenaeus used this metaphor to explain the relation between Adam, Eve, Mary and Christ. In creation Adam was created first and Eve took flesh out of Adam. In redemption, in precise reversal, Mary was created first, and Christ took flesh out of Mary. In the Fall, Eve listened to the voice of a fallen angel and became disobedient to God's word. In redemption, in precise reversal, Mary listened to the voice of an angel and welcomed God's Word. In creation, all humanity was united in Adam and inherited his sin. In redemption, in precise reversal, Christ became a second Adam and all humanity can share in His resurrection.

Irenaeus showed, very beautifully, how God brought about salvation precisely by reversing the knots of human sin. The Fathers of the Church often summarized this thinking by pointing out how the "Eva" of the fall is perfectly reversed by the "Ave" of the Annunciation.

It's an elegant piece of theology. But I hasten to add: we miss the point if we stop there and don't see its relevance for our own lives!

The truth is, we all have "knots" of sin in our lives — some we've inherited from our families, and some we've tied for ourselves. What St. Irenaeus shows us is that God is an artist when it comes to untying knots! God is not only willing to untie the knots in our lives, He delights in doing so. Mary, for her part, is also the "untier of knots" because she remains today what she has always been: the handmaid of the Lord, lending herself totally to God's plans.

During Advent we prepare to celebrate the fact that Jesus came into the world to untie the knots of human sin. This week, on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, we pause to recognize Mary's special role in that untying. As we do so, let's be deliberate in presenting the knots in our lives to God — especially through the sacrament of Reconciliation. Where Mary started and remained all her life — without sin — is where we hope to end up. But there are a lot of knots that have to be untied for us to get there! Let's approach God with great confidence, knowing that He delights to untie the knots of our lives.

Note: this column appeared in the St. Louis Review for November 8-14 and may be read in the print edition or at <https://bit.ly/35ejOXr>.



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 Saint 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, Saint Louis, MO, 63108.

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

Name of person/family being honored: _____

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

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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:
Monday, December 13**



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.

Margaret Aubermann	Dorothy Quinn
Janice Bachford	Kelvin Ayala Reyes
Barbara Beckemeyer	Mary Riley
Sydney Cole	Vivian Rachel Rossen
Joe Dubuque	Resy Sanchez
Deborah Harlan	Mickey Shears
Lenore Molloy	Mary Anne Work
Edwin Ayala Padilla	Betty Ytzaina
Pauline Price	

Eyeglass Drive

"The Respectacle Project," an eyeglass recycling program, will be accepting donations of quality used eyeglasses **today, December 5**, in the baskets near the sanctuary at the side aisles.

Christmas Mass Schedule at the Cathedral Basilica

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE

VIGIL MASS AT 5:00 P.M.

MIDNIGHT MASS AT 12:00 A.M.

MIDNIGHT MASS WILL BE PRECEDED BY A CHORAL PRESENTATION

WHICH WILL BEGIN AT 11:30 P.M.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY

MASSSES AT 8:00 A.M., 10:00 A.M., AND 12 NOON

NOTE: THE MASSES AT MIDNIGHT, 8:00 AM, AND 10:00 AM

WILL ALSO BE LIVESTREAMED

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 5, 2021 through December 12, 2021

Sunday:	Bar 5:1-9 Ps 126:1-6 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Lk 3:1-6
Monday:	Is 35:1-10 (or Eph 3:8-12) Ps 85:9, 10-14 Lk 5:17-26 (or Jn 10:11-16)
Tuesday:	Is 40:1-11 PS96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13 Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38
Thursday:	Is 41:13-20 Ps 145:1, 9-13 Mt 11:11-15
Friday:	Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Mt 11:16-19
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19 Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday:	Zep 3:14-18 Is 12:2-6 Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18

A Note on Décor and Christmas

The Cathedral Basilica will be decorated with the usual festive holyday greenery and floral display, but not until the last days before Christmas, allowing the Advent season to have its own identity. Commercial interests decorate early and remove the decorations immediately after Christmas Day. The Church maintains the integrity of Advent, and then uses Christmas decorations until the end of Christmas time.

Cathedral Inspired Christmas Cards

The Cathedral Basilica Christmas cards are back again this year! You can view the four card designs on the Cathedral website under the SHOP tab. The cost is 12 cards with envelopes for \$5. We are happy to ship them to you for a flat rate of \$12 or you can order online and pick up in the Parish Office Monday—Friday during regular business hours. If you have any questions, please contact Chrissy Chapo at 314-373-8220 or email cchapo@cathedralstl.org.



STEWARDSHIP ALIVE!

Tis the Season for Giving

The Cathedral Basilica's Advent Giving Tree is located in the west transept and, as is our custom, we are requesting monetary donations rather than the purchase of specific items. By taking a red envelope from the tree and dropping it into Sunday's offertory basket with your donation, you will help provide necessary items for Fr. Dempsey Charities and the residents of both Bernard West Pine Nursing Home & St. Elizabeth Hall. Gift cards are also greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generosity!

Anima Christi Young Adults

All young adults interested in growing the fellowship of our young adult community are invited to the next young adult gathering scheduled for **Thursday, December 9th**. Our gathering begins with a Holy Hour in the church at 6:30 pm (**enter through the west door by the playground**), followed by a dinner at 7:00 pm. Please join us, in full or in part, to deepen your relationship with Christ and with one another. For additional information, please e-mail us at **AnimaChristiStL@gmail.com**.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR
THE WEEKEND OF 11/21/2021

Offertory	\$13,354.00
Loose	5,007.99
Maintenance & Landscape	475.00
World Missions	55.00
Campaign for Human Development	722.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	87.00
Thanksgiving SVDP	355.00
OnLine Giving	4,044.50

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR
THE WEEKEND OF 11/28/2021

Offertory	\$7,489.00
Loose	3,499.44
Maintenance & Landscape	70.00
World Missions	5.00
Campaign for Human Development	410.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	75.00
Thanksgiving SVDP	2,436.52
OnLine Giving	3,089.50

Weekly Thoughts on Giving

"And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value..." (Philippians 1:9-10)

During the Christmas shopping season it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But, is that "gift" truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or, are you just fulfilling your "obligation" to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them, learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less "stuff" and spend more time with those you love.

For the Poor

On the first Sunday of every month, the Cathedral Parish collects foodstuffs and canned goods (**non-perishable items only, please!**) for delivery to food pantries in the area. **Our next parish food drive will be held today, December 5th.**

St. Patrick Casserole Program

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 our next "touchless" drop-off in the parish parking lot on Thursday, December 9, from 1:00 –2:00 p.m.



Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis Gift Shop Sale

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2021
9AM- 2PM
IN CATHEDRAL SCHOOL
ENTER BY PLAYGROUND

HUGE DISCOUNTS
ON ENTIRE INVENTORY

Complimentary Coffee & Donuts



*2021 Advent Day of Recollection & Mass
with Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski*

Saturday, December 11, 2021

Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis

**1:00 p.m. Presentation by Archbishop Rozanski
Followed by Private Meditation,
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament,
and Confession**

**5:00 p.m. Mass for the 3rd Sunday of Advent
Archbishop Rozanski, celebrant**

*For additional information, please contact Mary Ann Fox at
314-373-8208*



LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 11-12, 2021

	Extraordinary	Lectors	Ministers of Care	Servers	Ushers
5:00 p.m. (Sat)	No Cup Ministers At Any Mass This Weekend	Laura Mackovjak Kevin Ross		Doug Weber	Jerry Pastore Matt Colvin Robert Sutter Chris Newgent
8:00 am		Brian Ragen Mitch Smith	Thomas Gregory Pat Harper Michael Weisbrod	Doug Weber Kevin Mattingly	Dave Meyer Frank Snyder
10:00 am		TBD Sr. Maria Howell		TBD	Victor Stuart Barb Murray Susan Metheny Jerry Danekas
12 Noon		Doug Weber Christina Stankey		TBD	Willie Stevens Vito Alu Lawanda Reason Barb Murray
5:00 pm		John Stith Barb Murray		TBD	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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