

CATHEDRAL
BASILICA



OF SAINT LOUIS



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
MARCH 10, 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

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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. March 10th - Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Doreen Bell
10:00 a.m. Julie Endraske
12:00 p.m. Teresa Resendiz
5:00 p.m. Nick Theiss

Mon. March 11th - Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Paul Leible
8:00 a.m. Charles E. Whitten
12:05 p.m. Sal Alatorre

Tues. March 12th - Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Mary Fahey
8:00 a.m. Jim Shaughnessy & Family
12:05 p.m. Jena & Virginia Wurthmann

Wed. March 13th - Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Sal Hoeffner & Bob Hoeffner
8:00 a.m. Josephine Hess
12:05 p.m. Robert F. Lynch

Thur. March 14th - Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Jim Kitowski
8:00 a.m. Paul Shaughnessy & Family
12:05 p.m. Lenny Schutz

Fri. March 15th - Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Teresa & Francis Farrow & Family
8:00 a.m. Phylis Smith
12:05 p.m. Jesus Ignacio & Marieta Cariaga
Celis

Sat. March 16th - Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Robert Breier
5:00 p.m. Carmen Alatorre-Martin

Sun. March 10th - Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Alice & Eugene Owens, Sr. & Family
10:00 a.m. Trish Alatorre-Ridings
12:00 p.m. Patricia McCadden
5:00 p.m. Nick Theiss

**FROM OUR RECTOR**

Dear Parishioners,

From the first word of the entrance antiphon of the liturgy we gain an insight into what this Sunday is to be about, which is called Laetare (Rejoice) Sunday. It is an invitation to interrupt for a moment the severity of Lent. The joy suggested to us does not come from the conditions of the world. It is difficult to find reasons to rejoice: how many conflicts still fill the earth with blood! How many poor are abandoned! The reason for joy does not come from the world but the getting close to Easter, which transforms death into victory, and sadness into joy.

This is the true announcement of joy that the liturgy brings to us and it shows us the truest meaning of life. The Gospel of John we hear this week reaffirms that the answer to the question about the meaning of life is Jesus who died and rose.

The snake lifted on the staff is, for John, the symbol of Christ's cross "lifted up" in the midst of humanity. For the evangelist, Jesus "lifted up" is not an image that should cause commiseration or compassion: the cross is the source of life; a generous and borderless source that is free and abundant: "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son," continues the evangelist, "so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."

Anyone who is affected by the poisonous bites of today's snakes should simply turn his or her eyes to the "lifted" man, to the Cross, and there, they will find healing. Jesus himself said later in John's Gospel: "When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself" (Jn 12:32). Salvation, as well as the meaning of life, does not come from us or from our human traditions. Salvation is given to us. The theme of "rejoicing," to which the liturgy of this Sunday calls us, returns.

Where have I seen the greatest joy during this Lent? It is in welcoming back to the fold those who have been away from the sacraments for a long time. You see, when you experience God's mercy, God's forgiveness, you realize how much our heavenly Father loves you. Thus, we can rejoice as the prodigal son who, upon returning home, discovers that the love of the Father is vastly greater than his sin and wickedness.

Monsignor Henry Breier

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ARCHBISHOP'S COLUMN

Let's show the world signs that we accept the love of Christ

When we draw close to the brokenhearted or confront evildoers, we give the world signs of God's love

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Gospel readings this week tell us about three of the signs Jesus performs in the Gospel of John: turning water into wine at the wedding feast of Cana (John 2), healing the royal official's son (John 4) and healing the man who had been ill for 38 years (John 5).

John records seven signs performed by Jesus, starting with turning water into wine and ending with the raising of Lazarus from the dead. His point is not that these are all the signs Jesus performed. His point is that seven is the perfect number, and Jesus made the Gospel perfectly visible through His life and ministry.

Rather than jumping right to an exhortation to make the Gospel visible through our lives — we'll get to that! — let me pause for a moment and ask a genuine question: What signs of God's love have you experienced in your life?

Perhaps you've received encouragement or even seen a miracle. Perhaps you've received a challenge or seen a conversion. There's plenty for us to do in terms of sharing the Gospel with others. But before there's more for us to do, there's more for us to receive ourselves. St. Maximus the Confessor said: "Indeed, God's desire for our salvation is the primary and preeminent sign of His infinite goodness." All of salvation history is a sign of that desire and goodness; the salvation history of each of us is a sign as well.

Speaking of signs, let's get to the next question: What signs are we showing the world?

ARCHBISHOP MITCHELL ROZANSKI

SERVE THE LORD
WITH GLADNESS



This week's readings are full of signs of opposition to God. So we might ask ourselves: Are we showing the world signs that we refuse the love of Christ or signs that we accept it? Being anxious or becoming shrill are signs that we're relying on our own strength; relying on Christ's strength, by contrast, gives us a peaceful determination.

The readings are also full of Jesus showing signs of the kingdom. So we might ask ourselves: Do we show the world signs that we want to share that kingdom with others or signs that we want to keep it to ourselves? When we share with others what God is doing in our lives and ask them about their lives, we're showing others that we want to share the kingdom with them.

Psalm 34 says two poignant things that we might take to heart in this respect. It says: "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted." Do we draw close to the brokenhearted or shy away? It also says: "The Lord confronts evildoers." Do we name wrongs when we see them or shy away?

When we draw close to the brokenhearted, we give the world signs of God's love. When we confront evildoers, we give the world signs of God's truth. When we fail to do either, we leave the world without signs of God's love and truth. What signs are we showing the world?

Note: This column appeared in the St. Louis Review for March 9-10 and may be read in the print edition or at <https://it.ly/35ejOXr>



An Evening of Irish Songs and Stories for St. Patrick's Day

All are invited to celebrate St. Patrick's day with Scott Kennebeck, Emily Kennebeck, and John Powel Walsh at the Blue Strawberry Showroom & Lounge on March 17th beginning at 7:00 pm.

The evening will feature:

Scott Kennebeck, Tenor Artist in Residence, Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis Executive and Artistic Director of St. Louis Cathedral Concerts Cantor, Cathedral Parish Touring Soloist throughout the United States, Italy, England, Germany, and Austria

Emily Kennebeck, Soprano Cantor and Section Leader; Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis Credits include: The Last Five Years, Pirates of Penzance, She Loves Me, Mother Courage

John Powel Walsh, Accompanist John has worked with the Bach Society of St. Louis, the St. Cecilia Consort, the Ronald Arnatt Chorale (St. Louis Chamber Chorus), the St. Louis Abbey and Priory School, and accompanist for Central Reform Congregation and the American Kantorei at Concordia Seminary.





A Lenten Retreat with Sacred Art

Week 4: St. Illuminated Sheet Music, 16th and 18th Century

(Located in the All Saints chapel)

This week's presentation – a little bit different from previous ones – features some illuminated pages of sheet music dating from the 16th and 18th centuries. The pages are on loan to us from Cathedral Basilica parishioner and member of the cathedral choir, David Corrick. These pages would likely have been originally produced to be used in a monastic setting. Members of religious communities would have produced sheet music like this to be used during the chanting of various liturgical settings including the parts of the Mass and the chanting of the Liturgy of the Hours.

The page on the left is part of the Introit that would have been chanted at the beginning of Mass on Christmas Day. The middle page features the end of the Sequence that is chanted on Pentecost Sunday, *Veni Sancte Spiritus*, and the page on the right features the beginning of the Introit to be chanted at Mass on the 14th Sunday after Pentecost. It is translated, "Look, O our Protector, O God, look upon the face of your Christ! For a day in your courts is better than a thousand."



Our reflection on these pieces can take us in a variety of directions. On the one hand we might acknowledge that the music used within the context of sacred liturgy is meant, like all other aspects of the liturgy, to point us to the realm of the transcendent. As we come together for our celebration of Holy Mass everything from the building which we gather in to the way that we behave should remind us that we are engaging in something sacred; something that is different from what we do outside of the liturgy. Our communal, liturgical prayer is a sacred act and everything that we do and surround ourselves with – from liturgical vestments, to the smell of incense, etc. – should help to attune us to this fact. Even the music we use should sound different from the kind of thing we'd normally hear on the radio or in a secular context, which is why the Church has had a long tradition of recommending that Gregorian chant should have pride of place in the kind of music to be considered for liturgical settings. We might challenge ourselves to ask what we can all personally, individually do to remind ourselves that our communal prayer, particularly the Mass, is a sacred act. What can I do to keep my mind and heart attuned to the heavenly realities we touch upon when we gather for prayer? As Pope Benedict XVI once said, "Yet our earthly liturgies will never be more than a pale reflection of the liturgy celebrated in Jerusalem on high, the goal of our pilgrimage on earth. May our own celebrations nonetheless resemble that liturgy as closely as possible and grant us a foretaste of it!"

The time and the care which the monks who produced these pages took in doing so should point our minds in the same direction. When it comes to our prayer and what we use for prayer, nothing is too good for God. Even mere pages of sheet music are worth laboring over and beautifying if they are to be used in the celebration of Holy Mass. Again, everything in the liturgy should come together to indicate to us that there is something different and profound happening here. The Mass is a place where heaven touches earth and we are caught up into that eternal heavenly celebration that is carried out by the Blessed Mother, the angels, and the saints, in union with Jesus Christ our High Priest. Again, we may challenge ourselves to ask how our own personal behavior and comportment can be a witness to this truth when we gather with our brothers and sisters for prayer. Archbishop Alexander Sample wrote a beautiful Pastoral Letter on Sacred Music in 2019 titled, "Sing to the Lord a New Song," that is worth reading for anyone who may be interested in reflecting further on this matter.



MARCH 10, 2024

Easter Memorial Flowers

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 - 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: Thursday, March 21st



MARCH 10, 2024

Weekly Thoughts on Giving

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - John 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

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 20th
I Believe in the Holy Spirit

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 10, 2024 through March 17, 2024

Sunday: 32:2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 Ps 137:1-6
Eph 2:4-10 Jn 3:14-21

Monday: 244: Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: 245: Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: 246: Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18 Jn 5:17-20

Thursday: 247: Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-23 Jn 5:31-47

Friday: 248: Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Ps 34:17-21, 23 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: 249: Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12 Jn 7:40-53

Sunday: 35: Jer 31:31-34 Ps 51:3-4, 12-15 Heb 5:7-9 Jn 12:20-33

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!

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, March 14th**. 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.



A Thought on The Sanctity Of Life

“We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the ‘culture of death’ and the ‘culture of life’. We find ourselves not only ‘faced with’ but necessarily ‘in the midst of’ this conflict: we are all involved and we all share in it, with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally prolife” (The Gospel of Life 28).



OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF 3/2/2024-3/3/2024

Offertory	\$3,566.00
Online Giving	\$7,632.17
Loose	\$12,080.00
Cathedral Candles	\$476.46
Cathedral Landscape	\$291.00
Easter Flower Offering	\$125.00
Retired Priests	\$10.00

Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations to **Sylvia Rose Anderson** daughter of **James and Alexandria Anderson** who was baptized in Christ on Sunday, **February 25, 2024** here at the Cathedral Basilica.

May the blessing of the Lord be always upon her, and may God watch over and cherish all children whom He has blessed with the grace of Baptism.

Appointment with Fr. Marco

Fr. Marco is available for confession and spiritual discussion. To make an appointment to meet with Fr. Marco, please call Andrew at 314-373-8202. Thank you!



LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MARCH 9 & 10, 2024

Extraordinary	Lectors	Ministers of Care	Servers	Ushers
5:00 p.m. (Sat) No Cup Ministers At Any Mass This Weekend	Mary Ann Cheng Phoebe del Castillo		Doug Weber	Bob Sutter Jerry Pastore Matt Colvin
8:00 am	Mark Burmester Jonathan Klimpel	Burmester, Ragen, McGrath Robinson	Doug Weber Kevin Mattingly	Dave Meyer Frank Snyder Joe Schilli
10:00 am	Patricia Rice Brian Ragen		Carl Florentin Gideon Schimpf Dean Willis	Sue Metheny Dan Mangus John Mosher Vito Alu
12 Noon	Erin Heathman		TBD	Willie Stevens Skip Batchelor Lawanda Reason
5:00 pm	Michael Pajor John Stith		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

