



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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 5, 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, March 5

8:00 AM Parish Family

10:30 AM Len Dino (NS)

(Live Streamed)

12:00 PM William Smith

5:00 PM Celebrant's Intention

Monday, March 6

7:00 AM Wayne Fritts

12:10 PM Agnes H. Bonacorsi

Tuesday, March 7

7:00 AM Gallagher Family

12:10 PM Celebrant's Intention

Wednesday, March 8

7:00 AM Celebrant's Intention

12:10 PM Kyndra House

Thursday, March 9

7:00 AM Celebrant's Intention

12:10 PM Roslyn Diener

Friday, March 10

7:00 AM William Smith

12:10 PM Michael A. Cummins, Jr.

Saturday, March 11

7:00 AM Mike Neubauer

5:30 PM Russ Wood

Sunday, March 12

8:00 AM Earl Ingrum

10:30 AM William Smith

(Live Streamed)

12:00 PM Michael A. Cummins, Jr.

5:00 PM Parish Family

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 5, 2023

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (22)/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or
4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 5, 2023

Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Lent

Monday: Lenten Weekday

Tuesday: Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

Wednesday: St. John of God, Religious

Thursday: St. Frances of Rome, Religious

Friday: Lenten Weekday

Saturday: Lenten Weekday

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Lent



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OLD CATHEDRAL WEEKLY GIVING

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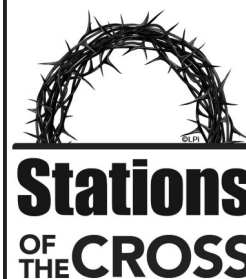
Your weekly donations
can be made by mail or in person,
or online at:

oldcathedralstl.org/give

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Weekly Collection Thru
2/26/2023

Online Donations	\$ 927.00
Collection	\$ 5,298.00
Total	\$ 6,225.00



Every
Friday
During
Lent
After the
12:10pm
Mass



OLD CATHEDRAL FIRST SUNDAY TOURS

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

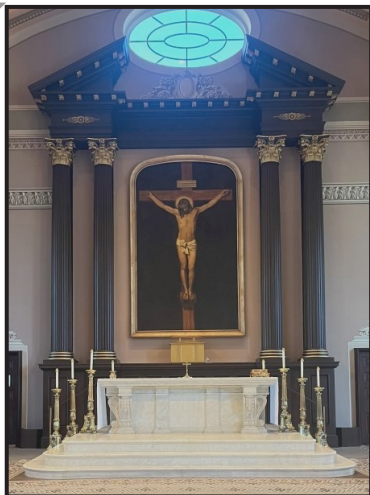
Tour: March 5

Next Tour: April 2

For group tours of 10 or more
please email

oldcathedral@att.net

Please call for questions:
314-231-3250



FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Old Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors:

As we continue our Lenten journey with its many disciplines, we all need a little encouragement and support. How often does our initial enthusiasm for resolutions run out of steam? For the first few days it knows no bounds. We are full of excitement, and then slowly it wanes, and we grind to a halt. This is all the more true when we realize that those resolutions demand change and self-denial.

Today's Gospel, then, is a good reminder of the true purpose of Lent. It is a reminder that, as disciples, we have ultimately one goal: to strengthen our relationship with Christ so we might come to share in his eternal glory. It's a Gospel that both encourages and keeps us focused: By recalling the Transfiguration, we glimpse that glory, the same glory that is offered to us if we are steadfast in our lives of faith.

And in our striving to be steadfast, aren't we all just a little bit like Peter at times? He is eager, loyal, headstrong, and opinionated. He is also wise, and at the same time prone to misunderstanding. The Transfiguration event demonstrates Peter's lack of understanding. For him, this glimpse of Christ's glory was an opportunity for celebration, just as the Jewish feast of Tabernacles celebrated the glorious presence of God as he traveled with his people through the desert. He wanted to pause all that was going on, and build booths for all to revel in what he'd seen. Yet what Peter thinks is good is the glory itself, which he is quite ready to embrace and celebrate, but he has not yet come to grasp the suffering that must precede it.

We can all sympathize with Peter because we also have to learn that true discipleship is not about comfort or security, but about embracing the mystery of Christ crucified and risen. Discipleship is about hearing, again and again, those words: *This is my beloved Son ... listen to him.*

Today, as we begin the second week of Lent, we learn again that the Transfiguration is only a preview of Christ's glory; another mountain has yet to be climbed. Jesus has to be transformed and clothed in the naked pain of Calvary before he puts on the eternal glory of his resurrection. It is a glimpse of hope, however, meant to fortify us on our journey to Calvary with Christ. May this hope be our guide and our sustenance.

Blessings on your Lenten Season! Stay safe!

-Father Smith

That Jesus, who was transfigured before His disciples to strengthen them for His coming passion, may shine within our souls to help us in the trials of our faith journey so to keep us steadfast in faith.

STEADFAST IN FAITH

Lent has begun. We invite you to slow down, and offer up a prayer with us. Especially now as we enter the discernment phase of All Things New, which will culminate on Pentecost, we recognize the importance of Unceasing Prayer. Learn more about the All Things New Prayer Challenge at: allthingnew.archstl.org/Prayer-Challenge

SHOULD I HAVE A LIVING WILL?

Learn about Advance Directives and Estate Planning from local Catholic attorney Marc Kramer at **The Conversation: A Catholic Perspective on Cycle-of-Life Issues**. Additional topics include Principles of Catholic Bioethics, Funeral & Cemetery Planning and Charitable Legacy Planning.

SATURDAY | MARCH 11, 2023

10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

St. Margaret of Scotland in South City

To register, visit
rcfstl.org/general/the-conversation-spring-2023
or call 314.918.2892



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*God plants seeds of blessing
within adversity*

*Biblical lessons drawn from
times of adversity
can guide us in All Things New*

Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The readings for the second week of Lent come from key moments of adversity in the history of Israel. They also contain some important lessons for the adversity we face in the history of the Archdiocese of St. Louis and the All Things New planning process.

We hear from the prophet Daniel. The action in the book of Daniel is set in the time of the Babylonian Exile (the 500s BC), though it was written during a much later crisis of persecution (167-164 BC). In the midst of adversity, Daniel focuses on the open confession of Israel's sins and the hope for God's mercy.

We hear from the prophets Isaiah and Micah. Both were writing at a time when Assyria had destroyed the northern portion of Israel, and when the Assyrians were threatening Jerusalem. Their focus, amidst adversity, is on the impending judgment of God followed by the hope of forgiveness and restoration.

We hear from the prophet Jeremiah, whose prophetic ministry occurred during the great national disaster of the Exile. Specifically, we hear that the people are plotting Jeremiah's death because he's telling them the hard truth about their unfaithfulness and its consequences. Interestingly, that same day, we hear Jesus' third prediction of the Passion in the Gospel of Matthew. In the midst of adversity, Jeremiah places his life in the Lord's hands, just as Jesus will in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Finally, we hear from the book of Genesis about how Joseph is sold into slavery by his brothers. But, in one of the great twists in the lectionary, after hearing that Joseph was sold for 20 pieces of silver, the Psalm has us proclaim: "Remember the marvels the Lord has done!"

I'd like to pause there on that twist. I think it contains a key lesson for us as we go into the next step of All Things New.

Psalm 105 focuses on how the Lord was at work: not in spite of the adversity of Joseph but right in the midst of it. Recalling the famine that would later strike the land of Israel, it says: "[The Lord] sent a man before them, Joseph, sold as a slave." If not for the adversity of Joseph, Israel would not have been saved from famine; because of the adversity of Joseph, Israel was saved.

Looking back at the rest of the prophets we read this week, we see a similar lesson: The Lord was present and working right in the midst of the adversity Israel experienced in its history. Their history, again and again, was uncomfortable. But, again and again, it followed this pattern: Times of adversity always contained the seeds of greater blessing. It's as though the whole history of Israel foreshadowed the cross, in which the greatest adversity became the greatest blessing.

There are two ways to handle adversity. One is with a bitterness that refuses to enter into it. This is understandable: adversity is hard! But it's also unfortunate. It misses the seeds of blessing that God plants within adversity.

The other way to handle adversity is with a conscious surrender. We go with God into the dying of adversity, because we're confident in the rising that follows.

Are we heeding the lessons of salvation history as we face our own adversity? I think that is worth pondering as we go through All Things New.



OLD CATHEDRAL EASTER REMEMBRANCES

The beautiful flowers and plants that adorn our Cathedral are a special part of the celebration of Easter at the Basilica of Saint Louis, King of France.

We invite all parishioners and visitors to share in the experience by donating toward the cost of the flowers decorating the Cathedral throughout the Easter season.

Your name and the name of the person(s) being honored will be featured in the bulletin on Easter Sunday and the week following Easter.

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2 Ways To Order Easter Remembrances

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