

CATHEDRAL
BASILICA



OF SAINT LOUIS



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 23, 2025

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)

4431 Lindell Boulevard Saint Louis, Missouri 63108-2403



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

Sun. Mar 23rd - Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Tillie Byrne
10:00 a.m. Jim Blum
12:00 p.m. Jason Dunaway
5:00 p.m. Barbara Beck

Mon. Mar 24th - Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Paul Leible
8:00 a.m. David Stefanic
12:05 p.m. Dr. Salvador Alatorre

Tues. Mar 25th - Annunciation of the Lord

7:00 a.m. Charles Whitten
8:00 a.m. Silva Marquez Family
12:05 p.m. Pablo Fierro Cheda

Wed. Mar 26th - Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Betty Owens Ward & Family
8:00 a.m. Mary Helen Travers
12:05 p.m. Marie Budakian

Thur. Mar 27th - Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Juan Abraham Fierro Solis
8:00 a.m. Lynette Raidt
12:05 p.m. Jason Dunaway

Fri. Mar 28th - Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Lemoine & Grizelda Skinner
8:00 a.m. David Stefanic
12:05 p.m. Nancy Donlon & Family

Sat. Mar 29th - Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Mary Helen Travers
5:00 p.m. Thomas J. Hastings

Sun. Mar 30th - Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Marie Budakian
10:00 a.m. Dr. Salvador Alatorre
12:00 p.m. Alice & Eugene Owens Sr & Family
5:00 p.m. For the Parish Family

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)



FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Parishioners,

This past Wednesday, we celebrated the Feast of St. Joseph, the Husband of Mary. It is essential to take time to reflect on his life and consider what it can teach us about our faith journey. Just as Our Lady experienced both joys and sorrows, St. Joseph closely participated in the lives of Jesus and Mary in the work of redemption.



Consider how the angel of the Lord appeared to St. Joseph to announce that he would be the guardian of the Redeemer. He was given the honor of naming the Christ Child. He was the first—after Our Lady—to see God in the flesh in the cave of Bethlehem. It was St. Joseph's privilege to name Jesus at His circumcision. He also accompanied Mary to the temple in Jerusalem, experiencing a joy beyond imagination.

Yet St. Joseph also endured many sorrows in his chosen role. He heard the priest Simeon's prophecy that Christ would suffer and that his wife's heart would be pierced. He protected the Child from the bloodthirsty Herod, who sought to destroy Jesus in His infancy, as the Holy Family fled to Egypt. He sorrowfully searched for the adolescent Christ when He was lost for three days before finding Him in the temple.

St. Joseph understands both the joys and sufferings that come with being a disciple of Jesus Christ. No man was closer to Jesus than St. Joseph. Our Lord is a sign of contradiction, the cause of both the rise and the fall of many. As disciples of Christ, we, too, will experience both joys and sorrows. Take great confidence in St. Joseph, and pray to him that he may accompany, console, and inspire us on the road that leads to eternal life.

For more about the joys and sorrows of St. Joseph, I recommend *Consecration to St. Joseph* by Fr. Donald Calloway of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception

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ARCHBISHOP'S COLUMN

Mary's Quick, Total & Steadfast Response is a Guide for Us

We are too often like ancient Israel, whose response to God's plan was hesitant & partial

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Quick. Total. Steadfast.

We celebrate the feast of the Annunciation on March 25. These three words — quick, total, steadfast — are a good description of Mary's response to God's proposal and a rubric for our growth in the Christian life.

Quick

When Gabriel speaks to Mary, the weight of all history comes to a point, and the eternal fate of all humanity hangs in the balance. There is, to be sure, a brief pause to clear up a point rooted in modesty and honest puzzlement. But if you read the account of St. Luke out loud, it takes about 35 seconds for Mary to be all in. When God makes a proposal to us, how long does our reply take?

Total

The Annunciation asks Mary to give her body and soul to God. It also asks for her hopes and plans — basically for her whole life to be given over. Mary, at this moment, is a perfect example of the "Shema," the first and greatest commandment: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and soul, and mind, and strength. Measured by that standard, how do we do in responding to God's proposal?

Steadfast

Mary never wavered, even when she wondered. She never took back her "all in." From the Annunciation to the cross to the Dormition (Assumption), she kept going deeper. How about us?

When we look at the history of ancient Israel, we can gauge their faith by this same rubric. Their response to God is not quick; it's long, slow, and hesitant. Their

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response to God is not total; they're half in, half out. Their response to God is not steadfast; they're three steps forward and two steps back. The prophet Hosea describes them perfectly in one of our readings for this week: "Your piety is like the morning cloud, like the dew that early passes away." That's not a quick, total, steadfast faith!

But let's keep in mind the old adage: Whenever you point a finger at someone, there are three fingers pointing right back at you! When we look at the faith of ancient Israel, we're actually holding up a mirror to our own experience of faith. We're slow, too. Even when we're quick, we're not all in. Even when we have our "all in" moments, we're not steadfast.

Where Israel needed repentance, Mary was perfect. Where Mary was perfect, she shows us the path of spiritual growth. If the long-range goal is for us to be like Mary in our response to God, the immediate goal is simply to get quicker, deeper and steadier. How can we do that?

If we study people's encounters with Jesus in the Gospels — seeing ourselves in them, and them in us — we can learn how to grow. When we see how their slowness is like ours, it holds up a mirror for us. When we see how our "all in" could be more like theirs, it holds out a possibility for us.

"If today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts." This was the call to ancient Israel precisely because they had, so often, responded to God's call with refusal and reluctance. Against that background, Mary shows us how to respond.

Quick. Total. Steadfast. There's our plan for growth!

Note: This column appeared in the St. Louis Review for Mar 22 & 23 and may be read in the print edition or at <https://it.ly/35ejOXr>



MARCH 23, 2025

Easter Memorial Flowers

The flowers that adorn our Cathedral are a special part of the celebration of Easter at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis. We invite you to share in the experience through a memorial or thanksgiving gift – to remember loved ones or honor family or friends still with us. The suggested donation is \$10 per remembrance. The names of those being remembered will be printed in the bulletin and on a poster.

Please indicate in whose memory or in whose honor you wish the flowers to be dedicated. Please PRINT names clearly. 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 Easter Memorial Flowers, 4431 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis, MO, 63108

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MARCH 23, 2025

Pilgrimage to Italy with Msgr Breier

October 12-24, 2025

Florence ✚ Assisi ✚ Tuscany
✚ San Giovanni Laterano ✚
Basilica of St. Francis ✚ Orvieto
The Vatican ✚ Venice ✚ Ravenna
St. Paul Outside the Wall
The Colosseum ✚ Rome
✚ Papal Audience ✚
Basilica of St. Peter ✚ Sistine Chapel
✚ The Catacombs ✚

For more information visit:
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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

April 2

Matrimony, Part I

April 23

Matrimony, Part II

Questions? Contact Fr. Povis zacharypovis@archstl.org



Archbishop's Lenten Afternoon of Recollection

Saturday, March 29, 2025

1:00 pm Opening Conference
2:00 pm Stations of the Cross
2:45 pm Second Conference
3:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration & Confession
4:15 pm Vespers & Benediction
5:00 pm Mass - Archbishop Rozanski

This special day of reflection, recollection, and reconciliation begins at 1:00 pm, and features spiritual conferences led by Archbishop Rozanski, followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and Stations of the Cross. We will end with evening vespers at 4:15 pm and the celebration of Mass at 5:00 pm. This gathering is free and open to the public.

For additional information, please contact Mary Ann Fox at 314-373-8208



Lenten Sacred Art Series

Sacred art is meant to assist in the raising of the mind & heart to God. As Pope Benedict XVI wrote, "Images of beauty in which the mystery of the invisible God becomes visible, are an essential part of Christian worship...The image of Christ & the images of the saints are not photographs. Their whole point is to lead us beyond what can be apprehended at the merely material level, to awake new sense in us, & teach us a new kind of seeing, which perceives the Invisible in the visible." (*The Spirit of the Liturgy*).

To assist in our Lenten journey, a different piece of sacred art will be displayed each week in the All Saints chapel of the Cathedral Basilica. Please feel free to visit & pray with these images along with the reflections provided in the bulletin as we journey toward the celebration of our Lord's Resurrection.

**Lenten Sacred Art Series****Week 3: St. John the Baptist and Our Lord Jesus Christ by Maggie Jackson***(located in the All Saints chapel)*

This week we feature two icons completed by Cathedral Basilica parishioner, Maggie Jackson. John the Baptist stands as the great transition figure between the Old and New Testaments. Through the centuries of Israel's history, God had raised up several prophets to communicate various messages and revelations to his people. Many of them spoke about the long-awaited Messiah figure whom God had promised would come in the fullness of time to establish a new and everlasting covenant between Himself and humanity. John stands at the end of this long line of prophecy. No longer is the Messiah someone whose coming is foretold as taking place in a distant future. John, instead, points to Jesus Christ before baptizing Him and says, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world!" (John 1:29).

John further recognizes that the water baptism which he had been offering in the desert - a baptism wherein individuals were invited to publicly repent of their sins and ask God's forgiveness - Jesus would institute a new baptism. The Baptism instituted by Jesus not only gives recipients the opportunity to repent of their sins, but is actually effective for the taking away of sins. For this reason, very often in iconography and other Christian art, John is depicted as pointing at Jesus. In this image, his staff which represents the austere lifestyle which John embraced in the desert, is mounted with a cross: the instrument by

which Jesus, the Lamb of God, freed the world from sin.

John also here imitates a gesture of blessing that Jesus is often depicted making. In this gesture, the three raised fingers of John represent the three Persons of the Blessed Trinity, while the touching of his two other fingers represent the coming together of the human and divine natures of Jesus in the Incarnation. In this way, John is represented as the forerunner of the two most fundamental Mysteries of the Christian faith.

As the life and teaching of John demonstrate, one of the most important ways in which to prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus and the saving work He wishes to accomplish is repentance. We very much turn our minds to our own need for repentance during this Lenten season. When we acknowledge our sins, we acknowledge our need for a Savior. Jesus Himself says that those who are healthy do not need a physician, but the sick do (Luke 5:31-32). Jesus is the Divine Physician who wishes to heal us and to make us healthy, but He never forces His healing upon us, just as He never forces His love upon us. Repentance is the way in which we invite Him in. We acknowledge the sins we have committed and for which we need to be forgiven, but it is also important for us to identify and acknowledge the underlying dispositions, sentiments, and possibly vices that help lead us into sin. These, too, Jesus wishes to heal. In taking away our sins, He wishes to make us strong to go forth and not succumb to them again.

What is an area of your life and your heart which is in need of the healing work of the Divine Physician? Invite that Lord into that place regularly over the course of this Lenten season. As John the Baptist recognized, Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. He invites us to repent: to look at and acknowledge our sins to ourselves and to Him. But He asks us to do so only so that He can take them away.

*St. John the Baptist,
Pray for us!*

*These and other works of the artist are for sale.
Inquiries can be directed to Maggie at
maggieruthillustration@gmail.com*



Experience Great Music in a Great Space 2025!

American Spiritual Ensemble

Sunday, March 23, 2025 7:30 pm

Westminster Cathedral Choir, London

Monday, March 31, 2025 7:30 pm

VOCES8

Friday, April 4, 2025 7:30 pm

Welcomed by:

Bruce & Linda Ryder and

Melanie & Anthony Fathman, MD



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Artists & Dates Subject to change

Parish Ambassador News

For over 110 years, Catholic Charities of St. Louis has been bringing the healing, help, and hope of Jesus Christ to those in need with a compassionate and caring presence. Catholic Charities helps change the lives through the work of nine ministries which are: Cardinal Ritter Senior Services, Good Shepherd Children & Family Services, LAMP, Marygrove, Queen of Peace Center, Saint Louis Counseling, Saint Martha's, St. Francis Community Services, and St. Patrick Center.

The Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis has earned a special designation as a Catholic Charities Ambassador Parish. Ambassadors are generous volunteers who share their knowledge and passion for Catholic Charities mission. They help parishioners understand how to access our services and help coordinate service projects, donation drives, speaker events, and other support opportunities.

Please contact your Parish Ambassador Pat Argotte at playhousehf@yahoo.com for more information.

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 23, 2025 through March 30, 2025

- Sunday: 30: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15 Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12 Lk 13:1-9
- Monday: 237: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b Pss 42:2-3; 43:3-4 Lk 4:4:24-30
- Tuesday: 545: Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Ps 40:7-11 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38
- Wednesday: 239: Dt 4:1, 5-9 Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 Mt 5:17-19
- Thursday: 240: Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 Lk 11:14-23
- Friday: 241: Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-11b, 14, 17 Mk 12:28-34
- Saturday: 242: Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4, 18-21b Lk 18:9-14
- Sunday: 33: Jos 5:9a, 10-12 Ps 34:2-7 2 Cor 5:17-21 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF 3/15/2025-3/16/2025

Offertory	\$7,479.00
Online Giving	\$6,429.68
Loose	\$5,603.60
Cathedral Candles	\$420.74
Ash Wednesday	\$81.00
Black & Indian Mission	\$41.00
Church in Central & Eastern Europe	\$139.00



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. Our next meeting will be **March 27, 2025**. We will begin with Holy Hour at 6:30 pm, followed by dinner in Boland Hall.

Please enter the Cathedral across the parking lot from the playground on the west side of the Church. Email AnimaChristiStL@gmail.com or see the Anima Christi Facebook page for more details.

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.

- **April 9** Determining Death & Organ Transplantation
- **May 7** Open Question Day

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.

Judy McGrath	Nicole Pace
Doreen Kelly	Resy Sanchez
Linda Baldwin	Mary Anne Work
Barbara Beckemeyer	Betty Ytzaina
Edwin Ayala Padilla	Therese Terri Svehla
Dorothy Quinn	Deborah Lee
Mary Leah Kovarik	Margaret Aubermann
Shirley Brown	Chrystal Ray
Guy Thomas	Paul Raidt
Kelvin Ayala Reyes	Barbara Garrett
Wayne Eultgen	Tronda White

Men of the Cathedral

The **Men of the Cathedral** cordially invite *all* parishioners and visitors to join them with Adoration of the Holy Eucharist on Tuesday, March 25 at 6 pm.

What a great way to draw ourselves closer to Christ and our Eternal Home in Heaven during this Lenten season. Please consider taking this opportunity for personal prayer and meditation during this holy season.

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 requested.

Please consider making this prayerful evening a family event. Invite your family and friends to celebrate Christ through Adoration.

For dinner reservations, please contact Michael Weisbrod at 314.918.2893 or michael.weisbrod@rcfstl.org by Monday, March 24.

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!

Stewardship Reflection

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" - LUKE 13:7

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have, or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous; we are called to develop and nurture our gifts; and return them with increase. We are called to be generous with all of gifts; especially the one that means the most to you.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MARCH 29 & 30, 2025

Extraordinary	Lectors	Ministers of Care	Servers	Ushers
5:00 p.m. (Sat) No Cup Ministers At Any Mass This Weekend	Mitch Smith Michael Pajor		Doug Weber	Bob Sutter Jerry Pastore Matt Colvin
8:00 am	Thomas Gregory Jonathan Klimpel	Austerman, Huck, Campbell, Klimpel	Doug Weber Kevin Mattingly	Dave Meyer Frank Snyder Joe Schilli
10:00 am	Mike Roth Aaron Hines			Sue Metheny Dan Mangus Roger Willis Vito Alu
12 Noon	Phoebe Del Castillo David Parr		TBD	Willie Stevens Skip Batchelor Lawanda Reason Mark Burmester
5:00 pm	John Willard 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 at 314-792-6460.

