



# 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

### TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 18, 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, September 18**

8:00 AM Chester Wilda

10:30 AM Gregory Paul Westrich  
(Live Streamed)

12:00 PM Matthew Driskill

5:00 PM Celebrant's Intention

**Monday, September 19**

7:00 AM Communion Service

12:10 PM Jean Novaki

**Tuesday, September 20**

7:00 AM Joan Koederitz

12:10 PM Celebrant's Intention

**Wednesday, September 21**

7:00 AM Celebrant's Intention

12:10 PM Silvio Flaim

**Thursday, September 22**

7:00 AM Deanna Daly

12:10 PM Celebrant's Intention

**Friday, September 23**

7:00 AM Michael P.

"Mike" Kelly Sr.

12:10 PM Celebrant's Intention

**Saturday, September 24**

7:00 AM Celebrant's Intention

5:30 PM Joellyn King

**Sunday, September 25**

8:00 AM Edward Schnieders

10:30 AM Parish Family  
(Live Streamed)

12:00 PM Lee Steczynski

5:00 PM Celebrant's Intention

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13  
Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 8:16-18  
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21  
Wednesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13  
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc/Lk 9:7-9  
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22  
Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45  
Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

Sunday: 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr  
Tuesday: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gön, Priest, and Paul Chông Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs  
Wednesday: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist  
Thursday: Weekday in Ordinary Time  
Friday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest  
Saturday: Weekday in Ordinary Time  
Next Sunday: 26<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  
continue to make it so.

Your weekly donations  
can be made by mail or in person,  
or online at:

[oldcathedralstl.org/give](http://oldcathedralstl.org/give)

## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

### Weekly Collection Thru 9/11/2022

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| Online Donations | \$ 808.00          |
| Collection       | \$ 3,263.00        |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>\$ 4,071.00</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

**Next Tour:  
October 2**

For group tours of  
10 or more email  
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Please call  
if you have any questions:  
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## FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Old Cathedral Parishioners  
and Visitors

Christ is with us in the Church, to pray with us in times of sorrow or joy, to teach us the way to love God, and to gather us to worship the God who wants *everyone to be saved*, as the Letter to Timothy says.

One lesson in how we are to love God comes from the prophet Amos. In the first reading, he condemns the leaders and the wealthy of Israel.

They are cheating the poor instead of treating them justly. They stage lavish pagan-style ceremonies with the money stolen from them. Driven by greed, they trample the needy and neglect their worship of God. They are serving mammon above God. The Lord sends Amos to announce the result of their hypocrisy: *Never will I forget a thing they have done!*

A second lesson comes from the parable Jesus tells in the Gospel about the dishonest steward. The steward is fired for squandering the master's property, but then commended for making deals to benefit himself. Here, Jesus isn't teaching us that it's OK to be dishonest. He is teaching us to be prudent in how we use all the wealth – or gifts – we have, as prudent as the dishonest are in amassing material wealth.

For disciples of Jesus, being prudent first means acknowledging that all gifts come from God and are to be used for the greater good, not just for our own gain. The U.S. Bishops echo the importance of being prudent and just in their 2016 pastoral letter *Everyday Christianity*: "All human beings have unique talents, gifts from God, that we are called to develop and share ... People who use their skills and expertise for the common good, the service of others, and the protection of creation, are good stewards of the gifts they have been given."

Being prudent also means intentionally choosing to live Gospel values in all areas of our lives. The bishops write, "Living our faith in the ordinary tasks of everyday life is an essential part of what it means to be holy today."

The final lesson Jesus teaches in this Gospel passage is about the importance of being trustworthy. *Everyday Christianity* explains its importance: "When we labor with honesty, serve those in need, work for justice and contribute to charity, we use our talents to show our love – and God's love – for our brothers and sisters."

It is a challenge to keep God first in our lives and to always act justly, prudently, and honestly. But we are not alone. Christ is with us through the Holy Spirit to inspire and encourage us. Christ is with us in the Eucharist, to strengthen our desire to become one with him and one like him.

Let us give thanks – every day – for these gifts of his presence, that our love for him and desire to serve him will increase. Let us ask him – every day – for help in living justly, prudently, and honestly.

Blessings on your week. Stay safe!

-Father Smith



## OLD CATHEDRAL SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

*Congratulations to  
Ashley & Scott  
on the celebration of their  
marriage at the  
Basilica of Saint Louis,  
King of France  
June 18, 2022*

## ARCHBISHOP'S COLUMN

*Seeking satisfaction in the things of the world  
will lead to disappointment*

*Scripture encourages us to find and judge  
things against another, deeper horizon*

**Archbishop  
Mitchell T. Rozanski**



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We read from some of the wisdom books this week — Proverbs and Ecclesiastes — and I think they contain some wisdom for All Things New.

For example, the author of Ecclesiastes says: “What profit has a man from all the labor which he toils at under the sun?” In an earthly perspective, the answer is: He doesn’t accumulate that much! So, on that level, maybe it’s not worth all the labor. But, from a deeper perspective, we might answer: if he finds the right work, then the joy of doing it — and serving the Lord through it — is profit enough.

And he says: “One generation passes and another comes, but the world forever stays.” In an earthly perspective, this seemingly endless cycle of birth and death can seem pretty futile. But, from a deeper perspective, we might answer: Those who find the way to heaven do not pass away. They remain forever with God.

And he says: “The sun rises and the sun goes down; then it presses to the place where it rises ... Nothing is new under the sun.” In an earthly perspective, it can seem like nothing ever changes. But, from a deeper perspective, we might answer: yes, but hearts get filled with the love of God, friendships are formed, people are faithful to God in big things and in small things, and all of that is ever fresh and new in the eyes of God.

Be careful here: It’s not that the author of Ecclesiastes is wrong! Far from it — this text is inspired Scripture! But you have to read these passages the right way. The author isn’t saying that everything is futile, nothing matters. Rather, the author is saying that if you seek satisfaction in the world, you’ll end up disappointed. That’s absolutely true! And the challenge it contains is equally important: then we have to seek a deeper horizon against which to judge things. And that’s why the Psalm that follows every reading from Proverbs and Ecclesiastes this week is some form of exhortation to find our refuge in the Lord — to find and judge things against another and deeper horizon.

There, I think, is some wisdom that can help us with All Things New.

As we enter into the parish listening sessions in October and November, we need to ask ourselves: Against what horizon are we judging our path forward? If “the stability of buildings and organizational structures” is our primary horizon, then all the change we’re contemplating can only seem like a failure and a threat. If that’s our horizon, we won’t have fruitful conversations!

But, if we take a lesson from the wisdom books, we can look for another and deeper perspective. I think our horizon needs to be the proclamation of the Gospel and the formation of disciples.

What will best serve the proclamation of the Gospel and the formation of disciples in every square mile of the Archdiocese of St. Louis? I propose we take that question as our horizon. I think we’ll have deeper and more fruitful conversations in the coming months if that’s the horizon against which all of our conversations about change take place.

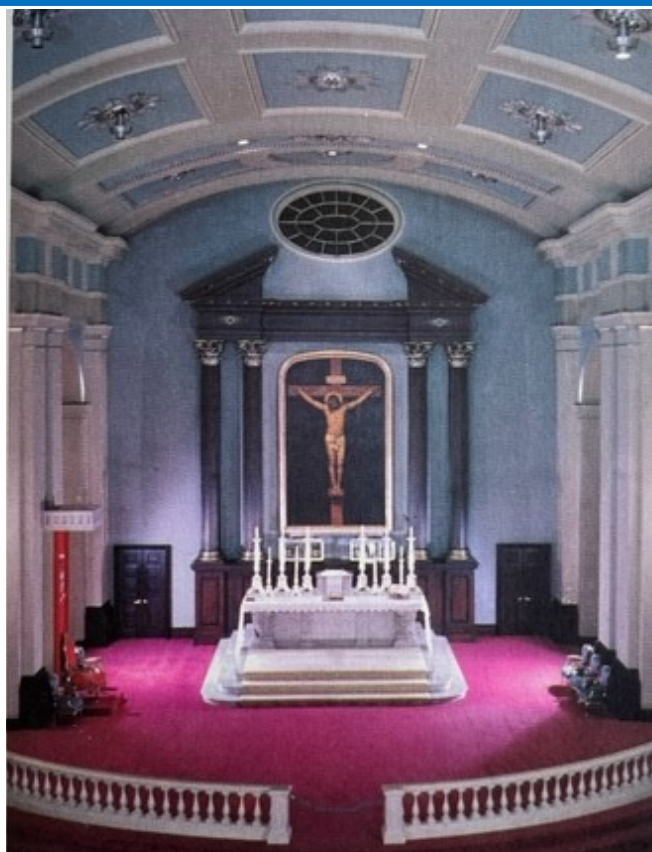


# OLD CATHEDRAL HISTORY

On September 20, 1963, Cardinal Joseph Ritter, the archbishop of St. Louis, announced that the Old Cathedral had been elevated to the status of Basilica of Saint Louis, King of France.

The news came over two years after Pope John XXIII decreed the designation on January 27, 1961.

Ritter held off the announcement, as the Old Cathedral was in the midst of a comprehensive restoration. The limestone exterior, roof and windows were repaired. The church received a new, smaller altar fashioned after the original. The oval window behind the altar, bricked up in 1850, was rediscovered. Walls were painted French blue. Carpet and air-conditioning were installed. The old three-story rectory was also demolished. The \$400,000 project, grew to \$600,000 by completion in 1963.



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## a new beginning

"Behold, I make all things new...I am the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give a gift from the spring of life-giving water." *Revelation 21:5 -6*

Stewardship Awareness Sunday  
**SEPTEMBER 25, 2022**

### PRAYER

Recognize the gifts given to you each new day, and thank God daily for even the smallest blessings to build a lifestyle of endless prayer.

### PARTICIPATION

You have a spiritual gift and it must be nurtured to fulfill Christ's mission, and becomes your joyful participation in the life of the Church.

### GENEROSITY

Our humility creates an opening for God to work in our lives. Giving with an open heart and mind shows that we are obedient to His will in our lives.



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## STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

*Featured Speaker: Ric Comana*  
President of the  
Old Cathedral Conference  
Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Ric Comana will be speaking at all Masses to share the history of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and how the Old Cathedral Conference serves thousands of homeless people of downtown St. Louis each year.

