

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 16
5:00 p.m.
Jerry Thompson (D)

Sunday, November 17
8:00 a.m.
St. Louis Parish
10:30 a.m.
Edward Veccia (D)
Richard Sullivan (D)

Tuesday, November 19
6:00 p.m. (No Mass)

Wed., November 20
8:30 a.m. (Communion Service)

Thur., November 21
6:00 p.m. (No Mass)
Daniel Dikman (L)

Friday, November 22
8:30 a.m. (Communion Service)

Saturday, November 23
5:00 p.m.
St. Louis Parish

Sunday, November 24
8:00 a.m.
June Kline (D)
10:30 a.m.
Barbara Dikman (L)



Dear Friends,

Over the past few weeks my Digression has centered on the day's Gospel reading. Today I'd like us to consider the First Reading, which comes from the Book of Malachi. I offer two reasons for doing so.

First, Malachi is the last book of the Old Testament. If you turn the page after reading the very end of Malachi (where today's Reading comes from), you'll find the Gospel of Matthew. (Which is exactly where we will be liturgically in two short weeks: The Liturgical New Year begins on the first Sunday of Advent.) Second, on a personal note, I'll be attending Mass today at St. Malachi, my parish away from home in New York City. So Malachi is on my mind.

Malachi is what the scholars called apocalyptic literature. It is a style of writing designed to reveal or "unveil" divine mysteries. It typically involves the second coming of Christ. The second to the last verse of Malachi reads: "I am sending to you Elijah the prophet, before the day of the LORD comes, the great and terrible day."

This is a splendid example of a foundational principle of biblical interpretation, the idea that the New Testament is hidden in the Old, and the Old Testament is revealed in the New. Let me illustrate what this means.

We Catholics understand Elijah to be John the Baptist and the "great and terrible day of the Lord" to be Jesus's coming. The very end of the Old Testament, then, anticipates what will happen some 500 years later, when Jesus, the Word of God, becomes incarnate and is born of the Virgin Mary.

Jewish readers of Malachi back in 500 BC would have one understanding of this passage, but they could hardly anticipate the Jesus event.

For the next month, the Mass readings will include a lot of apocalypse. Now, it is true that these can be scary. Today's passage from Malachi begins: "Lo, the day is coming, blazing like an oven, when all the proud and all evildoers will be stubble." Do not be disheartened by this talk of fire and destruction. Look instead to the end result of apocalypse: Our opportunity to meet Jesus face to face.

God bless us all.
Deacon Joe

TIME / TALENT / TREASURE
November 23/24

**Extraordinary Ministers
Of Holy Communion**

5:00 p.m. E. Sperl-Hawkins, B. Stich
8:00 a.m. T. Sobon, J. Piotrowski
10:30 a.m. D. Jacobs, V. Wall

Lectors

5:00 p.m. C. Morris, R. Larson
8:00 a.m. S. Ball, T. Sobon
10:30 a.m. M. Woolley, R. Patterson

Sacristans

5:00 p.m. M. Reeves
8:00 a.m. T. Sobon
10:30 a.m. A. Gorniak

Altar Servers

5:00 p.m. (Open) (Open)
8:00 a.m. C. Lara, (Open)
10:30 a.m. I. Brown, (Open)

Liturgical Assistant

5:00 p.m. R. Larson
8:00 a.m. S. Mehr
10:30 a.m. P. Johnston

THANKSGIVING DAY
MASS

Thursday, November
28th at 9:00 a.m.



MASS INTENTIONS

Contact the office if you wish to schedule a Mass for a particular intention

OFFERTORY REPORT
for Sunday, November 10

Last week we collected \$5,534.10 in the general Offertory and \$460 for the Building Fund. Please consider giving online. To get started visit:

stlouiscatholicchurch.org/on-line

**Volunteer of
the Month
for November is Teresa Sobon.
Thanks for all
you do for St. Louis, Teresa!**

UPDATE FROM FR. STEVENS

Dear Parish Family,
Greetings from Pensacola; I continue to go to weekly PT, amidst other doctor follow up appointments. The photo shows the last time I was using a walker; like then, I will be happy to give up the one I'm using. Thank you for your prayers, cards, visits and support. Peace to you and yours,
Fr. Stevens



LITURGICAL
VOLUNTEERS

We need volunteers for liturgical ministers for the Christmas Masses. Sign-up sheets are in the sacristy. Please let us know if you would like to serve any of these Masses. If you have any questions, please contact Catherine Anderson Smith, dre@stl.ptdiocese.org or 850-262-8157.

ATTENTION

The Tuesday night prayer group will not meet on November 19th and 26th. We will resume meeting on December 3rd.

CITIES FOR LIFE

Come join us at St. Louis on Saturday, November 30, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. when we will celebrate our commitment to life and to an end to the death penalty around the world, including a special prayer for an end to the death penalty in Florida. Speakers will include Father Dustin Feddon and Elke Long, Tallahassee Citizens Against the Death Penalty. This is a worldwide celebration, promoted by the Community of Sant'Egidio, during which we will join with 1625 other important cities around the world celebrating the first abolition of the death penalty by a European state in 1786. Come join us as we show our commitment to life and against the death penalty.

SISTERHOOD

The Sisterhood of St. Louis is now collecting items for their Gifts of the Magi project. Please consider picking up some of these items during the months of November and December and placing them in the container in the back of the church. We will be putting the gift bags together in January and delivering them to the men and women of Casa Calderon. **FULL SIZE items needed for men and women:** socks, shampoo, soap/body wash, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes. Thank you for your generosity!

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING
RAFFLE

The Knights of Columbus, St. Louis the Crusader Council #12929 will be selling tickets to their annual Christmas Shopping Raffle!! Tickets go on sale after all weekend Masses starting November 30th. Tickets are 1-\$5 or 5-\$20! 1st Prize \$250, 2nd Prize \$150 and 3rd Prize \$100. The drawing will be after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on December 22nd.



Saturday, November 23rd
6:00 p.m.
St. Louis Catholic Church
Parish Hall

ALL SAINTS

"ALL SAINTS" is based on the inspiring true story of salesman-turned-pastor Michael Spurlock, the tiny church he was ordered to shut down, and a group of refugees from Southeast Asia. Together, they risked everything to plant seeds for a future that might just save them all.

Admission to Movie: FREE
(Donations Accepted)
Popcorn: \$5.00 (AYCE)
Sausage Dogs: \$1.50
Soft Drinks: \$0.75

Join us to watch movies that will inform you about important people or events in the history of our Catholic faith or that may inspire you to be a better father/mother/spouse/son/daughter/friend.

All proceeds go to St. Louis' Capital Improvement Fund