

CATHEDRAL
BASILICA



OF SAINT LOUIS



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT APRIL 6, 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. Apr 6th - Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 a.m. Mary Helen Travers
10:00 a.m. Darryl Lee
12:00 p.m. For the Parish Family
5:00 p.m. Mary Beth Gebel

Mon. Apr 7th - St. John Baptist de la Salle

7:00 a.m. Townsend E. Saunders
8:00 a.m. Lynette Raidt
12:05 p.m. Dr. Salvatore Alatorre

Tues. Apr 8th - Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Tom Pullaro
8:00 a.m. Marie Budakian
12:05 p.m. Julio Lemus

Wed. Apr 9th - St. Francis of Paola

7:00 a.m. Lemoine & Grizelda Skinner
8:00 a.m. Steve Mann
12:05 p.m. Janna Lee

Thur. Apr 10th - Lenten Weekday

7:00 a.m. Mitchell Drazell
8:00 a.m. Trudy McCaffrey
12:05 p.m. Eric G. Stewart

Fri. Apr 11th - St. Stanislaus

7:00 a.m. Leah Czerniewski
8:00 a.m. Susan Hahn
12:05 p.m. Scott Welsh

Sat. Apr 12th - Lenten Weekday

8:00 a.m. Marie Budakian
5:00 p.m. Susan Weber

Sun. Apr 13th - Palm Sunday

8:00 a.m. Vasil Misalko
10:00 a.m. Lynette Raidt
12:00 p.m. Mary Helen Travers
5:00 p.m. Lemoine & Grizelda Skinner

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 Irons at sirons@cathedralstl.org



FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday's Gospel opens by recalling the nights and days leading up to Jesus' Passion. It is likely that His encounter with the adulterous woman took place within this context. Confronted by scribes and Pharisees armed with stones, ready to condemn the woman, Jesus bent down and began to "write with His finger on the ground." While we do not know what He wrote, we can imagine the Pharisees' growing frustration as they pressed Him to affirm the woman's death sentence.

Instead of answering immediately, Jesus raised His head and spoke words that resonated deeply with everyone present: **"Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."** Then, He bent down again to write on the ground. Rather than invoking the law, Jesus sought to make them recognize their own sins. His intention was not merely to save a life but to expose the human tendency to accuse others in order to justify oneself—an impulse that remains deeply ingrained in all of us today.

We can all see ourselves in that woman. How many times have we, too, betrayed Jesus' love in pursuit of other affections—perhaps even the love of self, which so easily leads us to forget the Gospel, our brothers and sisters, and the poor?

The adulterous woman reminds us of the immense gift of standing before Jesus. Through her, we rediscover how deeply the Lord loves us.

As we prepare to celebrate the week of Jesus' Passion, death, and resurrection, let us keep our eyes fixed on Him. Let us allow ourselves to be seen and challenged by His gaze. In doing so, we will come to realize that it is Jesus who longs for our love and our companionship.

As we enter into Holy Week, I would like to remind everyone of our liturgies during Holy Week. Mass of the Lord's Supper will be at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday evening. It marks the end of Lent and the beginning of the sacred "Triduum," of Holy Week. These days are the three holiest days in the Catholic Church. On Good Friday, we will gather at 3:00 p.m. During this time, the entire Church fixes her gaze on the Cross at Calvary. Each member of the Church tries to understand at what cost Christ has won our redemption. The Easter Vigil will begin at 8:00 p.m. in the front of our church with the lighting and blessing of the Easter Fire.

Monsignor Breier

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ARCHBISHOP'S COLUMN

Crying Out to God When We Face Trials Deepens Our Relationship with Him

Scriptural stories of trial foreshadow the passion of Jesus during Holy Week

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It's the week before Holy Week. Our readings feature trials, people's responses to trials and how God gets the last word in those trials.

We hear about Susanna, who's falsely accused of adultery. We hear about Israel, tried by hunger in the desert. We hear about Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego being threatened with the fiery furnace. We hear about the plots against Jeremiah. And finally, we witness mounting tension against Jesus, culminating in the plot to kill Him.

The episodes of trial from ancient Israel are chosen for this week because they foreshadow Jesus' experience of Holy Week. Psalm 18 captures the theme well: "The breakers of death surged round about me, the destroying floods overwhelmed me; the cords of the nether world enmeshed me, the snares of death overtook me."

If the ancient episodes are foreshadow Jesus, however, they do so with a twist! The story of Susanna's trial is a perfect example. It ends by saying: "Thus was innocent blood spared that day." The story of Jesus' trial, by contrast, would have to say: "Thus was innocent blood shed that day."

Looking at people's response to their trials, it's not all stories of faithfulness and trust! Yes, when Susanna faces her trial, she cries out to God. But when Israel faces their trial, they complain against God and Moses. We're familiar with both responses from our own experience! If the episodes about crying out mark a path for us, then the episode about complaining provides a warning. Psalm 102 captures the theme and walks us down the right road: "O Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry come to you."

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**SERVE THE LORD
WITH GLADNESS**



Finally, we hear how God gets the last word in His people's trials. And here again the ancient episodes foreshadow Jesus' experience with a twist. God saves Susanna from death; God saves the Israelites from death; God saves Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego from death. By contrast, the Father does not save Jesus from death. Rather He rescues Him — and saves us — through death. Those are two different kinds of witness to how God gets the last word.

We all face our own trials in life. When we do, it's good to know that we're walking the same path as our ancestors in faith.

In our response to those trials we know how easy it is to fall into a pattern of complaining. It's nice to know that there's a different way to go. We don't have to deny that trials are hard! But if we pivot on the hardship into crying out, rather than complaining, we'll deepen our relationship with God.

Finally, it's helpful to know that when we cry out, God has the last word. Sometimes He saves us from death. Sometimes He brings us through death to resurrection.

As we get ready to walk with Jesus into His passion, it's comforting to know that Jesus walks with us into the passions we endure in our lives. That doesn't make them easy! But it can fill our suffering with meaning.

"In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried out to my God; from His temple He heard my voice, and my cry to Him reached His ears (Psalm 18)."

Note: This column appeared in the St. Louis Review for Apr 5 & 6 and may be read in the print edition or at <https://it.ly/35ejOXr>



APRIL 6, 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

OR scan the QR Code below to submit electronically

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APRIL 6, 2025

Holy Week & Sacred Triduum

April 13 - Palm Sunday 8 am, 10 am, noon & 5 pm

April 17 - Chrism Mass 10 am

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 pm

April 18 - Good Friday, Confessions noon - 2 pm

Passion of the Lord 3 pm

April 19 - Holy Saturday, Confessions 3:30 - 5 pm

Easter Vigil 8 pm

April 20 - Easter Sunday 8 am, 10 am & noon



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 23

**Matrimony, Part II &
Anointing of the Sick**

May 7
Holy Orders



Questions? Contact Fr. Povis zacharypovis@archstl.org

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:

www.cathedralstl.org/pilgrimage

Travel Tyme - 636.391.1000



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 5: Conversion of St. Francis, by Evelyn Estegno

(located in the All Saints chapel)

This week's painting comes to us from local artist Evelyn Estegno, and she offers the following reflection on the conversion of St. Francis.

"St. Francis' conversion, as most conversions, was a gradual process that took place over several years. It was marked by a few strong experiences, the most significant of which, represented at the center of the painting, was the encounter with a leper. Before this crucial moment, the first turning point in his life was his capture and imprisonment following a battle with rival city Perugia in 1202. Upon being released, he returned to Assisi (referenced in the castle on the top left). No longer interested in the worldly amusements of his past nor in pursuing a military career (epitomized by the abandoned horse and body armor in the ground), he found himself more deeply drawn to solitary prayer.

Over the next two years, he began to lead a "life of penance." This included not only mortification and self-denial but also a new vision of reality: seeing the world from God's point of view: a creation filled with beauty, joy, and goodness, reflecting the goodness and love of God our Creator, who deserves highest praise, worship, and love in return.

The saint carried a deep fear and repugnance of lepers. One day as he was travelling on horseback near Assisi, he stumbled upon a leper. By God's grace, he was moved to lean into his fear, to walk up to the leper and kiss him. The leper reached out his

hand in need of money, so St. Francis gave him some money. When St. Francis went to mount his horse, he turned, and saw the leper was gone. He knew then it was Jesus whom he had encountered.

St. Francis writes in his Testament, "The Lord gave me, Brother Francis, thus to begin doing penance in this way: for when I was in sin, it seemed too bitter for me to see lepers. The Lord Himself led me among them and I showed mercy to them. And when I left them, what had seemed bitter to me was turned into sweetness of soul and body. And afterwards I delayed a little and left the world." What was repulsive at first became a source of joy.

I chose to depict Francis kissing the leper/ Jesus in disguise's foot instead of His face, to highlight the devotion and submission of the saint. Jesus as the leper looks directly at us, with one hand blessing the young convert, and with the other extended to us as an invitation to follow the saint's steps. The love that God gives us (as my religious paintings are all about God's love for us) is expressed in the opportunities He gives to love Him and our neighbor, through mercy and sacrifice. God asks a lot at times. He asks us to embrace an extremely heavy cross that only He can help us carry, but it's through the acceptance of this commandment, that we experience all the depth, meaning and sweetness of true love.

On the right side, the path becomes obscured by the uncertainty of the future. The path leads to la Portiuncola, where the Franciscan movement started. While praying in the ruined church of San Damiano, Jesus told Francis, "Francis, rebuild my church, which is falling into ruin." Francis took the request literally and began rebuilding the church, stealing cloth and a horse from his father to fund the project. Francis later realized that Jesus was asking him to rebuild the Christian Church, not just the church in San Damiano.

In the background behind Jesus, is the outline of mount La Verna, where the Saint received the stigmata toward the end of his life, when he was facing a great crisis.

*St. Francis of Assisi
Pray for us!*



Sacrament of Marriage

Congratulations to **Dileep & Alekya Mannepalli** (pictured below, photo by *Toni Lynn Photography*) who were united in the Sacrament of Marriage at the Cathedral Basilica on Saturday, March 26, 2025.

Love is patient, love is kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.
1 Corinthians 13:4-8



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 April 6, 2025 through April 13, 2025

Sunday: 36: Is 43:16-21 Ps 126:1-6 Phil 3:8-14 Jn 8:1-11
Monday: 251: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62 Ps 23:1-6 Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday: 252: Nm 21:4-9 Ps 102:2-3, 16-21 Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: 253: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 (Ps) Dn 3:52-56 Jn 8:21-30
Thursday: 254: Gn 17:3-9 Ps 105:4-9 Jn 8:51-59
Friday: 255: Jer 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-7 Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: 256: Ez 37:21-28 (Ps) Jer 31:10-13 Jn 11:45-56
Sunday: 37: Lk 19:28-40 (procession)
38: Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9, 17-18a, 19-20, 23-24 Phil 2:6-11 Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49



OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF 3/29/2025-3/30/2025

Offertory	\$10,197.00
Online Giving	\$4,559.00
Loose	\$5,529.87
Cathedral Candles	\$483.27
Cathedral Landscape	\$255.00
Catholic Relief	\$659.00
Easter Flowers	\$999.00
Disaster Relief	\$6,676.31





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 **April 10, 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 attend Adoration of the Holy Eucharist on Tuesday, April 29 at 6pm.

We will have just celebrated the passion, death and rising from the dead of our Lord. What a terrific way to continue to honor the ultimate sacrifice he gave to offer us salvation!

Adoration will begin promptly at 6pm. Confessions will be heard during Adoration.

All men are invited to drinks, dinner and fellowship in Boland Hall immediately after the conclusion of Adoration. In anticipation of Cinco de Mayo, we will have a Mexican feast! A suggested donation of \$20 is appreciated.

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 michael.weisbrod@rcfstl.org or 314.918.2893 by Monday, April 28.

St. Vincent de Paul Membership

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of the Cathedral Basilica is looking for a few new men and women to assist in its mission of providing tangible (rent, utilities, food) and spiritual assistance to the poor of the parish. If you are interested, please leave a message on our hotline 314-373-8288 and we will get in touch with you.

St. Patrick Center Casserole Program

Home-cooked casseroles and non-perishable foods provided by volunteers of the St. Louis Basilica Casserole Program provide one week of nutritious dinners for St. Patrick's Women's Shelter and/or canned goods for the community pantry. Volunteer coordinators will hold the next "drop off" of casseroles and pantry food on **Thursday, April 10, 2025 from 1-2pm** in the St. Louis Cathedral Basilica parking lot.

For anyone interested in joining our efforts, please call Skip or Nicki Batchelor at 916-834-4843 for more information. All volunteers are welcome.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR APRIL 12 & 13, 2025

Extraordinary	Lectors	Ministers of Care	Servers	Ushers
5:00 p.m. (Sat) No Cup Ministers At Any Mass This Weekend	Mary Ann Cheng David Parr		Doug Weber	Bob Sutter Jerry Pastore Matt Colvin
8:00 am	Jonathan Klimpel Brian Ragen	Gregory, McGrath, Robinson, Ragen	Doug Weber Kevin Mattingly	Dave Meyer Frank Snyder Joe Schilli
10:00 am	Br. Juan Gabriel Seiglie, OP Mike Roth			Sue Metheny Dan Mangus Roger Willis Vito Alu
12 Noon	Phoebe Del Castillo Kevin Ross		TBD	Willie Stevens Skip Batchelor Lawanda Reason Mark Burmester
5:00 pm	John Stith John Willard		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, 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.

