

CATHEDRAL
BASILICA



OF SAINT LOUIS



**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD
MARCH 24, 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 24th - Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord

8:00 a.m. Teresa Farrow
10:00 a.m. Lluminada Ebbay
12:00 p.m. Martha A. Saunders Silva
5:00 p.m. Nick Theiss

Mon. March 25th - Monday of Holy Week

7:00 a.m. Paul Leible
8:00 a.m. Charles E. Whitten
12:05 p.m. Ralph Specht

Tues. March 26th - Tuesday of Holy Week

7:00 a.m. Betty Owens Ward & Family
8:00 a.m. Kathleen & Thomas Luby
12:05 p.m. Dennis Still

Wed. March 27th - Wednesday of Holy Week

7:00 a.m. Bob Breier
8:00 a.m. Bob Breier
12:05 p.m. Bob Breier & Family

Thur. March 28th - Holy Thursday

10:00 a.m. Chrism Mass
7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

Fri. March 29th - Good Friday

3:00 a.m. Passion of the Lord

Sat. March 30th - Holy Saturday

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

Sun. March 31st - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of Our Lord

8:00 a.m. Ben Janson
10:00 a.m. La Familia Silva Marquez
12:00 p.m. Gordon Rochefort

There will not be a 5:00 pm Mass on Easter Sunday



**FROM OUR RECTOR**

Dear Parishioners,

On Palm Sunday, we go up the mountain with Jesus towards the Temple, accompanying Him on His ascent. The procession which normally takes place before the Mass is meant, then, to be an image of something deeper: to reflect the fact that, together with Jesus, we are setting out on a pilgrimage along the high road that leads to the living God. This is the ascent that matters. This is the journey which Jesus invites us to make as we enter Holy Week. Through the various liturgies of this coming week, we are invited to enter more deeply into the paschal mystery of our savior's suffering, death, and resurrection.

On Holy Thursday morning, the priests of the Archdiocese gather for the annual celebration of the Chrism Mass. In the Chrism Mass, the holy oils are at the center of the liturgical action. They are blessed and consecrated by the Archbishop in the Cathedral for the whole year.

They thus serve also as an expression of the Church's unity, guaranteed by the episcopate, and they point to Christ, the true 'shepherd and guardian' of our souls. Another dimension to this Mass is how in the biblical narrative of Holy Week Jesus visits his friends at Bethany and Mary anoints him with precious oil, preparing him for his burial. In this way, the Chrism Mass points to what will happen later in the week.

On Holy Thursday evening, at the Mass of the Lord's Supper, we recall that moment when Jesus began the celebration of His final meal with His disciples and instituted the Holy Eucharist. The words Jesus spoke to his disciples: "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you," remind us that Jesus desires to share Himself with us and to be one with us.

On Good Friday we are taken to the mount of Calvary. "*Christus factus est pro nobis oboediens usque ad mortem, mortem autem crucis.*" - "For us Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross." Through Christ's death on the cross, He opens for us the way to salvation and eternal life. The Cross of Christ, which we will venerate on Good Friday, is the cause of hope and reminds us constantly of God's love for us.

Our celebration of Holy Week comes to an end on Holy Saturday evening. The story of our salvation history is recalled for us through the readings at the vigil and culminates in the proclamation of the account of the resurrection. In the resurrection of Jesus, love has been shown to be stronger than death, stronger than evil. Love made Christ descend, and love is also the power by which He ascends.

Please make note of the schedule for Holy Week in this week's bulletin and just a reminder that we there will be extended confession hours:

Good Friday 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. and Holy Saturday 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Monsignor Henry Breier

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ARCHBISHOP'S COLUMN

Holy Week is time to reflect on our need for the Savior

We're saved by turning to God in the places where we fail

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

"I'm basically a good person."

That's what many people will say. We may think it about ourselves.

But that claim – that spiritual attitude – doesn't stand up against the facts of Holy Week. "He was pierced for our offenses, crushed for our sins ... the Lord laid upon Him the guilt of us all ... He shall take away the sins of many, and win pardon for their offenses" (Isaiah 52-53). The events of Holy Week happened because we're not good people, because we need a savior.

Was that sense of unworthiness overdone by some in previous generations? Sure. Some people were (and are) so focused on their sins that they didn't (and don't) see their goodness. Well, Jesus sees it! He saw it in tax collectors and sinners, and He sees it in us. We're so precious in His eyes that He thought the cross was worth it to save us!

But if that was the mistake of a previous generation, the prevailing mistake today is the opposite: We're so focused on our goodness that we don't see our sins. Well, again: Jesus sees them! The cross was necessary because of those sins.

Perhaps King David, St. Peter, Zacchaeus and Mary Magdalene are good examples for us. Two things stand out clearly in them: 1) Jesus did choose them. 2) They didn't deserve it. The same applies to us! We need to keep a firm grasp on both of those realities, rather than picking one and ignoring the other. Holy Week provides a great occasion to do so.

"Amen, amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me." When Jesus said those words, they applied most obviously to Judas. But all of the apostles, looking forward, paused to ask: "Is it I?" And all of them, looking back, would be able to say: "Yes, I betrayed Him."

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**SERVE THE LORD
WITH GLADNESS**



That same truth applies to each of us.

We try to buffer ourselves from the stark reality of our betrayal by saying something like: "Well, I haven't murdered anyone." But even if that's true, it misses the point. The Catholic tradition is heir to the Jewish tradition on this matter: The holiness of God is our standard (Leviticus 19:1-2), and perfection is our requirement (Matthew 5:48; Catechism of the Catholic Church 1030). We don't just have to refrain from murder, we have to live into perfection!

Here, again, we need to hold on to two truths: 1) We're not there, we all fall short. 2) That doesn't mean we're not loved; we are! And, again, Holy Week provides a great occasion to reflect on both.

So: Let's stop pretending we deserve eternal life. We don't. We need a savior.

And: We're saved by turning to God in the places where we fail. King David — the adulterer and murderer — knew that well. St. Peter — who denied Jesus three times — knew that well. We need to know it just as well!

The Letter to the Hebrews tells us: "So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help." We can find grace and timely help — Jesus is waiting for us! But we won't find the grace and help we need if we approach the throne with presumption about our goodness. It only works when we approach with honest confession and a cry for help.

Note: This column appeared in the St. Louis Review for March 23-24 and may be read in the print edition or at <https://it.ly/35ejOXr>



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CATHEDRAL CONCERTS

Experience Great Music in a Great Space!

Join us for the remaining concerts of our
2023 - 2024 Season



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 6: St. Matthew and the Angel, by Guido Reni

(Located in the All Saints chapel)

As we enter the holiest week of the liturgical year, our series features a painting of one of the men whose testimony gives us access to the events we commemorate and celebrate. This painting depicts the evangelist St. Matthew being inspired by an angel as he composes his Gospel. As Christians we believe that the books of the Bible were written by human authors under divine inspiration. The four Gospels recount for us the life and teaching of Jesus, and because they were composed under divine inspiration, we trust that they cannot fail in communicating to us the truths about the life of Jesus necessary for our salvation.

During this time of year, our liturgical celebrations involve rather lengthy Gospel readings, focusing our attention on the events that stand right at the heart of Jesus' mission to redeem and save the world: the Paschal Mystery. This year, we read St. John's account of the Passion, who was an eyewitness to the events he wrote about. Last year we read the Passion account in the Gospel of Matthew, which is traditionally believed to have been written by St. Matthew the Apostle. Unlike St. John, St. Matthew was not there with Jesus as He underwent His bitter Passion and death. The Gospels recount for us that the Apostles fled in fear when Jesus was arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Though St. Matthew was not there physically, the power of these events is such that their effects still reached him spiritually. By His obedience even unto death on the Cross, Jesus merited the graces necessary to save all people, across space and time. We too, like St. Matthew, though we were not physically present at the time or place of our Lord's sacrifice, are still beneficiaries of the graces He merited by it. The Cross is the event that stands at the very focal point of salvation history, and its power is so intense that it still affects those of us who live 2000 years later. That power comes to us chiefly in the Sacraments, but it can also come to us in the sacred Scripture which recounts these events. Indeed, the Church has traditionally taught that Scripture has a quasi-sacramental character. The Sacraments are objective means through which God communicates grace to those who receive them. When the Sacraments are validly celebrated, they efficaciously cause grace. To say that Scripture is a quasi-sacrament is to say that it too can be a vehicle through which God causes grace in our souls. Prayerful reading of Scripture is not exclusively, or even primarily, a matter of "learning about" the events of salvation history. It is a way of being brought into contact with them. This is why we read Scripture – particularly the Gospels – over and over. The Bible is a book that we never quite finish. There are always new insights that the Lord can share with us when we give ourselves to prayerful time spent reading the Scriptures, and there are always new graces that He can bless us with.

Sacred Scripture constitutes an important part of our liturgical life as Christians and it is meant to constitute a central part of our personal prayer lives as well. As we listen the Gospel passages of Holy Week, ask the Lord for an open heart. As the Scriptures once again put us in touch with these events by which Jesus saved the world and our souls, we pray that we might always be well-disposed to receive the graces He wishes to communicate to us through our commemoration of them.



St. Matthew the Apostle,
Pray for us!



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2024 Holy Week and Easter

Passion (Palm) Sunday, March 24

**Masses: 5:00 p.m. (Saturday),
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m.
(10am Mass will be LiveStreamed)**

Mon., Tues., & Wed., March 25-27

**Masses: 7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., and 12:05 p.m. (daily)
Confessions: 7:30 a.m. (daily)**

Holy Thursday, March 28

Chrism Mass: 10:00 a.m.

Mass of the Lord's Supper: 7:30 p.m.

Tenebrae following Mass of the Lord's Supper

The Basilica will close at Midnight

(Holy Thursday Masses will be LiveStreamed)

Good Friday, March 29

Confessions: 12:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Service of the Lord's Passion: 3:00 p.m.

(Service will be LiveStreamed)

Stations of the Cross: 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, March 30

Confessions: 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Easter Vigil: 8:00 p.m.

(Easter Vigil will be LiveStreamed)

Easter Sunday, March 31

**Masses: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:00 Noon
(10am Mass will be LiveStreamed)**



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Weekly Thoughts on Giving

"Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?' 'And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'" – MARK 15:12-13

Jesus told us "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone's prayer.

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 24, 2024 through March 31, 2024

Sunday: 37: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16
(procession) 38: Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9, 17-18a, 19-20, 23-24 Phil 2:6-11 Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

Monday: 257: Is 42: 1-7 Ps 27:1-3, 13-14 Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: 258: Is 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15, 17 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: 259: Is 50: 4-9a Ps 69: 8-10, 21bcd-22, 31, 33-34 Mt 26: 14-25

Thursday: 260: Is 61: 1-3a, 8b-9 Ps 89: 21-22, 25, 27 Rv 1:5-8 Lk 4:16-21

Friday: 40: Is 52:13—53:12 Ps 31: 2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18: 1—19:42

Saturday: 41: Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a Ps 104:1-2, 5-6 10, 12-14, 24, 35

Sunday: 42: Acts 10: 34a, 37-43 Ps 118: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Col 3:1-4 or Cor 5:6b-8 Jn 20: 1-9

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
Doreen Kelly
Linda Baldwin
Barbara Beckemeyer
Edwin Ayala Padilla
Pauline Price
David Washington
Dorothy Quinn
Mary Leah Kovarik
Janetta Williams

Guy Thomas
Kelvin Ayala Reyes
Nicole Pace
Resy Sanchez
Mary Anne Work
Betty Ytzaina
Sharon Kay Moore
Therese Terri Svehla
Deborah Lee
Margaret Aubermann

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

April 3

I Believe in the Holy Catholic Church

April 17

The Communion of Saints





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 28th**. 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.

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!

Your Caution is Requested

A necessary caution is directed to all who visit the Cathedral Basilica: **carefully avoid leaving purses, packages, computers, and other valuables on the car seats or otherwise in plain view when parked on the lot or surrounding streets, even for short periods.** Lock belongings in the trunk out of sight. Everyone should exercise prudent responsibility.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF 3/16/2024-3/17/2024

Offertory	\$4,599.50
Online Giving	\$4,962.00
Loose	\$3,390.00
Cathedral Candles	\$650.88
Cathedral Landscape	\$76.50
Easter Flower Offering	\$1,316.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$917.00

Catholic Charities

St. Francis Community Services is a ministry of Catholic Charities that walks with out vulnerable neighbors to create opportunities, to build resiliency, and to advocate for justice through several support programs.

Catholic Legal Assistance Ministry (CLAM) provides legal aid to those in our region who cannot afford a lawyer. **Southside Center** welcomes families who recently arrived in St. Louis, assisting them with comprehensive support as they prepare for a new life here. **Pathways to Progress** offers long term mentorship and support to families in impoverished communities to work to change that trajectory of their generational story.

To learn more or to volunteer, please contact your Parish Ambassador Alisa Goessling at 314-367-5500.

Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel

We invite you to take a few moments and spend some time in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel this month. These few moments in adoration are meant to give each one who participates in it a quiet moment with the Lord.

Use this opportunity for a time of reflection, self evaluation, or self examination. It could be a time for prayer of gratitude for your Lenten Journey and a time to rededicate yourself to the Lord during Holy Week.

A Thought on The Sanctity Of Life

“With great openness and courage, we need to question how widespread is the culture of life today among individual Christians, families, groups and communities in our Dioceses. With equal clarity and determination we must identify the steps we are called to take in order to serve life in all its truth” (The Gospel of Life 95).



LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MARCH 30 & 31, 2024

Extraordinary	Lectors	Servers	Ushers
Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m. No Cup Ministers At Any Mass This Weekend	Brian Ragen, Jonathan Klimpel, Mary Ann Cheng, David Parr, Kevin Ross, Linda Pallmann, Br. Juan Gabriel Seiglie, OP	Doug Weber	Bob Sutter Jerry Pastore Matt Colvin
8:00 am	Pat Harper Jonathan Klimpel	Doug Weber Kevin Mattingly	Dave Meyer Frank Snyder Joe Schilli
10:00 am	Sr. Mary Kathleen Ronan Patricia Rice	Carl Florentin Gideon Schimpf Dean Willis	Sue Metheny Dan Mangus John Mosher Vito Alu
12 Noon	Phoebe del Castillo Br. Juan Gabriel Seiglie, OP	TBD	Willie Stevens Skip Batchelor Lawanda Reason

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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