

CATHEDRAL
BASILICA



OF SAINT LOUIS



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 15, 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.

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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 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](mailto:Susie_sirons@cathedralstl.org)

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun. Dec 15th - Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Colin Brown
10:00 a.m. Lynette Raidt
12:00 p.m. Margaret Johnson
5:00 p.m. Leon & Francisca Raemy

Mon. Dec 16th - Advent Weekday

7:00 a.m. Charles Stetler
8:00 a.m. Pauline Price
12:05 p.m. Gerald Hinders

Tues. Dec 17th - Late Advent Weekday

7:00 a.m. Christopher Boedges
8:00 a.m. Paul Bader
12:05 p.m. Sophia MacDonald & Family

Wed. Dec 18th - Late Advent Weekday

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

Thur. Dec 19th - Late Advent Weekday

7:00 a.m. Nancy O'Toole
8:00 a.m. Kathleen Erhard
12:05 p.m. Leon & Francisca Raemy

Fri. Dec 20th - Late Advent Weekday

7:00 a.m. Arthur Pender
8:00 a.m. Dr Ben Rivera
12:05 p.m. Robert Won & Min Jin Lee

Sat. Dec 21st - St. Peter Canisius

8:00 a.m. Jim Callahan
5:00 p.m. Mary Pousson

Sun. Dec 22nd - Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. For the Parish Family
10:00 a.m. Don Steffen
12:00 p.m. Mario Marchione
5:00 p.m. Nancy O'Toole





FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Parishioners,

“All flesh shall see the salvation of God.” This prophesy of Isaiah, the Advent prophet, is at the heart of the message of John the Baptist. The Precursor of Christ was the voice crying out in the Judean desert, ***“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.”***

Again today, **the Third Sunday of Advent**, John the Baptist occupies center stage in the gospel proclamation. This herald of the Messiah confirms the will of God: the gospel is directed to all classes of people in the crowd. The length and width of that invitation is implied in the invitation. Everyone, even tax collectors and soldiers, can attain salvation. Salvation does not depend on a person’s ancestry or that they are a descendent of Abraham. All people, Jew and Gentile alike, are called to repentance and baptism. Because the arrival of the Lord is imminent, each person should make ready for the Messiah’s arrival by doing penance for their sins and mending their ways.

A truly repentant heart must seek the Lord! We must heed the words of John the Baptist this Sunday who identifies the Lord as one possessing great power and judgement. ***“His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”***

The image that the early days of Advent emphasize is the Second Coming of Christ, the End Time. It behooves all to prepare for Christ, “the judge of the living and the dead”. The focus of later-Advent which begins this Tuesday, December 17, is on the first-coming of Christ in the flesh, at Bethlehem. May we not become lost in the nostalgia of Christmas-past and lose sight of the urgency of virtuous living in the present.

“The Baptist requires of everyone—Pharisees, tax collectors, soldiers—a deep spiritual renewal in the very exercise of their job; they have to act justly and honourably. God asks all of us to sanctify ourselves in our work and in the circumstances in which we find ourselves: ‘Any honest and worthwhile work can be converted into a divine occupation. In God’s service there are no second-class jobs; all of them are important’ (St. Josemaria Escriva, Conversations, 55) .

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ARCHBISHOP'S COLUMN

Jesus' Birth Fulfills the Prophets Who Heralded the Coming Messiah

As we prepare for His birth, we can make Jesus the unifying principle of our daily lives.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The readings this week are filled with prophecy and patterns, as though everything were straining toward the Messiah's birth in history. The Church's liturgies are meant to help us taste that straining and ask: How might we prepare for the coming of Christ in our lives? Let me say a few words about prophecy and patterns before turning to the question of preparation.

In terms of prophecy, we hear Balaam's prophecy from the Book of Numbers: "A star will advance from Judah, and a staff shall rise from Israel." We hear Jacob's prophetic blessing of Judah in the Book of Genesis: "The scepter shall never depart from Judah." We hear Psalm 72's prophetic description of the ideal king: "Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever." We hear Jeremiah's prophecy in the midst of crisis: "Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I shall raise up a righteous shoot to David." It all culminates with the prophecy of Isaiah: "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel." The prophets pointed to the coming of a messiah-king.

In terms of patterns, first we hear the genealogy of Jesus from the Gospel of Matthew. It seems tedious to many but it's full of lessons, and Matthew tells us the main one: There are three sets of 14 generations from Abraham to Jesus. So what? Fourteen was the number corresponding to the name of King David in the Jewish alphanumeric code, where each letter of the alphabet corresponds to a number. Matthew is telling us that the time has come for the highest of high kings, the "most Davidic" of the heirs to the throne of David.

Next, we hear the pairing of the conception of Samson from the Book of Judges and the conception of John the Baptist from the Gospel of Luke. So what? In both cases, an angel appears to announce the

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birth to a barren couple. In both cases, the child is to be consecrated to God from the womb. In both cases, something will begin: Samson will begin the liberation of Israel from its enemies, while John will prepare a people for the Lord.

Finally, we hear the refrain of Psalm 24: "Let the Lord enter, He is the king of glory." So what? This was a cry to Israel to open their minds to the Lord, a cry to the temple to open its gates to the Lord, and a cry to Mary to open her womb to the Lord. In turn, it's a cry to each of us to open our hearts to the Lord!

There's a longing in the human heart for God to come and be with us. There were prophetic promises that God would do exactly that. And the very fabric of ancient Israel's history pointed toward it. How might we prepare to receive the fulfillment of all of that in our daily lives?

The words of St. Bernard, speaking of the Virgin Mary, can guide us well: "Arise, hasten, open. Arise in faith, hasten in devotion, open in praise and thanksgiving." That would make a good daily checklist for Advent. How might I take two minutes to grow in faith? How might I hasten to find five minutes to sit with the Lord? How might I pause in the midst of a busy day to open to the Lord's guidance?

In his [encyclical on the Sacred Heart](#), Pope Francis says that Jesus Christ is the unifying principle of all reality. In these late days of Advent, Christmas is certainly the unifying principle of most people's schedules! May Jesus Christ become the unifying principle of our daily lives.

Note: This column appeared in the St. Louis Review for December 14 & 15 and may be read in the print edition or at <https://it.ly/35ejOXr>



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

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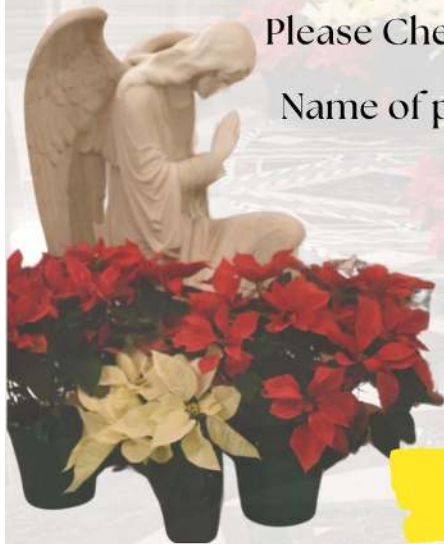
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Phone _____

Please make checks payable to:

Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis

Order by Monday, December 16





DECEMBER 15, 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

January 15

The Eucharist, Part I

February 5

The Eucharist, Part II

Questions? Contact Fr. Povich zacharypovich@archstl.org

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

- **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

Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of St. Louis is dedicated to bringing the healing, help, and hope of Jesus Christ to those in need with a compassionate, caring presence. We provide services through all stages of life, from the beginning of life to senior care. Catholic Charities provides a variety of housing and emergency shelter services including affordable apartments for seniors, residential care for children and adolescents, shelter and support services for women and their children, and both short- and long-term shelter and transitional housing for low-income families and individuals experiencing homelessness. To learn more about Catholic Charities housing or to get involved, please contact your Parish Ambassador Pat Argotte at: playhousehf@yahoo.com.

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Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of St. Louis is a family of ministries serving all from preborn to older adults with a compassionate, caring presence.

Your support allows us to bring the healing, help, and hope of Jesus Christ to those in need this Christmas.

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The Gift That Has No Season

Over the years, it has been gifts left to the Cathedral Basilica in wills, Bequests, and memorials that have largely enabled us to continue to operate as a place of worship. As we approach year end and consider the upcoming tax season, please remember the Cathedral Basilica Parish in your will or charitable giving plans.



Veteran's Day Mass

Thank you to the Veterans who attended our Mass on Sunday, November 10 to honor those who have served our country in all branches of the military. Thank you to parishioner & veteran David Corrick for his help in organizing this Mass and event. May God bless all those who have served.

Christmas Mass Schedule

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2024

7:00 A.M., 8:00 A.M., 12:05 P.M.

5:00 P.M. CHRISTMAS VIGIL

11:00 P.M. MUSIC PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2024

12:00 A.M. MIDNIGHT MASS

8:00 A.M. / 10:00 A.M. / 12:00 P.M.





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

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Travel Tyme - 636.391.1000

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 15, 2024 through December 22, 2024

Sunday: 9: Zep 3:14-18a (Ps) Is 12:2-6
Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18
Monday: 187: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a Ps 24:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9 Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: 193: Gn 49:2, 8-10 Ps 72:1-4b, 7-8, 17 Mt 1:1-17
Wednesday: 194: Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Mt 1:18-25
Thursday: 195: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Ps 71:3-4a 5-6b, 16-17 Lk 1:5-25
Friday: 196: Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: 197: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Lk 1:39-45
Sunday: 12: Mi 5:1-4a Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45

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

Third Sunday of Advent

The Lord, your God, is in your midst,
A MIGHTY SAVIOR;
He will rejoice over
you with gladness,
& renew you in his love.
Zephaniah 3:17





STEWARDSHIP ALIVE!

Anima Christi Young Adults

Our next meeting will be **December 19**. We will begin with Holy Hour at 6:30 pm, followed by dinner in Boland Hall.

All young adults aged 18-39 are invited to join us! Please enter through the door on the west side of the Cathedral, across the parking lot from the playground.

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

Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary invites you to join our weekly meetings on Saturdays at 10 am. The Legion is an organization of Catholics whose purpose is the holiness of its members developed through prayer and the offering of service in union with Mary, the Mother of the Church for the spiritual welfare of souls.

Meetings are held in the outer office of the Cathedral School building. For further information, please call the rectory at 314.373.8202. We look forward to seeing you.

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!

OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF 12/7/2024-12/8/2024

Offertory	\$4,377.00
Online Giving	\$5,485.00
Loose	\$4,897.10
Cathedral Candles	\$488.95
Cathedral Landscape	\$10.00
Cathedral Maintenance	\$25.00
Catholic Education	\$72.00

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 and we can determine a convenient Saturday each quarter to volunteer.

Blessings to you and your family this Christmas season.



Weekly Thoughts on Giving

“Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God.” (PHIL 4:6)

St. Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God – He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God’s image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 21 & 22, 2024

Extraordinary	Lectors	Ministers of Care	Servers	Ushers
5:00 p.m. (Sat) No Cup Ministers At Any Mass This Weekend	Phoebe Del Castillo David Parr		Doug Weber	Bob Sutter Jerry Pastore Matt Colvin
8:00 am	Brian Ragen Mary Ann Cheng	Ragen, Robinson, Cheng, Hagen, Harper	Doug Weber Kevin Mattingly	Dave Meyer Frank Snyder Joe Schilli
10:00 am	Br. Juan Gabriel Seigle, OP Mike Roth			Sue Metheny Dan Mangus Vito Alu
12 Noon	David Butler Nancy Butler		TBD	Willie Stevens Skip Batchelor Lawanda Reason
5:00 pm	John Stith 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 at 314-792-6460.

