



# 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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE  
NOVEMBER 20, 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, November 20**

**8:00 AM** Rick Dunn &  
Sharon Wilda

**10:30 AM** Gregory Paul Westrich  
(Live Streamed)

**12:00 PM** Parish Family

**5:00 PM** John & Mary Ann Ripper

**Monday, November 21**

**7:00 AM** Celebrant's Intention

**12:10 PM** John Simon

**Tuesday, November 22**

**7:00 AM** Alvin & Anna Mae Duker

**12:10 PM** John Joseph Duker &  
Emilie Duker

**Wednesday, November 23**

**7:00 AM** Celebrant's Intention

**12:10 PM** Gregory Balsamo

**Thursday, November 24**

**8:00 AM** Kristina Hinman Ripper

**Friday, November 25**

**7:00 AM** John Lawrence &  
Emilie Loire Duker

**Saturday, November 26**

**7:00 AM** Communion Service

**5:30 PM** Ricardo & Liliana Actis

**Sunday, November 27**

**8:00 AM** Edward Schnieders

**10:30 AM** Kathy Helfrich  
(Live Streamed)

**12:00 PM** Andrew Wood

**5:00 PM** Parish Family

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20, 2022

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

Monday: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20, 2022

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Monday: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday: St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr

Wednesday: St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot;  
Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr

Thursday: Thanksgiving Day; St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest,  
and Companions, Martyrs;

Friday: St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Next Sunday: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent



## Thanksgiving Holiday Mass Schedule

Thanksgiving Day Mass: 8:00AM Only

Friday, November 25: 7:00AM Only

*Masses November 26 & 27 are at regularly scheduled times*

## WEEKLY GIVING

The Old Cathedral  
has long been recognized  
as one of the most historic  
and beautiful churches of its time.

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more than 240 year history

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or online at:

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## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

### Weekly Collection Thru 11/13/2022

Online Donations	\$ 750.00
Collection	\$ 4,265.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,015.00</b>



## OLD CATHEDRAL FIRST SUNDAY TOURS

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

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## FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Old Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors:

As we near the end of another Church year, our readings seem to have a rather gloomy edge to them. Malachi uses the image of burning stubble to describe what would befall those who refuse to walk in the way of the Lord; Paul is somewhat on edge as he realizes that some of the Thessalonians are struggling and falling back into old habits. Even Jesus seems sorrowful as he speaks about the last days.

Luke was a great storyteller, and his Gospel was written for a mostly Gentile community of Christians who were suffering greatly under the persecution of the early Church. In addition, the loss of the temple in 70 A.D. struck at the very heart of their faith, especially for those of Jewish ethnicity. If the temple was gone, many asked, how could they be sure that God was still present among his people? Indeed, like many successive generations, they wondered where God was in the face of these struggles and persecution.

It's an emotion that even today rings true. At times, it seems that dark forces are pitting one section of society against another. Where is God in all of this? Sadly, conflict and division have always been part of the human condition. Even Jesus predicted the ongoing nature of human strife: *Nation will rise against nation*, he says, and there will be earthquakes, famines, plagues, persecution, and family quarrels.

Yet times of difficulty are also opportunities to witness to who we are in Christ. In the midst of life's turmoil, we who know the beauty of a relationship with Christ have the opportunity to stand up for our faith and proclaim that we live by the standard of Christ.

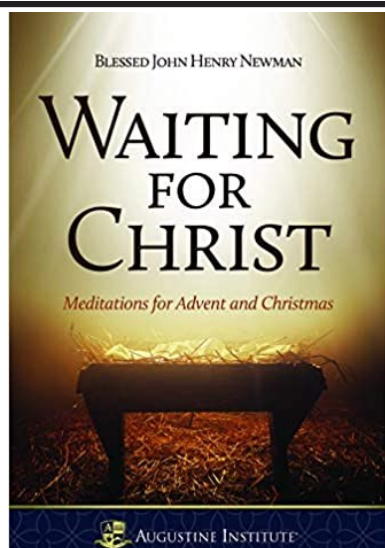
As Christians, we cannot allow the dark forces to have their way. The world needs the Gospel more than ever! It needs believers to witness to forgiveness and the pursuit of peace, the beauty of each and every life, the hope of new life in Christ.

Nor can we fall into the trap of thinking that we have no responsibility for others. On the contrary, we are reminded by the readings today to work hard for the benefit of the community, otherwise, we cannot expect to share in its bread. In our lives, we must let honesty, truthfulness, and fidelity mark our daily experience. Each day will have its troubles, but these can be overcome if we do as Christ did – show mercy, share our bread, seek peace, and welcome the stranger.

So yes, the Gospel is sobering, but no one passage of Scripture stands alone. Each passage must be read in the overall context of what Scripture seeks to share – the ultimate triumph of Christ. Our faith is in him, our identity is found in him, and our destiny has been secured by him.

Blessings on your week and Happy Thanksgiving!

-Father Smith



## OUR ADVENT & CHRISTMAS GIFT TO YOU Waiting For Christ

*By Blessed John Henry Newman*

**Available at the back of church on Sunday, November 27**

In this new and compact compilation of his sermons, you're invited to journey with Bl. John Henry Newman through Advent into Christmas and Epiphany, meditating on the coming of Christ and the Christian life. Newman's masterful knowledge of the lives of the saints, Catholic doctrine, and, above all, Sacred Scripture, will help you immerse yourself in these liturgical seasons of waiting, wondering, and joy.

## ARCHBISHOP'S COLUMN

### *Gratitude for spiritual thanksgiving*

*We quickly sense that something is missing in the rhythm of our personal life if we go without the Eucharist*

### **Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski**



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Thanksgiving is a great national holiday! Something would be missing in the rhythm of our national life — and we would soon sense it — if we didn't pause for this time of refreshment, gratitude and being together. The holiday helps us savor the deeper meaning of life.

Honestly, telling the world the good news about the Eucharist isn't much harder than the opening statement I just made! In fact, the parallel is just about as perfect as it gets.

Eucharist, after all, means "thanksgiving." Something is missing in the rhythm of our personal life if we go without it, and we soon sense that something is missing. When people don't find meaning in their relationship with God, they go searching for it elsewhere. The Eucharist plugs us into the deeper meaning of our lives.

Let's pause on this point for a moment:

People's search for meaning comes out sideways if it's not met head-on — that is, if it doesn't find its way to God as the true source of meaning. We'll be seeing a lot of that "coming out sideways" in the coming days — like elaborate Christmas displays and frenzied shopping that actually have nothing to do with the meaning of Christmas. (Have you seen the inflatable Christmas T-Rex?)

How do we respond to that search for meaning? Making fun of it is tempting. But it isn't a very effective strategy for evangelization. People are really looking for something.

Living at a deeper level is certainly essential. But our example alone is not enough. We also have to proclaim something deeper: we have to give an invitation, in words, just as we do with every other invitation. And it's not complex: "Hey, I've found that 'spiritual thanksgiving' is a really important part of my life. Maybe you could give it a try."

Speaking of which, here are two things I'm tremendously grateful for this year.

First, I'm grateful for all that's been built here in the Archdiocese of St. Louis over the last 200 years. Perhaps those who grow up here can take it for granted. But for anyone, like me, who comes from the outside, the history and the depth of what the Church has built here is amazing. Yes, we're in the midst of making some changes. But even as we make those changes, I'm aware of the riches we've inherited, and I'm grateful for it.

Second, I'm grateful to be with you, here, now, as we carry out the All Things New task together. It's not by accident, but in God's providence, that we find ourselves together at this time in history. Each of you, and all of this Church together, is God's gift to me at this time in my life and ministry. I feel deeply blessed, and I'm deeply grateful.

Happy Thanksgiving.





*On November 20, 1845  
the Society of St. Vincent de Paul  
was established in the United States  
at the Old Cathedral.*

Today, the Old Cathedral Conference  
serves thousands of homeless people  
of downtown St. Louis each year.  
Conference members host a prayer  
service and distribute food, clothing  
on the second, third, and fourth  
Monday each month at the  
Old Cathedral.



**ADVENT COLLECTION  
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New Hats, Socks & Gloves Donations**

*Help support the homeless people of  
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Old Cathedral Conference of the  
Society of St. Vincent de Paul*

Basket located west side of sanctuary near statue of St. Joseph

**SECOND COLLECTION  
OLD CATHEDRAL CONFERENCE OF  
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**December 4 & December 18**

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Email Ric Comana at [svdpoldcathedral@gmail.com](mailto:svdpoldcathedral@gmail.com)

*Advent*  
**LESSONS & CAROLS**

**Sunday, December 18 • 2pm**

**Basilica of Saint Louis, King of France  
(Old Cathedral)**

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski, Presiding

Choir of the Shrine of Saint Joseph

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