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

The Nativity of the Lord
December 25, 2022

Pastoral 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 the live streams at **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

Baptisms
Sundays, following the12:00 PM Mass
Please call 314-231-3250 to arrange

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 25
Christmas Day
8:00 AM Mary Trozzi
10:30 AM John William Cushing
(Live Streamed)
12:00 PM Parish Family

Monday, December 26
7:00 AM Florencio Cruz
12:10 PM John Simon

Tuesday, December 27
7:00 AM Alvin & Anna Mae Duker
12:10 PM Celebrant's Intention

Wednesday, December 28
7:00 AM William Smith
12:10 PM Celebrant's Intention

Thursday, December 29
7:00 AM Celebrant's Intention
12:10 PM Kristina Hinman Ripper

Friday, December 30
7:00 AM John Lawrence &
Emilie Loire Duker
12:10 PM Colette Axelson

Saturday, December 31
7:00 AM John & Mary Ann Ripper
5:30 PM Celebrant's Intention

Sunday, January 1
8:00 AM Parish Family
10:30 AM Len Dino (NS)
(Live Streamed)
12:00 PM William Smith

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 25, 2022

Sunday:	*Vigil*: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/ Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 *Night*: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/ Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 *Dawn:* Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/ Lk 2:15-20 *Day*: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3])/Heb 1:1-6/ Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Monday:	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 & 8ab, 16bc & 17/Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday:	1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wednesday	1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18
Thursday:	Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35
Friday:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/ Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Saturday:	1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18
Next Sunday:	Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 25, 2022

Sunday:	The Nativity of the Lord
Monday:	St. Stephen, First Martyr
Tuesday:	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Wednesday:	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Thursday:	St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
Friday:	Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Saturday:	St. Sylvester I, Pope
Next Sunday:	Mary, The Holy Mother of God

HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Day:
8:00 AM, 10:30 AM & NOON
5PM Mass Cancelled

New Year's Eve Masses: 7:00 AM & 5:30 PM

New Year's Day Masses: 8 AM, 10:30 AM & Noon
5PM Mass Cancelled

If you are interested in joining the

OLD CATHEDRAL CHOIR

Please contact our Organist/Director of Music,
Daniel Vizer at *ocorganist@aol.com*

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SCAN TO MAKE YOUR YEAR-END GIFT

FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Old Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors:

Merry Christmas! For most of us, this is a season of joy. A season of giving. A season of lights and color and sound. A season of blessings, of family, of rejoicing. A season of love. For some, it also includes a sad reminder of loved ones lost, or memories of better times.

This is the world into which Jesus came: One that is not perfect and is a mix of joy and sorrow, and where people experience wonderful moments and undergo great suffering. He came for all of this, and for all of us. Today is a feast in the Church – a solemnity. It reflects the immense gravity and importance of the Incarnation, including how it points to Jesus' entire life, death, and resurrection – the mysterious means by which he redeems us – and not just the unfettered joy of the birth of a Savior.

Many are concerned that the world has lost its focus when it comes to Christmas and that the idea that "Jesus is the reason for the season" has been moved to the sidelines or no longer has meaning. Many wonder if it has turned into a purely secular holiday where getting gifts signifies greed, and joy and hope have been replaced with stress and anxiety.

There is a certain amount of truth in these observations. It would be dishonest not to acknowledge the earthly materialism that creeps into the celebrations, and that at times tempts us. The greater truth, however, is that even if we don't acknowledge it, Jesus himself is always present. He is never "not there." It is in his name we celebrate, whether the world says so explicitly or not: Christmas! He's there in the spirit of the season, in the giving of gifts, in the lights, the decorations, and in the time spent with family.

The Letter to the Hebrews says, *In times past, God spoke in partial and various ways to our ancestors through the prophets; in these last days, he has spoken to us through the Son.* The truth is, while the divine person of the Son ascended from the earth, since the moment of the Incarnation the Lord has never left us. In his name, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, we encounter Christ in word and sacrament – and in each other – and not just during this season. He dwells among and within us, always and everywhere. And whether at this time of year we rejoice or have sorrow, or a mixture of both, *he sustains all things by his mighty word*. He is Lord, and he loves us.

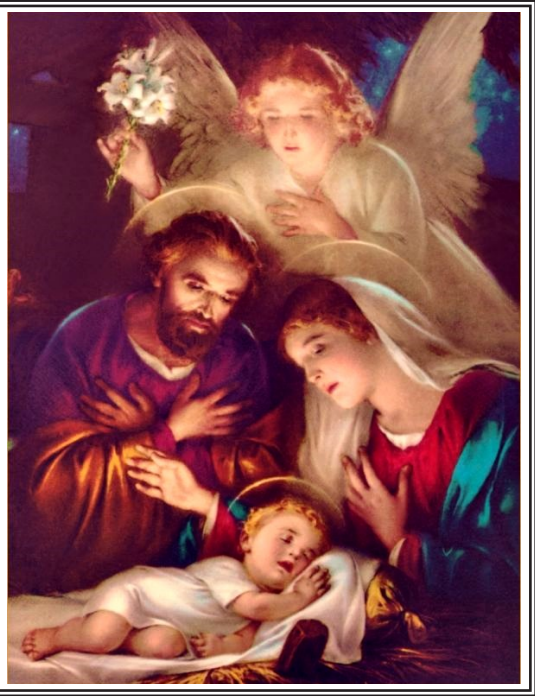
Jesus is the greatest gift we have ever received. God gave his only Son to walk among us and teach us the way to salvation. He is *the Word made flesh* – the promise fulfilled.

Best wishes for a blessed Christmas and Christmas Season. Stay safe.

-Father Smith

The priests and staff of the
Basilica of Saint Louis, King of France
extend our prayerful best wishes
for a blessed Christmas Season

May the newborn Savior fill you with
His love and peace



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to all the parishioners and visitors whose contributions helped to make our historic Cathedral so beautiful for the Christmas season

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