

CATHEDRAL
BASILICA



OF SAINT LOUIS



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
FEBRUARY 25, 2024

**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 – 6:30 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 *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.

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 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 SusieIrons@cathedralstl.org

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Feb. 25th - Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Kevin Reese
10:00 a.m. Elaine Love
12:00 p.m. Teresa Resendiz
5:00 p.m. Nick Theiss

Mon. Feb. 26th - Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Paul Leible
8:00 a.m. Charles E. Whitten
12:05 p.m. Leon Mitchison, Jr.

Tues. Feb. 27th - St. Gregory of Narek

7:00 a.m. Kathleen M.
8:00 a.m. Joanie Wright
12:05 p.m. Fr. Richard J. Schili

Wed. Feb. 28th - Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Thomas Daniels
8:00 a.m. Robert Hodapp
12:05 p.m. Teresa Resendiz

Thur. Feb. 29th - Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Sr. Marysia Weber, RSM
8:00 a.m. Thomas Kubat
12:05 p.m. Lenny Schutz

Fri. March 1st - Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Teresa & Francis Farrow & Family
8:00 a.m. Jonathan Jurgensmeyer
12:05 p.m. Adam John Becvar

Sat. March 2nd - Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Victor Stuart
5:00 p.m. Francis Sokolowski

Sun. March 3rd - Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Kevin Reese
10:00 a.m. Elaine Love
12:00 p.m. Teresa Resendiz
5:00 p.m. Nick Theiss

**FROM OUR RECTOR**

Dear Parishioners,

Each year on the 1st Sunday of Lent, our Gospel presents to us the scene of the Temptation of the Lord. Matthew, Mark, and Luke each have their way of telling the story, some with more details than the other. The story of the Temptation of the Lord reminds us that we, especially during the season of Lent, will do battle with temptation. The truth is the more we seek to remove sin from our life, the more the evil one likes to up his game with us.

I would like to share with you a passage from Gregory the Great that helped me to understand the temptations that come to us. This is taken from Homily 16 on the Gospels:

“There are some who ask themselves by what spirit Jesus was led to the desert, because of what follows in the text: ‘The devil carried him into the holy city’, and again: ‘He carried him to a very high mountain.’ But in truth, and without hesitation, one must logically accept that Jesus was led to the desert by the Holy Spirit, so that his own Spirit would lead him to where the evil spirit was to find him.

However, when we are told that the God-Man was transported by the devil on a very high mountain or in the holy city, the human spirit has difficulty in accepting it, and the ears are frightened of the hear. This, however, will seem less impossible to believe if we consider other events concerning the Savior. The devil is undoubtedly the leader of all the wicked, and all the wicked are the members of this leader. Was not Pilate a member of the devil? The Jews who persecuted Christ, and the soldiers who crucified him, were they not members of the devil? Why, then, be surprised that the Savior allowed the devil to lead him to a mountain, since he also endured being crucified by the members of such a leader? It was not unworthy of our Redeemer to want to be tempted, he who had come to be killed. On the contrary, it was right for him to triumph over our temptations with his own, just as he had come to overcome our death by his death (2: 18).

Let us know, however, that temptation acts in three ways: by suggestion, by delectation and by consent. When we are tempted ourselves, we usually glide into delectation, or even consent; for, spread from the flesh of sin, we bear in us the very origin of the struggles to endure. But the God who had incarnated in the womb of a Virgin and who had come to the world without sin bore no contradiction in him. He may have been tempted by suggestion, but the delectation of sin did not have a hold on his mind. All this diabolical temptation was for him external, without anything inside.”

Monsignor Henry Breier

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ARCHBISHOP'S COLUMN

The world needs our witness to both confession and hope

The parable of the Prodigal Son promotes honest confession but then transforms confession into hope

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

“We have sinned ... We have rebelled ... We have not obeyed.”

These words of the prophet Daniel mark the first half of the theme for the second week of Lent: confession.

In his reflections on the seven last words of Christ, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen tells a story about St. Jerome, the Church father and biblical scholar. Christ appeared to Jerome and asked him: “What will you give me?” Jerome offered his writings, but they were not enough. He offered his life of penance and mortification, but it was not enough. At the end of his wits, Jerome asked what he had left to give. Jesus responded: “Give me your sins” — the idea being that these were weightier than all the rest.

In what sense, though, can we “offer” Jesus our sins?

We certainly don’t offer them as good works. No, we offer our sins with confidence that God is merciful. We offer our sins as an opportunity for God to show the world, through us, who He is.

And that marks the second half of the theme for the second week of Lent: hope. As the prophet Daniel says, after his honest confession of Israel’s sins: “But yours, O Lord, our God, are compassion and forgiveness.”

Confession and hope. The world needs our witness to both of these precisely because the world denies them! But when we confess, we give witness that there is right and wrong — not by pointing fingers at anyone else but by admitting our own wrongs. Then, in the face of objective evil, the world doesn’t believe in forgiveness; we, however, can give witness to the forgiveness that we’ve received from God, and can share with one another because we’ve received it first.

The Church gives us the parable of the Prodigal Son

ARCHBISHOP MITCHELL ROZANSKI



SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

this week (Luke 15) to reinforce this theme of confession and hope. Let’s engage in a thought experiment: If contemporary culture were to re-write the parable of the prodigal son, what would it look like?

Contemporary culture tries to maintain (with an increasingly shrill voice) that there is no objective right and wrong. If that’s true then there can be no parable: We can’t say the younger son did anything wrong!

But no one can maintain that there’s no such thing as right and wrong. So, once you get the culture to admit that a wrong has been done, there’s only one option: cancel the wrongdoer. Here, again, there can be no parable. There could be no compassionate, forgiving father.

The parable of the prodigal son pushes back against culture on every front. It promotes honest confession but then transforms confession into hope. It promotes hope for mercy but then transforms hope into a challenge to those who refuse to forgive.

The prophet Isaiah captures this combination beautifully: “Though your sins be like scarlet, they may become white as snow; though they be crimson red, they may become white as wool” (Isaiah 1).

Confession without hope leads to despair, and contemporary culture is in grave danger of despair. Hope without confession leads to presumption, and contemporary culture is in grave danger of presumption. We have an opportunity to be — we are called to be — witnesses to an alternative: to the combination of confession and hope.

Let’s show the world a better way.

Note: This column appeared in the St. Louis Review for February 24-25 and may be read in the print edition or at <https://it.ly/35eiOXr>



FEBRUARY 25, 2024



CATHEDRAL CONCERTS

Experience Great Music in a Great Space!
Join us for the remaining concerts of our
2023 - 2024 Season

St. Louis Symphony
Orchestra & Chorus

Wednesday, February 28, 2024 8:00pm

Presented by BSI Constructors

Stéphane Denève, conductor

Brenda Rae, soprano

Davóne Tines, bass-baritone

St. Louis Symphony Chorus – Erin Freeman, Guest Chorus Director

GABRIEL FAURÉ Pavane, op. 50

CHARLES KOECHLIN Choral sur le nom de Fauré

LILI BOULANGER Pie Jesu

MAURICE RAVEL Pavane pour une infante défunte (Pavane for a Dead Princess)

GABRIEL FAURÉ Requiem, op. 48

Tickets: \$60, \$45, \$30

Chanticleer

Monday, April 8, 2024 8:00pm

"The world's reigning male chorus"

– New Yorker

Welcomed by Melanie & Anthony Fathman, MD

Tickets: \$45, \$30, \$20

The Boston Camerata

Friday, April 19, 2024 8:00pm

Les Miracles de Notre Dame

Medieval Paris was not only a center of learning, debate, art, and architecture: it was also a capital of musical creation and innovation, the most important in Europe. You will hear the magnificent vocal music sung within the walls of the great cathedral, as well as miracle tales, student songs, and minstrel turns performed in Notre Dame's shadow, on either bank of the steadily flowing Seine. A feast!

A commission of the French Consulate in Boston and premiered a few months after the 2019 fire which destroyed in part the Notre Dame cathedral, it was again performed in 2022, to public and critical acclaim.

Tickets: \$45, \$30, \$20

Artists & Dates subject to change



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A Lenten Retreat with Sacred Art

Week 2: The Entombment of Christ, by
Caravaggio
(Located in the All Saints chapel)

In this image we find the disciples who remained by the side of His Cross along with His mother lowering His dead body onto the stone slab where it would be prepared for burial. This painting was commissioned for a chapel in the church in Rome which was built for the Oratory of St. Philip Neri. Just as the body of Jesus is held by John, the beloved disciple (cradling the torso of Jesus), so was the priest who offered Mass in this chapel meant to be reminded at the moment of the consecration that he too, holds the very body of Jesus in the Eucharist: “This is my body, which will be given up for you.”

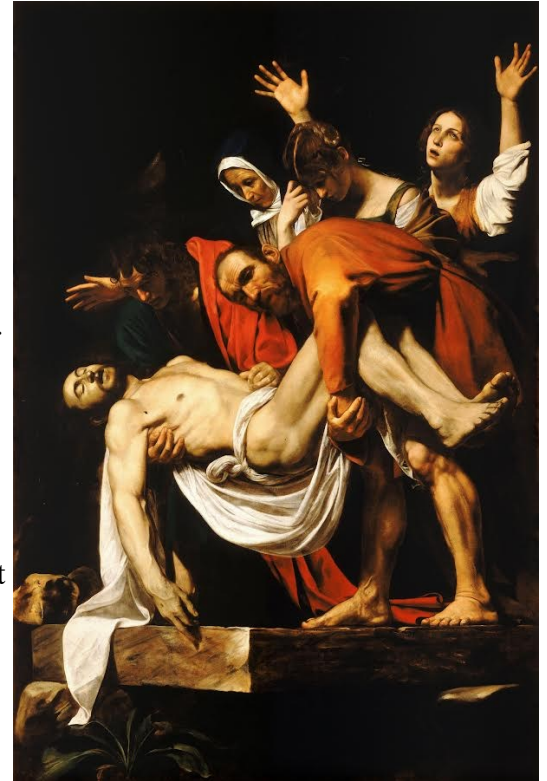
As Catholics we believe that Jesus willingly embraced even death as a consequence of proclaiming the truth. Time and again throughout the Gospels, Jesus explicitly tells His followers that He is going up to Jerusalem to die: to be handed over to the religious and secular authorities of the time to be killed. Jesus willingly endures the most fearful enemy of our nature – death itself – in order to rise victorious over it on our behalf. He, who is the Author of life itself, undergoes death in order that we might live forever.

It is the great paradox of Christianity that God chose to save and redeem the human race precisely by means of an act of great suffering. While God could have saved us in any way He deemed fitting, He chose that the act by which He would make reparation for the great offense of our sin should be an act by which He suffered greatly and even died. Through the centuries, theologians have speculated as to why God found it fitting to save us in this way. St. Paul himself, in the New Testament, teaches that He chose to do so in order to demonstrate just how profound are the depths of His love for us. What greater demonstration of love could we possibly conceive than God’s willingness to undergo the Cross for our sake?

Other theologians reflect that on the Cross Jesus gives us a means by which to imitate Him. We cannot imitate God in His absolute goodness, or wisdom, or power, or perfection. We cannot imitate God in the infinitely transcendent perfections which characterize His divine nature. But God became man and He suffered, and we can imitate Him in His suffering. That’s part of what we’re meant to be doing during this Lenten season.

Our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving are all meant to be an opportunity for us to imitate Jesus, who is true God and true man. But all of our sufferings, perhaps especially those that take us most by surprise, are opportunities for us to embrace the Cross of Jesus and imitate Him by our patient endurance and by our choice to believe that God can use the trial I happen to be undergoing to bring about some good. Ultimately, as we know, the Cross of Jesus gives way to the Resurrection: death gives way to a new, fuller, everlasting kind of life. So too are we assured that God is powerful enough to bring good out of the evils that we experience. When we choose to believe that when faced with the Cross; when we choose not to give into despair or hopelessness, we imitate Jesus.

In addition to our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we pray that we might see, even in the smallest inconveniences and difficulties we face, an opportunity to imitate Jesus’ patient acceptance of the Cross. When we do, our trials become in the hand of God, just like the Cross of Jesus, a powerful instrument by which He can redeem and save the world.





Women of the Cathedral Spring Events

We are excited to announce our upcoming Spring Events. We hope you can join us!

1. Join us the **FIRST** Tuesday of every month, March 5th is our next meeting, beginning at 6:30pm with Benediction and Adoration at the Cathedral for 30 minutes followed by food, fellowship and discussion in Boland Hall. We will discuss our upcoming service project and how to Live the Liturgical Season of Holy Week and Easter.

2. A weekly **Women's Bible Study** on Ephesians has started on Mondays at 6:30pm. Please email Antoinetta.aa@protonmail.com for more information and to join.

3. Join us for a **Spring Wreath Class** with Lucy Willis of Lucy Willis Interior Design on Sunday, March 17th after the 10am Mass. This is a great activity for young and old, mothers and daughters welcome! \$40 per wreath. Please email Lucy at lopenlander@yahoo.com to register and pay. Pre-registration required by March 10th.

4. A **Book Study** on Catherine of Siena's The Dialogue will start mid-March. Please email Patricia Argotte for information and to sign up by March 10th: playhousehf@yahoo.com

To be added to the email list or to find out anything about the Women of the Cathedral email Sarah Schimpf at sarah.schimpf@icloud.com

Appointment with Fr. Marco

Fr. Marco offers spiritual discussion and confession Tuesday - Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. by appointment only. To schedule a time to meet with Fr. Marco, please call our office manager, Andrew, at 314-373-8202.



Men of the Cathedral

Lent began on Wednesday, as we each begin our Lenten journey, we may wish to consider spending some quality time with Our Lord.

The MEN OF THE CATHEDRAL cordially invite all men and women (parishioners and visitors) to join them for the February Adoration scheduled on February 27th at 6 PM.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is a joy beyond words, as we can come close to our Lord in a very special way. That joy and fulfillment is greatly enhanced when you share the experience of Adoration with others. We are blessed to have two Adorations during this Lenten season.

Confessions will be heard during Adoration.

Please plan to attend and invite your friends and family, as it is a tremendous way to come closer to Christ!

Following Adoration, all men are invited to Boland Hall for fellowship and dinners. An offering of \$20 is suggested. Please RSVP by Monday, February 26th to Michael Weisbrod at michael.weisbrod@rcfstl.org to reserve your dinner spot!





Weekly Thoughts on Giving

"Here I am!" he answered."- Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, or when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

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 Session

March 6th

I Believe in the Holy Spirit

March 20th

I Believe in the Holy Catholic Church

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 February 25, 2024 through March 3, 2024

Sunday: 26: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Ps 116:10, 15-19 Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10
Monday: 230: Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13 Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: 231: Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23 Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: 232: Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6, 14-16 Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: 233: Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 16:19-31
Friday: 234: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105:16-21 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: 235 Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-4, 9-12 Lk 15: 1-3, 11-32
Sunday: 29: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 Ps 19:8-11 1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25

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.

Roxanne Ali
Linda Baldwin
Janice Bashford
Barbara Beckemeyer
Edwin Ayala Padilla
Pauline Price
David Washington
Dorothy Quinn
Mary Leah Kovarik
Janetta Williams

Guy Thomas
Kelvin Ayala Reyes
Mary Riley
Nicole Pace
Resy Sanchez
Mickey Shears
Mary Anne Work
Betty Ytzaina
Sharon Kay Moore
Therese Terri Svehla



STEWARDSHIP ALIVE!



Relic Tour

The Skull of St. Jean de Brébeuf



CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF ST. LOUIS, ST. LOUIS

Sunday, February 25th

RELIC VENERATION	2:00 - 4:45 PM
CATHOLIC STUDIES, SLU	4:00 - 5:00 PM
HOLY HOUR	
SUNDAY MASS	5:00 PM
LIFE OF BRÉBEUF	6:30 PM
RELIC VENERATION	7:00 - 8:30 PM
SOLEMN VESPERS	8:30 PM



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OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF 2/17/2024-2/18/2024

Offertory	\$6,089.00
Online Giving	\$5,582.00
Loose	\$3,754.00
Cathedral Candles	\$550.92
Cathedral Landscape	\$50.00
Cathedral Maintenance	\$50.00
Ash Wednesday	\$3,261.57



YOU ARE INVITED TO ST ROCH "SHINES" SHOWCASE

Showcasing St. Roch Stars, Pk-8th and graduates

Sunday, February 25, 2024

1:00 - 3:00 pm
6040 Waterman Blvd

Come and see what makes St. Roch shine its students, its teachers, its graduates and its parent involvement.

You will agree that St. Roch Rocks!!!!

Questions

call: 314-721-2595 or email joannj@strochschool.org

Anima Christi Young Adults

Anyone between the ages of 18 and 39 is invited to join in prayer and fellowship with the young adult community of the Cathedral Basilica on **Thursday, February 29th**. Our gathering begins with Holy Hour at 6:30pm (enter through the west door, by the playground). Afterward there will be dinner in Boland Hall. Please join us, in full or in part, to deepen your relationship with Christ and with one another.





LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MARCH 2 & 3, 2024

	Extraordinary	Lectors	Ministers of Care	Servers	Ushers
5:00 p.m. (Sat)	No Cup Ministers At Any Mass This Weekend	Michael Pajor Kevin Ross		Doug Weber	Bob Sutter Jerry Pastore Matt Colvin
8:00 am		Pat Harper Mitch Smith	Austermann, Smith, Cheng, Hagen	Doug Weber Kevin Mattingly	Dave Meyer Frank Snyder Joe Schilli
10:00 am		Patricia Rice Jonathan Klimpel		Carl Florentin Gideon Schimpf Dean Willis	Sue Metheny Dan Mangus John Mosher Vito Alu
12 Noon		Rachel de Almeida Oliveira Phoebe del Castillo		TBD	Willie Stevens Skip Batchelor Lawanda Reason
5:00 pm		John Willard David Parr		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.

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

