



# 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

### PENTECOST SUNDAY MAY 28, 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](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, May 28**

8:00 AM Edward Schnieders

10:30 AM William Smith

(Live Streamed)

12:00 PM Parish Family

5:00 PM Kathleen Ann Arns

**Monday, May 29**

7:00 AM Emilie & John Duker

12:10 PM **MASS CANCELLED**

**Tuesday, May 30**

7:00 AM Martha Snyder

12:10 PM Celebrant's Intention

**Wednesday, May 31**

7:00 AM Monsignor Jerome Billing

12:10 PM William Stroud

**Thursday, June 1**

7:00 AM Celebrant's Intention

12:10 PM Edward Snyder

**Friday, June 2**

7:00 AM Jim Ludwig

12:10 PM Michael Amantea

**Saturday, June 3**

7:00 AM Oscar Actis

5:30 PM Joseph Edward Sorensen

**Sunday, June 4**

8:00 AM Celebrant's Intention

10:30 AM Len Dino (NS)

(Live Streamed)

12:00 PM Parish Family

5:00 PM Celebrant's Intention

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 28, 2023

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/  
Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39  
Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/  
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56

Thursday: Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Mk 11:11-26

Saturday: Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mk 11:27-33

Next Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 (52b)/2 Cor 13:11-13/  
Jn 3:16-18

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 28, 2023

Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

Monday: Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church  
**Memorial Day — 12:10pm Mass Cancelled**

Tuesday: World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Wednesday: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday: St. Justin, Martyr

Friday: Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs

Saturday: St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

Next Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity



**THANKS TO THE ACA**  
*for the many ways in which it  
supports the works of the  
Old Cathedral*

## 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](http://oldcathedralstl.org/give)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

**Weekly Collection Thru**  
**5/21/2023**

Online Donations	\$ 559.00
Collection	\$ 3,990.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,549.00</b>



## 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: June 4**

For group tours of 10 or more  
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Please call for questions:  
314-231-3250



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## FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Old Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors:

*Peace be with you.* In this short passage of four verses Jesus says those four words *twice*. Not only are these words repeated, but the Gospel passage itself is also a “repeat.” We heard this particular Scripture on a Sunday just a few weeks ago. There must be an important message here.

The more we reflect on those words the more it becomes clear. “Peace be with you” isn’t just a nice greeting. It’s not a statement of fact. It’s not an observation of a current situation. It’s an invitation. It’s a choice. It’s *our choice*, our decision whether or not to receive it. It’s our decision to utilize it, to *live it*. And it always has been.

The Gospel reminds us that on Easter night, Jesus’ Apostles had been filled with fear. The room was locked for fear of the Jewish leaders who had conspired with the Romans to kill Jesus, and who the Apostles feared were after them next.

Yet despite the sadness and sorrow which was still looming in their heads and hearts from Good Friday, despite their present real, legitimate fears, they choose to be there.

Jesus enters into that locked room. He enters into that fear and then he offers them his peace, which is tied to his gift of the Holy Spirit.

Yet this doesn’t make them immune from their fears returning, even after the Holy Spirit comes upon them at Pentecost. It does give them the ability to face and live with their fears, and to overcome them when necessary. We heard in the first reading that the Apostles were transformed by this gift. And in the immediate aftermath, a newfound courage is unleashed. They speak in new languages and the Church begins to grow. But *after* that event, spreading the Gospel would become a choice they would have to make daily.

They would be confronted with difficult missions, hostile crowds, and angry leaders – and ultimately almost all of them would face death for being Apostles of Jesus. Yet they kept choosing *peace*, they kept choosing *the Holy Spirit*, and kept looking to him to provide the strength, to give them the words, to be their consoler in the moments of darkness when it seemed there was no one left in the world to support them.

We have received this same Holy Spirit; we already have this precious gift of God within us. It’s not a distant spiritual reality. It’s not some confusing theological concept in which we need extensive instruction. Jesus, who remains with us in his word, in his body and blood in the Eucharist, in the Church – continues to pour out his gift of the Holy Spirit upon us. He has promised that he will never leave us. He has promised that he will continue to do tremendous deeds through each and every one of us who make up the Church. But it’s still a matter of a choice, a decision on our part. We must want the Holy Spirit. We must want his peace.

Happy Pentecost Sunday! Stay safe!

-Father Smith



### Join Us FIRST FRIDAY TO CELEBRATE THE SODALITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART Friday, June 2

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

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



SODALITY OF THE  
*Most Sacred Heart*  
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## ARCHBISHOP'S COLUMN

*Being attentive to the creativity of the Holy Spirit in a deeper way*

*The Holy Spirit plays a big role in the process of speaking and listening that's at the heart of human relations*

**Archbishop  
Mitchell T. Rozanski**



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I spend a lot of time in meetings! So I know that something can happen in the process of a meeting, in the give-and-take of speaking and listening. When there's a genuine openness to each other, a deeper creativity opens up. People see possibilities that they didn't see before.

That kind of creativity seems to be rooted in the Holy Spirit. (It's why we sing "Veni Creator Spiritus" — Come, Creator Spirit.) We don't think often enough, or deeply enough, about the creative role of the Holy Spirit in guiding processes. We should!

I think we've needed and experienced the creativity of the Holy Spirit in the All Things New pastoral planning process. We could have focused only on outcomes; and we could have reached outcomes quickly, without engaging in a deliberate and community-wide process of listening. But we didn't. We tried to make room for the creativity of the Holy Spirit by engaging in a deliberate process that was open to change.

The process wasn't perfect; no human process is! But we spoke, listened and revised repeatedly over almost two years, and I believe that allowed us to be attentive to the creativity of the Holy Spirit in a deeper way.

That's important because I believe we're going to need that same openness to the Holy Spirit as we move forward! We're going to need to allow the Holy Spirit to work in the speaking, listening and revising of parish plans in the coming years.

That deliberate focus — on the role of the Holy Spirit in the process of speaking and listening that's at the heart of human relations — is a big part of the "synodality" that Pope Francis is focused on these days. We've been living that kind of synodality for the past two years! We're going to continue to need it in the coming years.

This week we celebrate the relatively new feast of Mary, Mother of the Church (May 29) as well as the feast of the Visitation (May 31).

It's interesting to think about the contrast between Eve and Mary in biblical terms. Eve became "the mother of all the living," but she brought her children into the realm of sin. Mary became the new mother of all the living at the foot of the Cross, and at Pentecost; she brought her children into the realm of Jesus' redemption.

It's also interesting to think about Eve and Mary in spiritual terms. St. Paul says we know the works of the flesh (envy, dissension, factions, outbursts of fury, etc.) and the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, patience, gentleness, etc.) from within our own experience (see Galatians 5). I think we could say that we also know what it means to be children of Eve and what it means to be children of Mary in our own experience. As children of Eve, we're prone to selfishness, grasping, suspicion and resentment. As children of Mary, we're invited to trust rather than suspicion, to forgiveness rather than resentment, to gentleness rather than harshness (even in disagreement) and to steadfastness and surrender rather than despair at the foot of our crosses.

As we move forward with our All Things New plans, I think it will be good to reflect on the ways in which we're behaving as children of Eve, and the ways in which we can "honor our Mother" by behaving more like children of Mary.





## OLD CATHEDRAL BAPTISM

*Congratulations to the newest  
member of our faith community,  
born of water and the Holy Spirit,  
**Josephine Grace,**  
daughter of Laura & Jonathan Miller*

### OLD CATHEDRAL FAITH TRADITION

*The Millers were married at the  
Old Cathedral and all of their children  
have been baptized here.*



## ALL THINGS NEW

STEADFAST IN FAITH • FORWARD IN HOPE

This weekend, each pastor will read a customized Letter to the Faithful from Archbishop Rozanski at all Masses. This letter will include information about parish structure and current parish priest assignments. Father Smith will read the customized letter for the Basilica of Saint Louis at all Masses.

The customized letter for the Basilica will be available on our homepage at [oldcathedralstl.org](http://oldcathedralstl.org). The letter will also be included in next weekend's bulletin.

A special "thank you" to all of our parishioners for completing surveys, providing feedback, attending listening sessions, and for anything else you contributed to the All Things New Pastoral Planning Initiative.

A special word of appreciation to those parishioners who served on our All Things New Parish Leadership Committee.

Let us pray that the fruit of this process will be a stronger, more unified Church in St. Louis that continues to bring the light and love of Jesus Christ to all people.