

CATHEDRAL
BASILICA



OF SAINT LOUIS



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 1, 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 made online <https://massrequest.cathedralstl.org>

Cathedral Tours

Tours of the Cathedral 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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Dec 1st - First Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Carol Klean
10:00 a.m. Lynette Raidt
12:00 p.m. Nancy Pollnow
5:00 p.m. Greg Graham

Mon. Dec 2nd - Advent Weekday

7:00 a.m. Paul Leibel
8:00 a.m. Terry Callahan
12:05 p.m. Michael Martin

Tues. Dec 3rd - St. Francis Xavier

7:00 a.m. Remo Beffa
8:00 a.m. Jim Shaughnessy & Family
12:05 p.m. Jon Martens

Wed. Dec 4th - St. John Damascene

7:00 a.m. Leon & Francisca Raemy
8:00 a.m. Aleta Nawrot
12:05 p.m. Robert Lewis

Thur. Dec 5th - Advent Weekday

7:00 a.m. John & Michele Tarrillion
8:00 a.m. Paul Shaughnessy & Family
12:05 p.m. Jon Martens

Fri. Dec 6th - St. Nicholas

7:00 a.m. Charles E. Whitten
8:00 a.m. Bertha Bader
12:05 p.m. Deborah Ann Anderson

Sat. Dec 7th - St. Ambrose

8:00 a.m. Lynette Raidt
5:00 p.m. Dean & Kitty Mandis

Sun. Dec 8th - Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Msgr. Henry Breier
10:00 a.m. Leon & Francisca Raemy
12:00 p.m. Margaret Johnson
5:00 p.m. Remo Beffa

**FROM OUR RECTOR**

Dear Parishioners,

During this past week, we celebrated Thanksgiving. Some of us were able to gather with our families; many of us were not. But in either case, the holiday gave us pause to recall the many blessings that God has bestowed on us. While this celebration is a secular feast, it reminds us all of the importance of giving thanks to Our Heavenly Father for all He does for us and to thank all those in our lives we take for granted. Saying our thanks indicates how important they are to us and confirms our love for them.

We have now entered into the Advent Season. It is, above all, a season of preparation by means of purification. The words of Saint John the Baptist, which express his mission in the world, uncover the meaning of our Advent observance: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight." (Mt 3:3) Even as Saint John the Baptist prepared the way of our Lord's coming into the world in time, so too we get ready to welcome our Lord more completely into our lives now. We may then be ready to welcome Him finally and fully on the day of His coming in glory at the end of time.

How do we prepare ourselves for the coming of the Lord? Over the next four weeks, we will be spending much of our time decorating our homes, writing Christmas cards, and purchasing gifts for our loved ones. These are all things we do to prepare to celebrate Christmas day with great joy. To experience even greater joy, you and I must prepare ourselves. As we prepare our homes, so we prepare our souls.

Here are a few simple suggestions for Advent:

Time for Silent Prayer each day – perhaps Eucharistic Adoration
 Receive Holy Communion – daily if possible
 Time for Spiritual Reading
 Pray the Rosary
 Examine your Conscience
 Go to Confession

These are suggestions, and you can employ all or just one of them. Increasing your prayer life will help each one of us make the promises and prayers of the Advent Season more intense. Thus, we will become more ready to welcome the Child of Bethlehem. It is He who shows us the truth of a God who reveals Himself in weakness and humility.

Msgr. Breier

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Advent Reflection From the Readings

The 1st Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical year and a time of preparation for the coming of Jesus. The readings for this Sunday call us to watchfulness, prayer, love, holiness, and trust in God's promises.

Trusting in God's Promises

In the first reading, Jeremiah speaks about God's promise to bring forth a righteous branch from David's line. This branch represents Jesus, who brings justice and righteousness. This promise shows us that God is faithful and keeps His word.

Jeremiah's message is a source of hope. Even in difficult times, we can trust that God is working for our good. His promises give us strength and courage. When we feel uncertain or afraid, we can remember that God has a plan for us, just as He did for the people in Jeremiah's time.

The theme of trusting in God's promises is also found in the Gospel reading. Jesus tells us to stand up and lift our heads because our redemption is near. This means we should not be afraid but trust that God will fulfill His promises. Jesus will return, and we need to be ready.

As we begin Advent, we should focus on trusting in God's promises. Are we placing our hope in Him? Are we confident that He will guide us and fulfill His word? By trusting in God's promises, we can prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus and find peace in His faithfulness.

Growing in Love and Holiness

In the second reading, Paul prays for the Thessalonians to increase in love and to live in holiness. This message is important as we begin Advent. We are called to love more and live better lives.

Paul's prayer reminds us to focus on our relationships. Increasing in love means caring for others, helping those in need, and showing kindness. These actions reflect God's love in our lives. By loving more, we prepare our hearts for Jesus' coming.

Living in holiness means following God's teachings. It means avoiding sin and striving to do what is

right. Paul urges us to live in ways that please God. This can be challenging, but it is important for our spiritual growth. Holiness helps us to be ready for Jesus.

Watchfulness and Prayer

Jesus warns about signs in the sun, moon, and stars. These signs can seem scary, but Jesus tells us not to be afraid. Instead, we should stand tall because our redemption is near. This teaches us to be ready for Jesus' return.

Being watchful means staying alert and paying attention to how we live. We should avoid things that distract us from God. Instead, we should focus on prayer and good deeds. Jesus calls us to live in a way that pleases God. This makes us ready for His coming.

Prayer is a key theme in the readings. Jesus urges us to pray for strength to face challenges. Prayer helps us stay connected to God and strong in our faith. It reminds us that we need God's help every day. By praying, we grow closer to Him and prepare our hearts for Jesus' return.

Lord, help us to be watchful and prayerful, to grow in love and holiness, and to trust in Your promises. Guide us through this Advent season as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus. Amen.



“Advent invites us to prepare ourselves for Christmas, welcoming Jesus without fear. If we open wide the doors of our life, everything takes on a new light and our family, work, suffering, health, friendship, become opportunities to discover His consoling presence.”

Pope Francis



Christmas Memorial Poinsettias

The poinsettias and greenery that adorn our Cathedral are a special part of the celebration of Christmas at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis. We invite all parishioners and visitors to share in the experience through a memorial or thanksgiving gift by purchasing one or more of the poinsettias decorating the Nativity Scene or the Chapels. Memorial Poinsettias are \$10.00 each. Names of those being honored will appear in the weekend and Christmas bulletins.

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 Poinsettias, 4431 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis, MO, 63108

Please Check one: ☐ in memory of OR ☐ in honor of _____

Name of person/ family _____

Please Check one: ☐ in memory of OR ☐ in honor of _____

Name of person/ family _____

Please Check one: ☐ in memory of OR ☐ in honor of _____

Name of person/ family _____

Given by _____

Phone _____

Please make checks payable to:

Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis

Order by Monday, December 16





DECEMBER 1, 2024

What Catholics Believe



Join us at the Cathedral Basilica as we explore the nature of the Sacraments as well as their role in the life of the Church.

- 6:30 pm in Boland Hall
- 50 minute presentation followed by social
- Feel free to bring food & drink
- Designed for adults, but all are welcome!

Next Sessions

December 4

Communion

December 18

The Eucharist, Part I

Questions? Contact Fr. Povis zacharypovis@archstl.org



Experience Great Music in a Great Space!

Remaining concerts of the 2024 - 2025 Season

Vienna Boys Choir

Holiday Concert

Friday, November 15, 2024 7:30pm

Welcomed by Steinway Piano Gallery

Christmas at the Cathedral

with the St. Louis Archdiocesan Choirs & Orchestra

Saturday, December 7, 2024 10:30am (NOTE TIME)

Sunday, December 8, 2024 2:30pm

Welcomed by Favazza's Restaurant and Michael Bavlisk & Kathleen Skelly

The Legend Singers

Friday, January 31, 2025 7:30pm

FREE: Tickets not Required

Vox Una with St. Louis

Area High School Choirs

Sunday, February 23, 2025 2:30pm

FREE: Tickets not Required

The American Spiritual Ensemble

Sunday, March 23, 2025 7:30pm

Westminster Cathedral Choir, London

Monday, March 31, 2025 7:30pm

VOCES8

Friday, April 4, 2025 7:30pm

Welcomed by Bruce & Linda Ryder and Melanie & Anthony Faltman, MD

Artists & Dates subject to change

CathedralConcerts.org 314-533-7662



SCAN ME

Archbishop's Advent Day of Recollection

Saturday, December 7

beginning at 1pm , concluding with 5pm Mass

All are welcome to join us for prayer and reflection during your Advent journey





Advent Giving Tree

- Take an envelope from the tree
- Insert your monetary donation or Gift Card
*suggested gift cards
Schnucks, Walgreens,
Walmart, Aldi, Target &
Visa or Mastercard
gift card
- Drop sealed envelopes
into the Sunday
offertory baskets

Donations to Benefit
Fr. Dempsey Charities
Bernard Nursing Home
St. Elizabeth Hall

Thank you for your generosity!





Introduction to Catholic Health Care Ethics for Medical Students & Resident Physicians

Meetings will take place in the Gannon Room located in the basement of the rectory of Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis (4431 Lindell Blvd. St. Louis, MO 63108). Each session will begin at 7:00 pm and conclude no later than 8:30 pm.

Date and Topic

- **Dec 11** Understanding Conscience and Cooperation with Evil
- **Jan 8** Catholic Teaching on Reproductive Health
- **Feb 12** Discerning Ordinary v Extraordinary Care (including Nutrition & Hydration)
- **Mar 12** Caring at the End of Life (Palliative Care, Physician Assisted Suicide)
- **April 9** Determining Death & Organ Transplantation
- **May 7** Open Question Day

Women of the Cathedral *Invite you to an* **Advent Evening of Reflection**

Confession | Adoration | Talk

Talk by Sr. M. Karolyn, FSGM from the Alton Franciscan's.
Middle School Ladies on up invited.
Nursing Babies Welcome

When

6:00pm-9:00pm

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

Where

Cathedral and Boland Hall

RSVP

<https://cathedralstl.org/advent>

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 1, 2024 through December 8, 2024

Sunday: 3: Jer 33:14-16 Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14
1 Thes 3:12-4:2 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday: 175: Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-9 Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday: 176: Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday: 177: Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-6 Mt 15:29-37

Thursday: 178: Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday: 179: Is 29:17-24 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14
Mt 9:27-31

Saturday: 180: Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps 147:1-6
Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday: 6: Bar 5:1-9 Ps 126:1-6 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Lk 3:1-6

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
Dorothy Quinn
Mary Leah Kovarik
Janetta Williams
Aisha Mitchell
Shirley Brown

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



STEWARDSHIP ALIVE!

Pilgrimage to Italy with Msgr Breier

October 12-24, 2025

Florence ✚ Assisi ✚ Sienna ✚ St. Clare ✚ Papal
Audience Basilica of St. Francis ✚ Orvieto ✚ The
Vatican Crypt Mass in the Basilica of St. Peter ✚
St. Paul Outside the Wall The Colosseum ✚ Rome
✚ Papal Audience ✚ St. Catherine Basilica of St.
Peter ✚ Sistine Chapel ✚ The Pantheon Jubilee
Year 2025 ✚ Basilica of St. John Lateran ✚ St
Mary Major Santa Croce in Gerusalemme ✚ San
Clemente Catacombs of St Sebastian ✚ Venice

For more information visit:
www.traveltymepilgrimages.com/Pilgrimage-to-Italy-Monsignor-Henry-Breier
Travel Tyme - 636.391.1000

Anima Christi Young Adults

We will not meet on December 5. We will move our First Thursday schedule to December 12, with Holy Hour at 5:30, Mass at 6:30 followed by dinner.

Please see the Anima Christi Facebook page for more details or email AnimaChristiStL@gmail.com

Appointment with Fr. Marco

Fr. Marco is available for confession and spiritual discussion. To make an appointment to meet with Fr. Marco, please call 314.373.8202. Thank you!

Men of the Cathedral

Greetings to all as we enter the season of Advent.

Due to the Christmas holidays, Men of the Cathedral will not meet in December for Adoration. We will resume on January 28, 2025. Same time, same location!

Since we will not be meeting, you are encouraged to attend Adoration on Saturday from 3:30 to 4:40 pm or simply spend some personal time in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

As we approach the new year, I would like to explore your interest in scheduling a quarterly visit to volunteer at the St. Pius V Parish Food Pantry. Several of the MOC volunteered there recently and expressed their desire to return. Others have subsequently asked to participate. If you are interested, please send an email to: Michael.Weisbrod@rcfstl.org by 12-1-24 so we can determine a convenient Saturday each quarter to volunteer.

Blessings to you and your family this Christmas season.



WOMEN OF THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA

Christmas PARTY

DECEMBER

14

10:00AM

Hosted by Lucy Willis

BRING COOKIES TO SHARE | ACCEPTING
DONATIONS FOR OUR LADY'S INN



RSVP

Sarah.Schimpf@icloud.com



LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 7 & 8, 2024

Extraordinary	Lectors	Ministers of Care	Servers	Ushers
5:00 p.m. (Sat) No Cup Ministers At Any Mass This Weekend	Jonathan Klimpel David Parr		Doug Weber	Bob Sutter Jerry Pastore Matt Colvin
8:00 am	Thomas Gregory Pat Harper	Blatter, Hagen, Gregory, Huck, Harper, Klimpel	Doug Weber Kevin Mattingly	Dave Meyer Frank Snyder Joe Schilli
10:00 am	Aaron Hines Rachel de Almeida Oliveira			Sue Metheny Dan Mangus Vito Alu
12 Noon	Mark Burmester Phoebe Del Castillo		TBD	Willie Stevens Skip Batchelor Lawanda Reason
5:00 pm	John Stith Mary Ann Cheng		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 at 314-792-6460.

