

CATHEDRAL
BASILICA



OF SAINT LOUIS



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 19, 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.

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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 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 19– Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. - Rose Dietz
10:00 a.m. - For the Parish Family
12:00 p.m. - Special Intention (GC)
5:00 p.m. - Nick Theiss

Mon., December 20 - Weekday in Late Advent

7:00 a.m. - Teresa and Francis Farrow & Family
8:00 a.m. - Tom Jeffrey
12:05 p.m. - Mike Michaux

Tues., December 21 - St. Peter Canisius

7:00 a.m. - Jared Schmitz
8:00 a.m. - Ann Marie Nguyen K Nhuong
12:05 p.m. - Tom Klueh

Wed., December 22 - Weekday in Advent

7:00 a.m. - John Tinsley
8:00 a.m. - Vincent P. Horgan
12:05 p.m. - Martha Nwihim

Thur., December 23– St. John of Kanty

7:00 a.m. - Charles E. Whitten
8:00 a.m. - Gerald Marie Phung N. Quan
12:05 p.m. - Jennifer Janson

Fri., December 24 - Weekday in Late Advent

7:00 a.m. - Teresa Hagan
8:00 a.m. - Betty Banstetter
12:05 p.m. - CANCELLED
5:00 p.m. - Albert Zadow
Midnight - Archbishop's Intentions

Sat., December 25 - The Nativity of the Lord

8:00 a.m. - Elizabeth M. Feeney
10:00 a.m. - Archbishop's Intentions
12:00 p.m. - For the Parish Family
5:00 p.m. - CANCELLED

Sun., December 26– The Holy Family

8:00 a.m. - George W. Goeken
10:00 a.m. - For the Parish Family
12:00 p.m. - Marjorie Siebert & Mary Fitzpatrick
5:00 p.m. - Nick Theiss



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. While we will not have our full choir again this year, our soloists have been working hard with Ben Blasingame to lift our hearts in song. 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!

Msgr. Breier

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WITH GLADNESS**Mary's example helps us receive, nurture and bring forth Christ in our lives**

Let's commit to that Marian pattern of living by giving our consent on Christmas Day, and all the year through

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Scripture readings this week have us journeying with Mary.

There's an important pattern in Mary's life that's meant to set the course of every Christian life: she received the Word of God, nurtured His life in her flesh and brought Him forth for the salvation of the world. If we're going to keep Christ in Christmas — and we should! — then it's important for us to think about how we can receive, nurture and bring forth the life of Christ in our own lives.

In quiet prayer, for example, we allow the Holy Spirit to overshadow our own hearts and minds. In the Eucharist, we receive the Body of Christ into our own flesh. In prayer with Scripture, we nurture the life of Christ in our minds and imaginations. In acts of service, we meet and serve Christ in others. In all the daily tasks of family life and work we can model our life on Mary: receiving, nurturing and bringing forth the life of Jesus.

Of course, the pattern called for Mary's consent — it wasn't something that just happened to her — and the same is true of us. We can receive Him, or refuse Him. We can nurture His life within us, or stunt its growth. We can bring Him forth for others, or keep Him to ourselves.

Mary was granted purity from the moment of her conception; then, with God's grace, she preserved that purity her whole life through. Her purity led to the power of her consent, and the power of her consent led to the depth of her influence on the course of salvation history. We, on the other hand, need to rise to that purity by cooperating with the grace that God gives to us. As we grow in purity the power of our consent grows. And as the power of our consent grows we exercise ever deeper influence on lives of those we encounter. The world awaited Mary's consent and received Christ through her. The world awaits our consent to receive Christ again through us!

On the morning of Dec. 24, we hear a reading about King David's desire to build a Temple for God. By making that the last daily reading before Christmas, the Church intends to raise this question for our contemplation: where will God dwell? The answer is: God dwelt in the Temple, in Mary and in the manger. And what God wants, at the end of all that, is to dwell in us.

Keeping Christ in Christmas is a worthy goal, but it's harder than it sounds! It's not just a matter of keeping our focus on an event that happened long ago. It is that! But keeping our focus on the birth of Christ in Bethlehem is also meant to focus our own lives on receiving, nurturing and bringing forth the life of Christ in all we say and do.

Let's commit to that Marian pattern of living — giving our consent on Christmas Day, and all the year through.

Merry Christmas!

Note: this column appeared in the St. Louis Review for December 13-19th and may be read in the print edition or at <https://bit.ly/35ejOXr>.



DECEMBER 19, 2021



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Christmas 2021

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I send my warmest and most sincere greetings at this holy time of the year to all of you, and to all your families and loved ones!

This past year has been a challenging time for everyone. It has also been a year of great grace. We have witnessed the love and concern of people for one another. So many have been willing to make tremendous sacrifices to keep people safe, and try and curb this global health crisis. We have much to be grateful for as we move a step closer to the end of the pandemic. Now is the time for Catholics to step forward, giving generously to help those in need.

Each year, the people of the archdiocese are asked to make a special gift on Christmas Day to support our seminarians at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. These men are responding to Christ's call to follow Him as they discern a vocation to the holy priesthood, and have dedicated themselves to living, growing, and serving in His love as they prepare for a life of parish ministry. God-willing, these men will bring the faith given to us by Christ 2,000 years ago to future generations.

This Christmas, I ask you to pray for vocations and for all our priests and seminarians. I also ask you to be generous in your donation to the Christmas collection at your parish, which helps ensure that our seminarians receive the education and formation they need to grow closer to Christ each day. Your support is a source of inspiration for the seminarians and helps to build up the Church in St. Louis. Together, we can encourage our future priests to walk the path of holiness as they seek to configure their hearts to the Heart of Jesus Christ.

I look forward to celebrating the joy of the Christmas season with all of the faithful of the Archdiocese. How wonderful it is to have the faithful back in church to celebrate Christ's birth. Please be assured of my prayers for you during the season of Christmas.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Archbishop of St. Louis



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

MASSES 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



DECEMBER 19, 2021

Joy to the World: A Christmas Concert



On December 3, 2021 the Christmas concert was held at the Cathedral Basilica that featured music from Scott Kennebeck and the Cathedral Concerts Musicians along with choirs from Cor Jesu, SLUH, and Visitation to benefit Catholic Charities of St. Louis. The concert is still available to be viewed at www.CCSTL.events. Enjoy the recorded version through December 31, 2021. A recording will also air on KSDK Channel 5 at 9am on Christmas Day.





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



Infant Baptism

According to the mind of the Church, parents are obliged to see that infants are baptized within the first weeks after birth. As soon as possible after the birth, or even before it, parents should request the sacrament for their child and are to be properly instructed in preparation for it. Godparents are also encouraged to attend baptismal preparation before the child is born. If you are a **registered parishioner** who is or is about to become a parent or godparent, contact the parish office at 314-373-8202 to schedule a baptism or to register for baptismal preparation class.

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.

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 19, 2021 through December 26, 2021

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4 Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19
Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45

Monday: IS 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-4, 5-6 Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 **or** Zep 3:14-18 Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8 Lk 1:46-56

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14
Lk 1:57-66

Christmas Vigil: Is 62:1-5 Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25
Mt 1:1-25 (**or** Mt 1:18-25)

Midnight Mass: Is 9:1-6 Ps 96:1-3, 11-13
Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14

Christmas Day: Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1-6 Heb 1:1-6
Jn 1:1-18 (**or** Jn 1:1-5, 9-14)

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 (**or** 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28) Ps 128:1-5 (**or** Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10)
Col 3:12-21 **or** 3:12-17 (**or** 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24) Lk 2:41-52

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. Visa gift cards or gift cards to appropriate stores (such as Schnucks or Walmart) are also greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generous participation in this very special parish program.





STEWARDSHIP ALIVE!

The Gift That Has No Season

Over the years, it has been gifts left to the Cathedral Basilica in wills, Bequests, and memorials that have largely enabled us to continue to operate as a place of worship. As we approach year end and consider the upcoming tax season, please remember the Cathedral Basilica Parish in your will or charitable giving plans.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF 12/12/2021

Offertory	\$9,604.71
Loose	4,509.60
Landscaping, Maintenance, Education	256.75
Immaculate Conception	2,187.31
Misc. Missions & Special Collections	236.00
Giving Tree	1,231.00
Year End Gift	7,987.00
Thanksgiving SVDP	185.00
Flowers/Memorial Poinsettias	1,025.00
OnLine Giving	5,538.50

Weekly Thoughts on Giving

4th Sunday of Advent

"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy." (Luke 1:44)

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading at Mass, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. What are you doing to grow in friendship with Jesus? How do you prepare for Mass each week? Or, do you just show up and expect to be entertained? As the Body of Christ, we are called to be active participants, not just passive observers.

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 23rd**. 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.

**** Important Announcement Concerning Anima Christi ****

Anima Christi is a group for the young adult community, specifically those between the ages of 18 and 39. We are here to serve young adults through opportunities to encounter Christ and deepen their faith through Eucharistic Adoration, the sacrament of Reconciliation, and the relationships we build in the social activities of the group. Each person who attends Anima Christi has the right to experience this in a safe and welcoming environment. Please keep this in mind when inviting others to Anima Christi. We are a ministry focused on young adults. The Cathedral Basilica hosts a wide variety of other ministries as well in addition to Anima Christi, including the Men of the Cathedral, Women of the Cathedral, and the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

For further information, please feel free to reach out to either the Anima Christi leadership team or Fr. Povis (AnimaChristiSTL@gmail.com or ZacharyPovis@arcstl.org).

A Lasting Gift

Looking for a special gift to memorialize a loved one, or celebrate a birth or wedding? Consider a commemorative brick in the Cathedral Basilica Jubilee Prayer Garden! Contact the parish office at 314-373-8202 for more information.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 25-26, 2021

Extraordinary	Lectors	Ministers of Care	Servers	Ushers
5:00 p.m. (Sat)	NO MASS SCHEDULED			
8:00 am	Pat Harper Sandy Doyle	Willie Stevens Al Rheinneck Pat Harper	Doug Weber Ryan	Dave Meyer Frank Snyder
10:00 am	Barb Murray Alisa Goessling		Will Ryan John Paul Blanner Simon Blanner	Victor Stuart Barb Murray Susan Metheny Jerry Danekas
12 Noon	Mary Ann Cheng Doug Weber		Matthew Brewer Joseph Brewer Michael Brewer Karl Brewer	Willie Stevens Vito Alu Lawanda Reason Barb Murray
5:00 pm	John Stith Michael Pajor		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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