



# Basilica of Saint Louis, King of France

## THE OLD CATHEDRAL

FIRST CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER



FOUNDED IN 1770

PRESENT CHURCH DEDICATED IN 1834

### SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JULY 24, 2022

#### PASTORIAL STAFF

##### Archbishop of St. Louis

The Most Reverend  
Mitchell T. Rozanski

##### Rector

Father Nicholas Smith

##### In Residence

Father Charles Samson

##### Deacon

Deacon Luke Koebbe

#### MASS SCHEDULE

##### Sunday Masses

5:30 PM (Sunday Vigil)  
8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM,  
and 5:00 PM

##### Daily Masses

##### Monday through Friday

7:00 AM and 12:10 PM

##### Saturday - 7:00 AM

##### Live Stream Mass

7:00 AM Weekdays & 10:30 AM Sunday

Access live streams at [oldcathedralstl.org](http://oldcathedralstl.org)

##### Devotions

Perpetual Help Devotions:  
Tuesdays - 12:00 PM

#### SACRAMENTS

##### Confessions

Monday through Friday,  
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM  
Saturday, 4:30 PM - 5:15 PM

##### Marriage

Please arrange at least six months in  
advance of the desired date.  
To reserve a date, or for more  
information, please contact  
Tracy Marklein at 314-308-0091  
[tracymarklein@archstl.org](mailto:tracymarklein@archstl.org)

##### Baptisms

Sundays, following the 12:00 PM Mass  
Please call 314-231-3250 to arrange

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday, July 24**

8:00 AM Edward Schnieders  
10:30 AM Cheryl Hale  
(Live Streamed)  
12:00 PM Parish Family  
5:00 PM Celebrant's Intention

**Monday, July 25**

7:00 AM Celebrant's Intention  
12:10 PM John C. Takacs

**Tuesday, July 26**

7:00 AM Celebrant's Intention  
12:10 PM Betsy Daly

**Wednesday, July 27**

7:00 AM Monica Vander Woode  
12:10 PM Celebrant's Intention

**Thursday, July 28**

7:00 AM Celebrant's Intention  
12:10 PM Wayne Allard

**Friday, July 29**

7:00 AM Celebrant's Intention  
12:10 PM Gemma Smith

**Saturday, July 30**

7:00 AM Celebrant's Intention  
5:30 PM Cheryl Hale

**Sunday, July 31**

8:00 AM James "Jimmy" Fischer  
10:30 AM Celebrant's Intention  
(Live Streamed)  
12:00 PM Parish Family  
5:00 PM Celebrant's Intention

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 24, 2022

Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 [3a]/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13  
Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28  
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt 13:36-43  
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17-18/Mt 13:44-46  
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-53  
Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42  
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12  
Next Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 [1]/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/  
Lk 12:13-21

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 24, 2022

Sunday: 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: St. James, Apostle  
Tuesday: Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Wednesday: Weekday in Ordinary Time  
Thursday: Weekday in Ordinary Time  
Friday: St. Martha  
Saturday: St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Next Sunday: 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

## OLD CATHEDRAL WEEKLY GIVING

The Old Cathedral  
has long been recognized  
as one of the most historic  
and beautiful churches of its time.  
Our parish is proud of its  
more than 240 year history  
as a self-supporting  
Roman Catholic Parish.  
Your presence, prayer,  
and generous kindness  
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can be made by mail or in person,  
or online at:  
[oldcathedralstl.org/give](http://oldcathedralstl.org/give)

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

### Sunday - 7/17/2022

Online Donations	\$	859.00
Collection	\$	4,266.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,125.00</b>



## OLD CATHEDRAL FIRST SUNDAY TOURS

We are pleased to offer  
Old Cathedral tours on the  
first Sunday of the month  
following the noon Mass

**Tour: Sunday, August 7**

For group tours of  
10 or more email  
[oldcathedral@att.net](mailto:oldcathedral@att.net)

Please call  
if you have any questions:  
314-231-3250

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## FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Old Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors:

In our first reading, we hear Abraham boldly attempting to convince God to change his mind. It demonstrates that Abraham was confident in his relationship with his God. Even though he speaks very humbly and meekly, he has the audacity to believe he can negotiate with the Lord. He not only has faith in the power and justice of God, but he also has strong faith that his relationship with God is stable and friendly. Abraham is the father of our faith because he was made righteous by his faith, and not the law. And here he demonstrates that in being so concerned for the innocent people of the city.

In our second reading, Saint Paul reminds us that we also have a stable and friendly relationship with the Lord. Our relationship with God is grounded in our baptism. Even though we are sinners, our baptism has “removed the bond of our sins and nailed it to the cross.” We, like Abraham, can have confidence in our relationship with God, especially as we follow Jesus as his disciples.

As Jesus’ disciples, we are taught to pray the Lord’s Prayer and to be persistent in our prayers. United to Christ in baptism, we must seek and persevere in seeking. We must knock and keep knocking until the door is opened to us. We should ask our heavenly Father for what we need, and do so consistently. In the Gospel today, Jesus is teaching us to be people of faithful prayer. Too often people will turn to prayer only when their situation is hopeless. Jesus wants disciples who know they are children of God by their baptism, and are confident to approach God as his beloved sons and daughters. Too often we forget that when we made promises at our baptism, or our parents made them for us, that the Lord also made promises to us. We are cleansed and adopted by the power of that holy sacrament.

Our Gospel today does not teach us that we will always receive what we want. Sometimes we ask selfishly for comforts, or we are unable to see the Lord’s plan in our lives that may require some suffering or lack. This Gospel is not meant to turn the Lord into a genie that grants all our wishes. We are called to seek God first in our lives. If he is the goal of our seeking, then we will certainly receive what we seek. If we seek only fame or fortune, the Lord will need to convert us more deeply so that our asking, seeking, and knocking is according to his will. In baptism, we surrender our lives to the Lord. If we belong to Jesus, then we will seek and ask for the things that matter.

Jesus expects his people to pray. He teaches us how to pray and calls us to be constant in our prayers. As children of God through baptism, we can be confident that our prayers are heard and answered by a God who is merciful and truly wants what is best for us.

Blessings on your week! Stay safe!

—Father Smith



*Msgr. James E Hoflich, pastor of The Old Cathedral, compares the print of “The Crucifixion” by Diego Valazquez with the copy being created by Charles Quest.*

## OLD CATHEDRAL HISTORY

**Cardinal Ritter personally selected “The Crucifixion” by Diego Valazquez, as the painting to be duplicated for The Old Cathedral.**

Charles F. Quest, an art professor at Washington University was commissioned to create the painting. Quest made a small copy of the painting, plus two other Valazquez works to help develop the master’s technique. The artist also flew to the Prado in Madrid for detailed oil sketches of the original. The Quest work, measuring eight feet by fourteen feet, is about 30 inches wider and 50 inches higher than the original. The work was completed and varnished in place by Mr. Quest in 1961.

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### Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

From July 24-30 the Church in the United States celebrates Natural Family Planning (NFP) awareness week.

To help understand the role that NFP can play in healing and elevating our culture, I want to ask this question: What should we do with our desires?

Culture has a clear answer to that question: Follow them — they're the root of our authentic self!

The Catholic answer, however, is more nuanced: Discern them — they're a mixed bag!

Some of our desires are rooted in human nature as God created it. So, for example, we desire to eat, sleep and make friends. We can't, and shouldn't, simply ignore our desires!

Some of our desires, however, are rooted in fallen human nature. So, for example, we overeat, abuse alcohol and commit adultery. All of those — and many more sinful actions — are also rooted in desire.

So we can't and shouldn't simply follow our desires!

Finally, some of our desires are rooted in God's grace. As part of the gift of a vocation, God gives us a deep desire for marriage, priesthood or the religious life. That deep desire is part of how He leads us to give up some good things in order to embrace the deeper good He wants for us.

And that's why we can't simply follow all of our desires. We need to discern them: Some will lead us to fulfillment, and some won't.

This is one of the great values of Natural Family Planning: It helps us to learn the discipline of discernment of our desires. Used properly and fully, NFP begins as a physical system of paying attention to a woman's fertility, which leads to a deeper psychological attentiveness to one's desires, which leads to a deeper spiritual posture of discernment. This union of the physical, psychological and spiritual is the life that God made us for!

Make no mistake about it: Jesus always wants to hear our desires! But that doesn't mean He'll always give us what we want.

Sometimes Jesus says "Yes" to our desires — as He did when Bartimaeus asked to be healed.

Sometimes Jesus says "No" to our desires — as He did when James and John asked to sit at His right and left hand in His glory.

Sometimes Jesus says "Not yet, I have a different timing in mind" — as He did with Abraham and Sarah or Zechariah and Elizabeth, who had to wait for a child.

And sometimes Jesus says "Yes, but not in the way you think" — as He did with Mary, who was allowed to be both Virgin and Mother.

Our desires are important — culture has that right! But our desires are not the beginning and end of our authentic self, or of genuine fulfillment. As Catholics we hold that they need to be brought under discipline and discernment.

We're blessed to have a remarkable community of NFP doctors, nurses and practitioners in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. What they have to teach us is a lesson that can bring great healing to culture. To learn more about NFP visit the archdiocesan office webpage at: [archstl.org/natural-family-planning](http://archstl.org/natural-family-planning)



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**FIRST FRIDAY TO CELEBRATE  
THE SODALITY OF THE  
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**Friday, August 5**

**11:30am - Noon Adoration & Benediction**

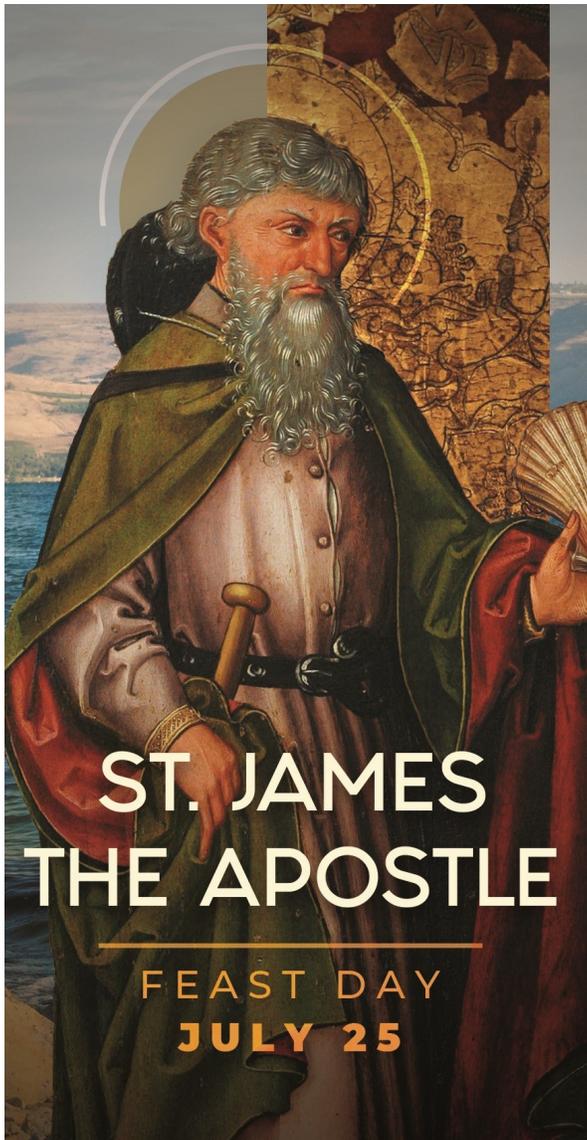
**12:10pm Celebration of the Mass**

*Join us every first Friday of each month to celebrate  
the Sacred Heart of Jesus*



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## SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint James the Apostle is also called James, son of Zebedee, or James the Greater to distinguish him from the other James in Jesus' group of twelve. Most of what we know about Saint James is recorded in the New Testament. He and his brother John were collected by Jesus along the sea of Galilee.

Saint James was part of Jesus' intimate circle, a witness to the Transfiguration, the resurrection of Jarius' daughter, and the agony in the garden of Gethsemane. In A.D. 44 Herod Agrippa had "James, the brother of John, killed by the sword." (Acts 12:2) He is the only apostle whose martyrdom is written of in the New Testament.

According to tradition, his body was taken to Santiago de Compostela, Spain where his relics were rediscovered in the 9<sup>th</sup> century. This tradition has sometimes been attributed to a passage in the Song of Roland which tells of St. James appearing to Charlemagne in a dream, prophesying that Charlemagne would conquer the Moors in Spain. This was followed by a vision of stars which if followed would lead to the saint's lost tomb.

In the Middle Ages Compostela was a hugely popular pilgrimage site. The saint's relics continue to rest in the cathedral. Today, the Camino de Santiago is one of the most highly-sought pilgrimages attracting nearly 350,000 participants from around the world each year.