

CATHEDRAL
BASILICA



OF SAINT LOUIS



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 7, 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 – 6:00 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)

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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 7 - Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Philip Schnur
10:00 a.m. Elizabeth Schnur
12:00 p.m. Nicholas Andrew Schneider
5:00 p.m. Cheryl Wunderlich

Mon. Dec 8 - Immaculate Conception

7:00 a.m. Townsend E. Saunders
8:00 a.m. Kevin Reese & Family
12:05 p.m. Madeline Hopkins
5:30 p.m. Tink Callahan

Tues. Dec 9 - St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin

7:00 a.m. Kevin Callahan
8:00 a.m. Uchenna Ogbuokiri
12:05 p.m. Amelia Clara Krzton

Wed. Dec 10 - Our Lady of Loretto

7:00 a.m. Bill Winters
8:00 a.m. Matt Schnur
12:05 p.m. Joe W. Wiley

Thur. Dec 11 - St. Damasus I

7:00 a.m. Dr. Leah Czerniewski
8:00 a.m. Dr. Jon Clark
12:05 p.m. Steve Gerken

Fri. Dec 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:00 a.m. Marykay Fulton
8:00 a.m. Elisa Schnur
12:05 p.m. Hazel Borowiak

Sat. Dec 13 - St. Lucy

8:00 a.m. Peggy Keating
5:00 p.m. James L. Steinhaus

Sun. Dec 14 - Third Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Elisa Schnur
10:00 a.m. Madeline Hopkins
12:00 p.m. Timothy Boland
5:00 p.m. Jon Schnur



FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Parishioners,

This week we bid farewell to Deacon Koby Nguyen as he returns to his home Diocese of Wichita. Though his time with us was brief, it has been a true blessing to have him as part of our Cathedral community these past few months. Please continue to keep him in your prayers as he prepares for his ordination to the Priesthood in May 2026.

John the Baptist is the last prophet before Jesus. On this Second Sunday of Advent, the Church turns to the Gospel of Matthew, which first introduced John in its infancy narrative recounting the early lives of both John and Jesus. John is the herald of the Good News; he points out the Lamb of God, the Savior. He is the precursor of the Messiah.

In this Sunday's Gospel passage, Matthew presents John as the one fulfilling one of the prophecies of Second Isaiah: *"A voice of one crying out in the desert, 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.'"*

The Baptist's message was clear: repent of your sins and prepare to meet the Lord. He himself was not the Messiah, but he proclaimed the Messiah's imminent arrival. The Advent season is all about the coming of the Lord. During December, prepare for the coming of the Lord by making a worthy confession of your sins and by living a virtuous life. *Come, Lord Jesus, come!*

This coming Monday, December 8, we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, which is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses for the holy day will be celebrated at 7:00 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 12:05 p.m., and 5:30 p.m.

Mary Immaculate helps us rediscover and defend the dignity that lies within each person, for in her we see a perfect transparency of soul and body. She is purity in person, in the sense that spirit, soul, and body are fully consistent with one another and with God's will. Our Lady teaches us to be open to God's action and to see others as He sees them—starting with the heart—looking upon them with compassion, love, and infinite tenderness, especially those who are lonely, despised, or exploited.

This feast finds its origin in a moment when Our Lady appeared to Saint Catherine Labouré in 1830. The message of the Blessed Mother was to have a medal struck containing the words: *"O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee."* The wearing of this medal spread quickly and led to a deep devotion to Our Lady as the Immaculate Conception, which was formally declared a teaching of the Church in 1854.

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ARCHBISHOP'S COLUMN

God Can Come Into Our Lives to End Whatever Exile We Are Enduring

Mary teaches us how to let the power of her Son bring an end to an experience of exile

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Sometimes salvation history rhymes. That is to say: Events and characters don't exactly repeat themselves, but they mirror and echo each other. When those rhymes happen, they usually contain a lesson not only about the past, but also for our life of discipleship. The readings for this week contain an excellent example of such a rhyme.

On Dec. 8, we celebrate the feast of the Immaculate Conception — how Mary was conceived without stain of original sin. The first reading for that day tells us about the effects of the fall on Adam and Eve. First, we hear about how Adam was hiding from God — a sort of relational exile. Then we hear how Eve “became the mother of all the living.” This sounds nice at first. But it means, in effect, that all the children of Adam and Eve (that is, all until Mary!) would be born into the state of metaphysical exile from God that we call original sin.

Following that, all week long, our first readings come from the middle section of the prophet Isaiah, starting in chapter 40. This is the time period when ancient Israel was being called back from the Babylonian exile. The metaphysical exile of original sin found an echo in the historical exile of God's people.

And that's the first place the rhyme scheme of salvation history matters for us: The metaphysical experience of Adam and Eve and the historical experience of ancient Israel find a spiritual echo in whatever “exile” we experience in our own hearts and lives.

So, might this rhyme scheme also have some wisdom for us about the way out of exile?

**ARCHBISHOP
MITCHELL
ROZANSKI**

**SERVE THE LORD
WITH GLADNESS**



When we read the words of the prophet Isaiah this week, we recall how God did the work to bring about the end of the historical exile in Babylon. When we celebrate Mary's Immaculate Conception this week, we recall how God did the work to bring about the end of the metaphysical exile of original sin. When we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe this week (Dec. 12), we recall how Mary brought Christ to the native people of Mexico to end their spiritual exile from fullness of the Gospel.

As we celebrate all those things, it can deepen our faith and hope that God will also work to bring about the end of whatever exile we experience in our lives. And it's consoling to know — as a [recent document](#) from the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith emphasizes — that Mary has a special role to play in bringing about the end of our exile. She is, as the document says, the mother of the faithful people of God.

One of the Psalm refrains this week captures this rhyme scheme beautifully: “The Lord our God comes with power.” God comes into history to end the Babylonian exile. God comes in the Incarnation to end the metaphysical exile of original sin. God can come into our lives, too, to end whatever exile we are enduring. As we move more deeply into Advent, don't be afraid to turn to Mary, the mother of the faithful people of God. She can teach you how to let the power of her Son bring an end to your experience of exile.

Note: This column appeared in the St. Louis Review for Dec 6 - Dec 12 and may be read in the print edition or at <https://it.ly/3SejOXr>



DECEMBER 7, 2025



Experience Great Music in a Great Space! 2025 - 2026 Season

Stile Antico

Monday, November 17, 2025 7:30pm

Christmas at the Cathedral

with the St. Louis Archdiocesan Choirs & Orchestra

Saturday, December 6, 2025 10:30am (NOTE TIME) & Sunday, December 7, 2025 2:30pm

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

Missouri State University Chorale

Friday, January 9, 2026 7:30pm

Estonian Philharmonic Chamber Choir

Tuesday, February 10, 2026, 7:30pm

VOCES8

Monday, February 23, 2026 7:30pm

Welcomed by Bruce & Linda Ryder

Vox Una with St. Louis
Area High School Choirs

Sunday, March 8, 2026 2:30pm (FREE CONCERT - TICKETS NOT REQUIRED)

Three Italian Tenors

Friday, March 27, 2026 7:30pm

Just Added

St. Louis Area Collegiate Choirs

Tuesday, April 7, 2026 7:30pm (FREE CONCERT - TICKETS NOT REQUIRED)

The Tallis Scholars

Friday, April 17, 2026 7:30pm

Just Added

Cappella Romana

Sunday, April 26, 2026 7:30pm



Artists & Dates subject to change

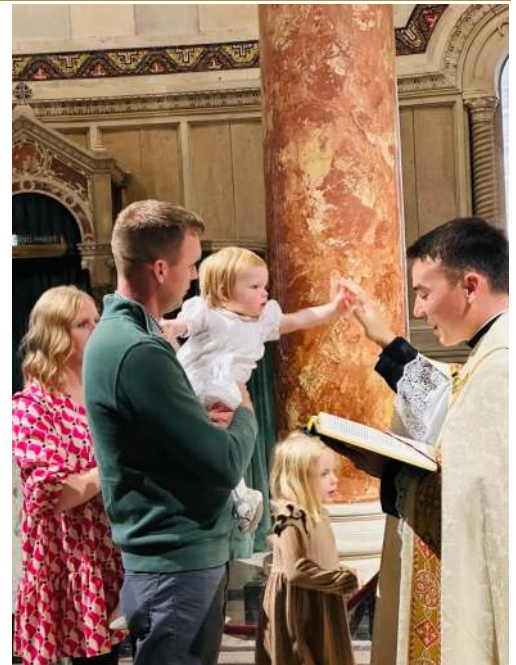


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Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations and God's continued blessings on **Lucy Jane, Annie Holland and the Pohorecki Family** (pictured below) They were baptized on November 16, 2025. "And now why do you wait? Rise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on his name." **Acts 22:16**



Second Sunday of Advent

Many people scoff at the idea of miracles. Unwilling to believe that Jesus could restore the sight of the blind when He walked on earth, they are unwilling to see the miracles that Jesus continues to work today. If we are open to the guiding touch of God's hand and willing to discover His plan for our lives, miracles will happen.

Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, for He is Emmanuel, the Hope of all people. He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us. He is the Savior of us all. O Lord, let your blessing come upon us as we light two (purple) candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise of salvation. May He come quickly and not delay. We ask this in His holy name. Amen.





DECEMBER 7, 2025

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. Parishioners & visitors are welcomed to honor loved ones still with us or in the memory of loved ones they have lost and want to honor. We ask a donation of \$10 per person being honored with a Memorial Poinsettia.

Please check the box to designate if the flower is in memory or in honor of the person listed and print the name 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 Memorial Poinsettias, 4431 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis, MO, 63108

In Memory	In Honor	NAME OF PERSON - PLEASE PRINT!!



Given by: _____ Phone: _____

Please make checks payable to: Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis

Orders Due Monday, December 15



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 Night Program and/or canned goods for the community pantry. Volunteer coordinators will hold the next "drop off" of casseroles and pantry food on **Thursday, December 11, 2025 from 1-2pm** in the St. Louis Cathedral Basilica parking lot. This is a Cathedral parish based group that benefits St. Patrick's Center.

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

Immaculate Conception

Monday, December 8 is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have Masses at 7:00 am, 8:00 am, 12:05 pm and 5:30 pm.

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 7, 2025 December 14, 2025

Sunday: 4: Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Rom 15:4-9 Mt 3:1-12

Monday: 689: Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1-4 Eph 1:3-6,
11-12 Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: 182: Is 40:1-11 Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13
Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: 183: Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: 184: Is 41:13-20 Ps 145:1, 9-13ab
Mt 11:11-15

Friday: 690A: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-
6a, 10ab (Ps) Jdt 13:18bc, 19 Lk 1:26-38
or Lk 1:39-47 or 707-712

Saturday: 186: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-
16, 18-19 Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: 7: Is 35:1-6a, 10 Ps 146:6-10 Jas 5:7-10
Mt 11:2-11

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!



OFFERTORY COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF 11/29/2025-11/30/2025

Offertory	\$10,501.00
Online Giving	\$5,685.00
Loose	\$3,545.75
Cathedral Candles	\$583.99
Cathedral Landscape	\$361.00
Cathedral Maintenance	\$61.00
Catholic Education	\$10.00
Human Development	\$50.00
Retired Religious	\$55.00
Thanksgiving	\$1,787.25



STEWARDSHIP ALIVE!

Farewell Deacon Koby

Deacon Koby, we are grateful for your time here at the Cathedral Basilica parish. Thank you for all the joy you have brought to the parish.

May God guide your path and keep you surrounded with favor. We are praying for you as you continue your journey in Christ's service. May the Holy Spirit strengthen, guide and bless you!



St. Vincent de Paul

We would like to acknowledge the Pi Beta Phi – Sign of the Arrow organization for providing us a generous philanthropic grant donation to assist neighbors in need with bedding assistance. This will help neighbors to obtain bedding as they try to have a fresh start in a new apartment or dealing with a crisis of bed bugs in their home. We are thankful for their donation to assist our conference's works.

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
Doreen Kelly
Linda Baldwin
Barbara Beckemeyer
Edwin Ayala Padilla
Dorothy Quinn
Mary Leah Kovarik
Guy Thomas
Kelvin Ayala Reyes
Wayne Eultgen
Nicole Pace
Resy Sanchez

Betty Ytzaina
Deborah Lee
Margaret Aubermann
Goldie Wirth
Barbara Garrett
Tronda White
Tiffany Pitts
Shamelia Clark
Mary Ann Murphy
Juliana Brown
Craig Campbell

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!

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 **December 11, 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.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 13 & 14, 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 Pat McCann
8:00 am		Jonathan Klimpel Thomas Gregory	Hagen Austermann Gregory Harper	Doug Weber Kevin Mattingly	Dave Meyer Frank Snyder Joe Schilli
10:00 am		Brian Ragen Mike Roth			Sue Metheny Dan Mangus Roger Willis Vito Alu
12 Noon		Brian Davies Mark Burmester		TBD	Willie Stevens Skip Batchelor Lawanda Reason Mark Burmester
5:00 pm		David Butler Nancy Butler		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

