

CATHEDRAL
BASILICA



OF SAINT LOUIS



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD MAY 12, 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
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TOURS
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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 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 [Susie sirons@cathedralstl.org](mailto:Susie_sirons@cathedralstl.org)

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. May 12th - The Ascension of the Lord

8:00 a.m. Gary Ralph Brasher
10:00 a.m. Eddie Yatooma
12:00 p.m. Teresa Resendiz
5:00 p.m. Anne Phung Tuong Vi

Mon. May 13th - Our Lady of Fatima

7:00 a.m. Paul Leible
8:00 a.m. Charles E. Whitten
12:05 p.m. Huong Iselin

Tues. May 14th - St. Matthias, Apostle

7:00 a.m. Joshua Iselin
8:00 a.m. Issa & Manuel
12:05 p.m. Glory Ruiz

Wed. May 15th - St. Isidore

7:00 a.m. Rosemary Shaughnessy
8:00 a.m. Greg Oliver
12:05 p.m. Judith Curran

Thur. May 16th - Easter Weekday

7:00 a.m. Virginia Harmann
8:00 a.m. Latosha Penney
12:05 p.m. Jerome Koetting

Fri. May 17th - Easter Weekday

7:00 a.m. Dennis Bader
8:00 a.m. Robert Breier
12:05 p.m. Rosemary Shaughnessy

Sat. May 18th - St. John I, Pope

8:00 p.m. Diane Wyse Jackson
5:00 p.m. Ofelia Gallardo

Sun. May 19th - Pentecost Sunday

8:00 a.m. Kevin Reese
10:00 a.m. Dora Chiappetta
12:00 p.m. Jessica Prost
5:00 p.m. CJ Venneman



**FROM OUR RECTOR**

Dear Parishioners,

In scripture, as Jesus was about to die, he speaks to Mary and his beloved disciple John: “Woman, behold your son.” Then he says to John, “Behold your Mother.” And from that hour the disciple took her into his home. (John 19:26-27). St. John takes Mary into his home, or into his care, as some translations put it, and from this time Jesus gives Mary to us as our mother and us to her as her children.

Mary is a great model and example for us and especially for parents who are watched by their children as their behavior is observed. Certainly, through her “yes” to the angel consenting God’s plan, Mary is a great model of faith and trust in God. She believed and allowed God to work through her to change the course of human history. Mary said “yes” to the unknown and opened her very being to God’s work in her life.

This was a life not free of pain and sorrow, as the seven sorrows of Mary attest. Woman of faith and courage that she was, she was able to face and persevere through these trials. Fr. Bertran Buby, SM, refers to Mary’s “listening heart” in his writings. This is a great description of Mary’s openness to God and how she reflected on the challenges of life in the context of discerning God’s will.

So often in our lives, we feel the need to respond and react immediately without following the model Mary has given us through her “listening heart.” All we have to do is take a look at various social media postings that display negative and destructive use of language, and we see us at our worst.

As we continue through the month of May and celebrate and honor Mary and her role in our faith history, we can also take time to reflect on how she is a model for us. Mary gives us a great example and witness of how to reflect upon and act on the movement of God in our lives

Monsignor Henry Breier

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

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ARCHBISHOP'S COLUMN

The Holy Spirit fulfills many longings

As we approach Pentecost, we can pray for an answer to our longing for Christian unity

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Do you long for anything?

Kids long for superpowers! Adults long for simpler but deeper things: wisdom, peace and reconciliation.

This week, the Church longs for something: the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. It's no accident that the readings all week highlight various facets of Christian longing.

For example, when Paul is in Ephesus, he asks the people: "Did you receive the Holy Spirit?" Their reply is telling: "We have never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." They were missing something. Paul noticed it, and longed for them to receive a deeper life.

We read the end of the Acts of the Apostles this week. Jesus tells Paul, "Just as you have borne witness to my cause in Jerusalem, so you must also bear witness in Rome." When the Acts of the Apostles close, Paul is still preaching in Rome. The astute biblical reader, who knows what comes next, is left longing for something. Only one thing is left to complete Paul's "giving witness" in Rome — his martyrdom.

We celebrate the feast of St. Matthias on May 14. With Judas' departure, there were only 11 apostles. They knew there needed to be 12, but they were left longing for something. St. Matthias was the answer to that longing.

In John 17, Jesus prays that His disciples might be one. His prayer is the foundation of all prayer for Christian unity: "so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me." Christian unity is something for which we long, and ought to pray, both because Christ desired it and because it's intimately tied up with evangelization. According to the words of Jesus, Christian unity is a

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sign that the Father sent Him. What, then, is our disunity but a counter-sign to the Gospel?

St. Cyril of Jerusalem uses a beautiful metaphor, saying that the Holy Spirit is like water. Water remains itself, yet has the capacity to bring forth many different fruits. Adapting his examples for life in the Midwest, we could say that water brings forth grass, flowers, strawberries, apples, corn, soybeans, wheat and so on. The same is true in people: From different religious orders to different spiritual personalities, the Holy Spirit remains ever itself but brings forth many fruits and, in doing so, fulfills many longings.

I'd like to suggest two things, then.

First is that we subject our desires to prayer. As fallen creatures, our longings are all over the place — some are good, and some are not! So, to prepare for Pentecost, let's do as Catholics something we're not accustomed to doing as Americans: Place our desires before the Holy Spirit for their transformation before we act on them.

Second, we offer a prayer for Christian unity. There are wrong ways to think of that unity and wrong ways to work toward it, but Jesus prayed for it. Lack of unity contradicts the Gospel that we're trying to proclaim. So, let's pray that the Spirit will lead us on the right path toward the unity Jesus desired for us.

Note: This column appeared in the St. Louis Review for May 11 & 12 and may be read in the print edition or at <https://it.ly/35ejOXr>



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◆ How Your Gift is Used ◆

SERVING OUR PARISHES DIRECTLY.....\$2,840,000

Elementary School Assistance	\$2,000,000
Stewardship and Development Support for Parishes, Schools and Agencies	\$425,000
Office of Peace and Justice	\$140,000
Parish Emergency Assistance Fund	\$100,000
Parish Food Pantries	\$75,000
Basilica of St. Louis, King of France	\$50,000
Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis	\$50,000

SERVING OUR YOUTH.....\$3,416,000

Archdiocesan & Parochial High Schools	\$1,416,000
Archdiocesan Seminary	\$500,000
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Newman Centers on College Campuses	\$265,000
One Classroom	\$210,000
Religious Formation	\$200,000
Special Education	\$200,000
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Respect Life Apostolate	\$450,000
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Adult Faith Formation	\$370,000
Natural Family Planning	\$221,000
Hispanic Ministry	\$200,000
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Catholic Deaf Ministry	\$112,000
Catholic St. Louis Magazine	\$80,000
Catholic Renewal Center	\$77,000
Elementary Teachers Educational Fund	\$75,000
St. Charles Lwanga Center	\$25,000

SERVING THOSE IN NEED.....\$2,435,000

Catholic Charities	\$1,650,000
Rural Parish Clinic	\$325,000
Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Service	\$155,000
Criminal Justice Ministry	\$75,000
Immigrant and Refugee Ministry	\$60,000
Bridge of Hope Lincoln County	\$50,000
Rural Parish Workers	\$50,000
Archbishop's Charity Fund	\$30,000
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Meals Program at Sts. Peter & Paul Church	\$15,000

SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE US.....\$1,774,000

Care for Active and Retired Priests	\$974,000
Regina Cleri Priests Retirement Home	\$370,000
Continuing Formation for Priests	\$280,000
Permanent Diaconate	\$100,000
Support for Religious Orders	\$50,000

OTHER.....\$2,895,000

Annual Catholic Appeal Expenses	\$1,500,000
Reserve for Unpaid Pledges	\$930,000
Archdiocesan Services	\$465,000

2024 Appeal Goal: \$15,500,000

*None of the money raised by the Annual Catholic Appeal is used to defend or settle criminal or civil lawsuits related to the clergy abuse scandal.



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For the Life of the World

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world."

John 6:51

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The Ascension of the Lord

Today is our liturgical celebration of the Ascension of the Lord, when Jesus is taken to heaven on the fortieth day after Easter in front of his disciples. Our Gospel for today was taken from the conclusion of the Gospel of Mark.

There are similarities in the reports of Jesus' Ascension found in the Synoptic Gospels-Mark, Matthew, and Luke. In each case, Jesus assigns his disciples the task of proclaiming the gospel message to the entire world. There are also notable distinctions. In the Gospels of Mark and Matthew, the disciples are sent by to baptize and preach. In Luke's Gospel; however, the commission to baptize is absent. Instead, Jesus directs the disciples to return to Jerusalem to await the fulfillment of his promise to send them the Holy Spirit. Interestingly, only the Gospels of Mark and Luke actually report Jesus' ascension into heaven. Matthew's Gospel concludes with Jesus' promise to remain with his disciples forever. Only the Gospel of Mark notes that Jesus ascended to sit at the right hand of God. In noting this, Mark teaches that Jesus' ascension affirms the glory Jesus received from God after his death and Resurrection.

Even if this ending to Mark's Gospel was written by someone other than the Evangelist, in the commission that Jesus gives to his disciples, there are elements that are quite typical of Mark's Gospel. The signs that will accompany belief in Jesus are as vivid as the action performed by Jesus during his ministry. Those who believe in Jesus will be empowered to do what Jesus himself has done. During his ministry, Jesus sent his disciples to preach, to heal, and to drive out unclean spirit in His name. Now they are sent again to do these things and more. From his place with God in heaven, Jesus helped his disciples, and he continues to help us as we try to live as his followers.



Mosaic of the Ascension of the Lord

The mosaic representing the Ascension of the Lord is located in the west transept of the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis. The inscription on the sides reads, "HE LEFT THEM AND WAS TAKEN INTO HEAVEN"





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Men of the Cathedral

The **Men of the Cathedral** cordially invite all parishioners and visitors to attend Adoration of the Holy Eucharist on Tuesday, May 28th at 6 PM.

What a great way to draw ourselves closer to Christ and our Eternal Home in Heaven as we prepare for our summer activities. Please consider taking this opportunity for personal prayer and meditation.

Adoration will begin promptly at 6 PM. Confessions will be heard during Adoration. The men are invited to drinks, dinner and fellowship in Boland Hall immediately after the conclusion of Adoration. An offering of \$20 is suggested.

For dinner reservations, please contact Michael Weisbrod at 314-914-2893 or michael.weisbrod@rcfstl.org by Friday, May 24th.

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The gratification is instant.
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**American
Red Cross**

**Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis
Blood Drive**

Thursday, May 16, 2024

1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Bolland Hall, 4430 Maryland Avenue

Schedule through the QR code or
Visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: CATHEDRAL to
schedule an appointment

Contact: Phoebe Razon at pdcl33@gmail.com

Cathedral Pro-Life Ministry
presents

Mother's Day Rose Sale

Single Stem Roses, \$3 each
(Cash Only, no checks please)

All proceeds to benefit Birthright

Saturday, May 11
5 pm Mass

Sunday, May 12
8am, 10am, and 12noon Masses
Cathedral Basilica, Front Plaza

Women of the Cathedral

Summer Vacation

The Women of the Cathedral have decided to
take a break for the summer. Please watch
this space for updates.

For questions please contact
Sarah Schimpf at
sarah.schimpf@icloud.com



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Weekly Thoughts on Giving

"This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends." - John 15:12-13

Do you love Jesus? Do you consider Him your friend? Jesus says that if we love Him we would be willing to offer whatever we have to Him, not because we want praise and glory, but simply because we love Him. Does your giving seem mechanical out of obligation or do you share freely out of love?

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

May 15

The Resurrection of the Body

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 May 12, 2024 through May 19, 2024

Sunday: 58: Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 Eph 1:17-23 or 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13 Mk 16:15-20

Monday: 297: Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-3b, 4-5acd, 6-7b Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: 564: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Ps 113:1-8 Jn 15:9-17

Wednesday: 299: acts 20:28-38 Ps 68: 29-30, 33-36b Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: 300: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11 Jn 17:20-26

Friday: 301 Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20b Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: 302: acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Ps 11:4-5, 7 Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: 63: acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1ab, 24ac, 29bc-30, 31, 34 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-26 Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

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

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



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, May 16th**. 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!

Welcome New Parishioners

A very special welcome to our new parishioners! We have been blessed with many families joining the Cathedral Basilica parish this month. The Cathedral clergy, rectory staff, and your fellow parishioners joyfully welcome you and pray for you and your families.

If you are interested in ways that you can become involved at the Cathedral, please contact Andrew at 314-373-8202.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF 5/4/2024-5/5/2024

Offertory	\$4,671.00
Online Giving	\$7,094.17
Loose	\$5,610.00
Cathedral Candles	\$785.92
Catholic Education	\$577.00
Cathedral Maintenance	\$5.00
Cathedral Landscape	\$360.00

Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities' LAMP program (Language. Access. Multicultural. People.) offers around-the-clock in-person and virtual interpreting and translation services - in courtrooms, hospitals, counseling sessions, and other critical settings - that empower people and build relationships by bridging cultural and linguistic divides. LAMP interpreters translate in more than 48 different languages, including American Sign Language (ASL).

LAMP offers a **free Community Interpreting Line** for limited English-speaking families in our community that is available 24/7 and 365 days a year. Call **1-888-260-3791** for assistance. If you have any language skills and want to make a difference in your community, interpreting and translation work ensures life-giving services are accessible. More information

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 have 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.

A Thought on The Sanctity Of Life

"The Lord says to us, 'Do not fear: I am with you' (Isaiah 41:10). He speaks these words not as one who merely observes our pain, but as one who experienced immense suffering. And the very wounds that bear witness to his suffering indicate the essence of our identity and worth: we are loved by God. Reflecting on the healed wounds of the Risen Christ, we see that even our most difficult trials can be the place where God manifests his victory. He makes all things beautiful. He makes all things new."



LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MAY 18 & 19, 2024

Extraordinary	Lectors	Ministers of Care	Servers	Ushers
5:00 p.m. (Sat) No Cup Ministers At Any Mass This Weekend	Mitch Smith Phoebe del Castillo		Doug Weber	Bob Sutter Jerry Pastore Matt Colvin
8:00 am	Brian Ragen Mark Burmester	McGrath, Burmester, Campbell, Ragen	Doug Weber Kevin Mattingly	Dave Meyer Frank Snyder Joe Schilli
10:00 am	Mike Roth Sr. Mary Kathleen Ronan		Carl Florentin Gideon Schimpf Dean Willis	Sue Metheny Dan Mangus John Mosher Vito Alu
12 Noon	David Butler Nancy Butler		TBD	Willie Stevens Skip Batchelor Lawanda Reason
5:00 pm	David Parr Thomas Gregory		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

