



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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 8, 2023

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 8

8:00 AM Celebrant's Intention

10:30 AM William Smith

(Live Streamed)

12:00 PM Marilyn Svejksky (NS)

5:00 PM Parish Family

Monday, January 9

7:00 AM Celebrant's Intention

12:10 PM Matt & Grace McKinney

Tuesday, January 10

7:00 AM Michael P.

"Mike" Kelly, Sr.

12:10 PM Celebrant's Intention

Wednesday, January 11

7:00 AM Celebrant's Intention

12:10 PM Louis F. Bonacorsi

Thursday, January 12

7:00 AM Mr. & Mrs. Raphael Sevilla

12:10 PM Celebrant's Intention

Friday, January 13

7:00 AM Celebrant's Intention

12:10 PM Michael Amantea

Saturday, January 14

7:00 AM Celebrant's Intention

5:30 PM Marilyn Svejksky (NS)

Sunday, January 15

8:00 AM Pol Hernandez

10:30 AM Raffaele Esposito

(Live Streamed)

12:00 PM Parish Family

5:00 PM Celebrant's Intention

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 8, 2023

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/
Mt 2:1-12

Monday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 (11b)/
Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and
2:5-12/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 8, 2023

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

Monday: The Baptism of the Lord

Tuesday: Weekday in Ordinary Time

Wednesday: Weekday in Ordinary Time

Thursday: Weekday in Ordinary Time

Friday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 oldcathedralstl.org/give

THANK YOU
FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Weekly Collection Thru 1/1/2023

Online Donations	\$ 4,295.00
Collection	\$ 3,595.00
Total	\$ 7,890.00

Weekly Collection Thru 12/25/2022

Online Donations	\$ 2,044.00
Collection	\$ 9,430.00
Total	\$ 11,474.00

Weekly Collection Thru 12/18/2022

Online Donations	\$ 496.00
Collection	\$ 4,919.00
Total	\$ 5,415.00



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: February 5

For group tours of 10 or more
email 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:

The familiar biblical Christmas stories that we hear during this holy season contain many unexpected events and characters. They hardly seem fit for a king. It all begins with a young virgin who cannot possibly be with child, yet she indeed conceives and bears the Son of God within her. This child is then born after a difficult journey by his parents to Bethlehem. The birth is subsequently announced – by angels – to the most ordinary of people, doing some of the most labor-intensive and dirty work around: shepherds. Finally, the only “important” people who recognize the newborn as a king are non-Jewish foreigners.

How is it that there are no priests or scribes present to greet the promised king? Surely, they must have been prepared for his arrival. Why isn’t he born in a castle surrounded by servants and other royalty? How can anyone believe that this is the birth of a king? If this child is truly the King of the Jews, his beginnings demonstrate that he is not going to be like any other king.

He is called the King of the Jews, but his importance seems to be much larger than simply the nation of Israel. This king is overlooked by the Jewish leaders but proclaimed by the simple shepherds and the Magi. The king is born to a simple virgin but called the Son of God. The king is born in a cave/barn, but the visitors bring lavish gifts. The king is praised by angels but hunted by Herod. This Jesus is going to turn the whole world upside down and it begins even as he is a newborn.

As we examine the characters in this chapter of Jesus’ life, it seems that all the wrong people are involved. None of these people would be considered important or worthy to the outside observer. It seems that this king has invited the poor and the outcast to his birthday. How can King Herod be so afraid of a weak baby born into poverty and obscurity?

Do we understand now the message for us? When we come into the presence of the Lord, we can also feel unworthy. It is good for us to remember that even from the beginning Jesus has welcomed the outcast and the overlooked. If we doubt that Jesus loves or invites us, it is encouraging to recall the humble shepherds and the “unclean” Magi who were the first to be summoned. This king is not judging by appearance or status. In Jesus we celebrate a king who is longing to save those who need his mercy. The gifts that he asks us to offer are our love and devotion to him. This king is such a joyful surprise!

Happy Epiphany!

-Father Smith

CELEBRATION OF LIFE MASS

In the 50th Anniversary Year of the Respect Life Apostolate

Join the Archdiocese of St. Louis community to thank God for ending abortion in Missouri, honor those lost to abortion, pray for those wounded by abortion in need of healing, and commit to build a Culture of Life and Love.

Saturday, January 14, 2023 • 10 am

Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski, Celebrant

Holy Mass • Rosary • Benediction

The Mass collection will benefit the Lifeline Coalition, which helps thousands of local women & families

ARCHBISHOP'S COLUMN

*Labor and delivery are painful,
but something beautiful is brought forth*

*As we move on to Ordinary Time, the lessons
of Christmas and the Baptism of the Lord
can guide us in All Things New*

**Archbishop
Mitchell T. Rozanski**



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

With the feasts of Epiphany (Jan. 8) and the Baptism of the Lord (Jan. 9), we find ourselves at the end of the Christmas Season and the start of Ordinary Time. The next major seasons are Lent and Easter, at the end of which I intend to unveil our All Things New plan for parishes.

It strikes me that pregnancy, labor and delivery – which lie at the heart of the Christmas Season – are an apt metaphor for what we're undertaking with All Things New. Pregnancy is a time of silent growth on the inside, accompanied by preparation and anticipation on the outside. We're going through that now. Labor and delivery are painful – and we're anticipating that pain now. But, finally, the pain brings forth something beautiful, and joy over new life soon overshadows the pain. This is my hope for All Things New!

First time mothers often take classes to prepare for the rigors of labor and delivery. I think we also have to prepare. If we're not prepared for it, the pain of re-organization can overwhelm us.

One clue for how to prepare comes from the feast that closes the Christmas Season – the Baptism of the Lord. When Jesus emerges from the water, the heavens are opened; the Holy Spirit descends upon Him in the form of a dove; and the Father's voice says: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." Jesus' baptism is a completely Trinitarian event!

Our lives, too – because we live in Jesus – are meant to be a Trinitarian event. That truth is, first, a grace given to us, but it's also a discipline we have to learn. We have to learn how to remain in Jesus, when we're constantly pulled into the world. We have to learn how to be sensitive to the movements of the Spirit, when external noise constantly draws our attention. We have to learn how to listen to the Father's voice and rest in His love, when we're constantly tempted to measure ourselves by achievement.

If we cultivate the discipline of paying attention to the Trinitarian dynamic of our lives, then our parish configurations become secondary. Not unimportant, mind you! But also no longer the primary thing.

We'll be reading from the Letter to the Hebrews for the next four weeks. One of its central themes is how the priesthood of Jesus is rooted in sacrifice. Our path to holiness is to follow Jesus. That means sacrifice will be asked of us, and that's not easy!

If we try to bear the pain of that sacrifice alone – and we all know that temptation! – it turns into a black hole of sadness, weariness, discouragement, and cynicism. If we're not careful, the coming months could be like that.

But there's another option, and the Letter to the Hebrews spells it out for us: "We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been similarly tested in every way ... So let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help." (Hebrews 4:15-16)

If we turn to Jesus in our sacrifice, then two things can happen. First, we can find joy in sacrifice. Second, Jesus can make our sacrifice fruitful. Sacrifice, borne in Jesus, becomes the opposite of a black hole: It gives off light and life.

My hope for the coming months is that we will bear our sacrifices in Jesus. I invite you to join me in that hope and discipline!



**Our parish's Society of St. Vincent de Paul conference
would like to thank the Old Cathedral parishioners and visitors
for your generous donations to the Advent Collection of winter items
for the homeless in downtown St. Louis.**

We collected over 300 pairs of socks, 100 hats, 100 pairs of gloves and other items!

*We also appreciate the generous donations given during our parish's
two Advent second collections.*

We are also thankful to the parishioners who have newly joined our conference.

*As benefactors to our SVDP conference, you have helped to increase our
parish's outreach to those in need.*

Contact Ric Comana at svdpoldcathedral@gmail.com for information about our parish's SVDP conference.



OLD CATHEDRAL CONCERT Millikin University Choir

**Friday, January 20 | 7:30pm
FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Under the leadership of
Dr. Benjamin Hawkinson,
the choir presents *Terra Beata*.
This Latin phrase meaning "beautiful Earth"
is the name of a famous hymn tune,
and is coupled with quotations from
American naturalist, John Muir.