



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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 29, 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 29

8:00 AM Edward Schnieders
10:30 AM Grant Basting (NS)
(Live Streamed)
12:00 PM Parish Family
5:00 PM Archie Kellems

Monday, January 30

7:00 AM Celebrant's Intention
12:10 PM Diane Felty

Tuesday, January 31

7:00 AM Colette Axelson
12:10 PM Celebrant's Intention

Wednesday, February 1

7:00 AM Mabel Whittaker
12:10 PM Celebrant's Intention

Thursday, February 2

7:00 AM Celebrant's Intention
12:10 PM Jim Ludwig

Friday, February 3

7:00 AM Celebrant's Intention
12:10 PM Codie Oberson

Saturday, February 4

7:00 AM Kevin M. Bender
5:30 PM Cassandra Wendler

Sunday, February 5

8:00 AM Kyndra House
10:30 AM Len Dino (NS)
(Live Streamed)
12:00 PM Parish Family
5:00 PM James Thomas

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 29, 2023

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (Matthew 5:3)/
1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a
Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 29, 2023

Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: Weekday In Ordinary Time
Tuesday: St. John Bosco, Priest
Wednesday: Weekday in Ordinary Time
Thursday: The Presentation of the Lord
Friday: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary
Sunday: 5th 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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Weekly Collection Thru 1/22/2023

Online Donations	\$ 720.00
Collection	\$ 3,132.00
Total	\$ 3,852.00



OLD CATHEDRAL FIRST SUNDAY TOURS

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

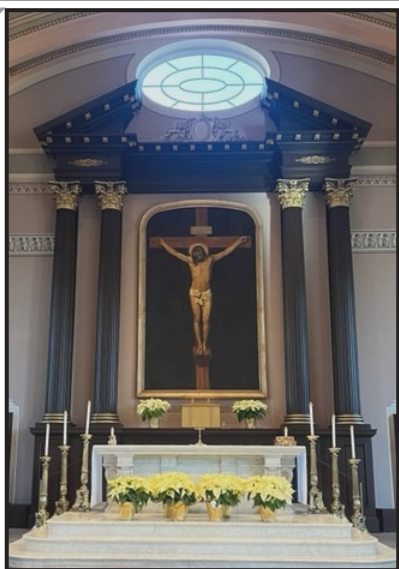
Tour: February 5

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:

Once we see something from a different point of view, we cannot un-see it. It changes our perspective, and we never see the same way again. Consider the astronauts who looked back at the earth from the moon; it amazed them how beautiful, yet how delicate, our planet truly is. Pictures of the “blue marble” hanging in outer space make us feel more united and moved to take better care of the earth and each other. Consider how people from a small town find it so much smaller after seeing a big city. Or how insignificant we feel when we look out at the vastness of the ocean or look down from the top of a mountain.

Several times, Jesus brought his disciples to mountaintops to see things differently. He took Peter, James, and John to the mountaintop and allowed them to see his transfiguration, after which he headed resolutely to Jerusalem, fully aware of the danger awaiting him.

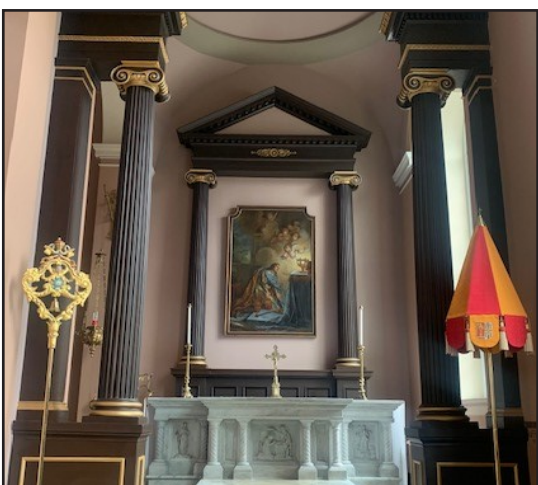
In today’s Gospel, Jesus leads his disciples to the mountaintop and teaches the beatitudes, an entirely different point of view on suffering and discipleship than the worldly perspective. Blessed are those who are poor, meek, and mournful. Blessed are those who are merciful, clean-hearted, and make peace. Blessed are those who are insulted and persecuted. Suffering will not be the end for them, because they will be comforted, they will see God, they will be rewarded in the kingdom of heaven.

After hearing Jesus’ words, the disciples are reassured that following Jesus is worth the cost – that good will have the last word. We, too, can adopt this beatitude point of view and see our suffering and hardship in a different way. Saint Paul tells us that *God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and the weak of the world to shame the strong*. We do not have to be the wisest person, or the strongest person; we do not have to be “something” in the eyes of the world for we are everything in the eyes of the Lord.

The love and grace we receive in the Eucharist is a foretaste of the fullness of joy in Christ we will one day know. Suffering is real and discipleship is not without risk, but through his word and sacrament, we are within sight of the kingdom. We know the beatitudes, and we see the blessings.

Blessings on your week. Stay safe!

-Father Smith



OLD CATHEDRAL HISTORY

**On January 27, 1961,
Pope John XXIII decreed
basilican status upon the
Old Cathedral. The official
name of the Cathedral became
the Basilica of
Saint Louis, King of France**



A basilica is granted certain privileges including the right to display an umbraculum, or “big umbrella” and tintinnabulum, or “little bells” —both are located in the nave of the Old Cathedral. The red and yellow stripes of the umbraculum are encrested with the coats of arms of John XXIII, Cardinal Ritter, Bishop Rosati (as builder of the church), and the official seal of the Basilica of Saint Louis, King of France. The tintinnabulum is carved of wood in an elaborate baroque style and ornamented with gold leaf. The official seal was prepared in Rome and designed to incorporate symbols of Saint. Louis, King of France and basilican churches.

ARCHBISHOP'S COLUMN

With faith, we can receive all that Jesus wants to offer us

Our engagement will bear positive fruit if the process of change is rooted in faith, not cynicism

**Archbishop
Mitchell T. Rozanski**



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The word “faith” comes up exactly seven times in the readings this week — as though we were meant to focus on it!

We hear about some of the great figures of ancient Israel — figures like Daniel — whose persecution was turned into triumph because of faith. We’re told that Jesus is “the leader and perfecter of our faith.” We’re urged to “Remember your leaders who spoke the word of God to you ... and imitate their faith.” We see Mary and Joseph on the feast of the Presentation (Feb. 2): Their simple act of obedience to the law — an act of faith on their part — turned into a blessing for others, an unexpected blessing for them and was an important step in the fulfillment of God’s plan.

We hear laudatory tales. The woman who suffered from hemorrhages for 12 years was healed because of her faith. The daughter of Jairus was raised from the dead after Jesus told him: “Do not be afraid; just have faith.” When we have faith, we can receive all that Jesus wants to offer us.

We also hear cautionary tales. In contrast to the possessed man who was healed and begged to remain with Jesus, the Gerasene people beg Jesus to leave their territory because they lack faith. Jesus returns to His hometown of Nazareth, and He “was not able to perform any mighty deed there” because of their lack of faith. When we lack faith, we end up rejecting what Jesus offers.

I mention all of that not only because it’s in the readings this week, but because I think it’s a good point for us to consider as the All Things New process moves forward.

I receive a lot of feedback about All Things New! Some of it is enthusiastic, and some of it is resigned; some of it is a critique of the process, and some of it is angry. But all of that feedback is easy to bear when it’s rooted in faith. There’s a depth to what people say when it’s rooted in faith, and that depth comes through, even when the words are initially hard to hear. I’m grateful for all the feedback that’s rooted in faith. I believe it will bear fruit in helping us receive what Jesus is offering us.

Some of the feedback, however, seems more rooted in cynicism than faith. “This whole process is a sham: You’ve already decided what to do!” Actually, I haven’t. I’ve spent a lot of time and energy, and I have a whole team spending a lot of time and energy, listening to feedback and reformulating proposals. “This whole project is shameful: You’re just trying to take our money.” Actually, I’m not. Monies will stay with parish communities, however they’re reconfigured.

My point, though, is not so much the response I can give to each point, as the fact that some feedback doesn’t seem to be rooted in faith. There’s shrillness rather than depth in that feedback. I will still listen to it! But I don’t think it bears good fruit.

When we pray the Rosary, we pray for an increase in the virtue of faith. I hope we’ll all continue to engage in the All Things New process with faith. I believe that if we do, then all of our support and all of our critique will help us to receive what Jesus is offering us in the present moment.



Join Us
**FIRST FRIDAY TO CELEBRATE
THE SODALITY OF THE MOST
SACRED HEART**

Friday, February 3

11:30am - Noon
Adoration & Benediction
12:10pm Mass

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



MEN'S WHITE HOUSE RETREAT
Thursday, March 9 (Begins at 5pm) thru
Sunday, March 12 (Concludes at 1:15pm)

This will be a silent, guided retreat based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. It's like a 3-day vacation with Christ on the beautiful White House campus overlooking the Mississippi River in South St. Louis County.

All meals and private lodging are provided.
There is no set fee to attend a retreat at White House. White House operates on a free will offering basis, asking those in attendance to simply give what they feel they can at the conclusion of the retreat.
More details including retreat itinerary are available at the "About Us" tab at whretreat.org.

If you have questions or wish to register, please contact Paul Fleischut at pfleischut@earthlink.net.



*We welcomed the
Missouri Life Caravan on
Thursday, January 19
for a prayer service
before they headed to
Washington D.C. for the
2023 March for Life*