



Basilica of Saint Louis, King of France

THE OLD CATHEDRAL

FIRST CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER



FOUNDED IN 1770

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 7, 2024

PASTORIAL STAFF

Archbishop of St. Louis

The Most Reverend
Mitchell T. Rozanski

Rector

Father Nicholas W. Smith
Director, Office of Sacred Worship

In Residence

Father Peter Fonseca
Director, Continuing Formation
for Priests

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 7

8:00 AM Parish Family

10:30 AM John Driscoll
(Live Streamed)

12:00 PM Mariaraphaella
Nguyen-Truong

5:00 PM Celebrant's Intention

Monday, January 8

7:00 AM Maria Chuc Nguyen

12:10 PM Celebrant's Intention

Tuesday, January 9

7:00 AM Mariaraphaella

Nguyen-Truong

12:10 PM Celebrant's Intention

Wednesday, January 10

7:00 AM Maria Chuc Nguyen

12:10 PM Dr. Peter C. Weber

Thursday, January 11

7:00 AM Mariaraphaella

Nguyen-Truong

12:10 PM Louis F. Bonacorsi

Friday, January 12

7:00 AM Maria Chuc Nguyen

12:10 PM Debbie Tschiggfrie

Saturday, January 13

7:00 AM Mariaraphaella

Nguyen-Truong

5:30 PM Celebrant's Intention

Sunday, January 14

8:00 AM Celebrant's Intention

10:30 AM John Fitzgerald
(Live Streamed)

12:00 PM Judi Dobberstein

5:00 PM Celebrant's Intention

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 7, 2024

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 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a,
17-20/n 1:35-42

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 7, 2024

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: Weekday in Ordinary Time

Saturday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; BVM

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Weekly Collection Thru **12/31/2023**

Online Donations	\$ 3,319.00
Collection	\$ 6,106.00
Total	\$ 9,425.00



OLD CATHEDRAL FIRST SUNDAY TOURS

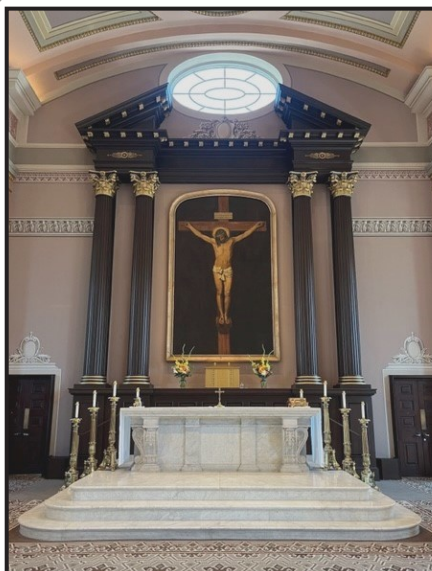
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following the noon Mass

Tour: January 7

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Dear Old Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors:

Today we celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord – the revelation of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, to the whole world. Isaiah had prophesied that nations would walk by God's light, gathering under his radiance. He spoke of caravans from Midian and Ephah and Sheba coming to praise God, bringing gold and frankincense.

We are the new Jerusalem of which Isaiah speaks – our light has come and the glory of the Lord shines upon us, manifested in the infant Jesus. There is great joy in these words: Our Redeemer has come. The long-awaited Messiah is revealed to us, bringing salvation and peace.

But there is also a challenge in Isaiah's words, and in the revelation of Jesus Christ. If *nations shall walk by your light*, as Isaiah says, that means we must be lit up. We must be strikingly different from the *darkness [that] covers the earth*. Our very lives should offer a contrast to the norms of our culture.

As members of the Church, we are called to bear light into the darkness of all the earth. To bring light to the widow across the street who is lonely. To bring light to our child's teacher who is bearing the weight of personal struggles on top of

the work of education. To bring light to our brother who is struggling in his marriage. Whatever the darkness around us, we are called to *rise up in splendor!*

But how can we answer such a call, when we might be struggling with darkness of our own?

The Lord tells us: *Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you*. Jesus Christ has come to earth to dwell with us. The Light of the World was born in Bethlehem and has united himself with our humanity: *Upon you the Lord shines, and over you appears his glory*.

We do not have to produce this light. We must *receive* Jesus, the Light of the World. Jesus has come to give all the love we need, all the wisdom called for, all the virtue necessary to be a light to others.

Jesus our Light is speaking to us in this liturgy, giving himself to us in this Eucharistic feast. We are, like the moon, simply called to reflect the light that is poured out on us so lavishly. Let us offer this King of Light our treasures today, and prepare our hearts to receive all the gifts he pours out on us in this Blessed Sacrament.

Happy Epiphany! Blessings on your week. Stay safe!

-Father Smith



Our parish's Society of St. Vincent de Paul conference would like to thank everyone for your generous donations of warm winter items for the homeless in downtown St. Louis.

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

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.

Working to show a better version of freedom

The efforts to enshrine abortion in the state's constitution are calling for a cheap form of freedom

Archbishop

Mitchell T. Rozanski



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

This week marks the first week of Ordinary Time in the Church's calendar. As we look ahead to the coming year — a year in which it seems we will be asked whether we want to make abortion part of the state constitution — how fitting it is that the readings begin by focusing on the conception of a child! (The conception of Samuel in 1 Samuel 1.)

In the spirit of St. Mark, whose Gospel we read this year, let's get right to the point: We're going to be asked whether we as a society want to protect the "right" to kill our children. And by raising the issue to the level of the state constitution we would be saying: "This is essential to our state — this is what makes us who we are."

In response to that prospect, I simply want to say two things.

First, this is going to be presented to us under the guise of defending freedom. But we need to ask: Freedom for what? Freedom for parents to kill their children, rather than help them grow. Freedom for the powerful to eliminate the vulnerable, rather than lift them up. Freedom to offer women a short-term solution and ask them to bear the long-term physical, psychological and spiritual consequences alone, rather than supporting women as the ones through whom all life flows into our communities. My friends, that's a cheap freedom. Is that the freedom the "Show Me State" wants to show to the world?

Second, if we enshrine that version of freedom into our constitution, we will not be able to object to anything — not in principle. Our calls that women, children and the vulnerable deserve better from society will all ring hollow. I say: Women and children and the vulnerable deserve a better version of freedom, and a better version of freedom is what Missouri wants to show the world. I ask you to consider joining me in saying that, too.

This week we also hear about the call of Samuel to serve the Lord. In the midst of Samuel's vocation story we hear this curious point: "At that time Samuel was not familiar with the Lord." It's curious because Samuel was living in the Temple, sleeping next to the Ark of the Covenant! But the point is this: While Samuel knew many things about the Lord, he did not know the living voice of God in his life.

I think we could all join Samuel in coming to a deeper knowledge of the living voice of God in our lives! In the Gospel this week we hear: "When Jesus returned to Capernaum ... it became known that He was at home." We sometimes miss the personalization and intimacy of that: Jesus had a home!

I want to encourage all of us to grow in the personalization and intimacy hidden in that passage. Read the Scriptures, especially the New Testament. Read a chapter a day. If possible, find a place where you can read it out loud!

When the words of the Bible find a place in our minds and on our lips, the Word of God increasingly finds a home in our hearts. He will come to be "at home" in us spiritually, as He was once at home in Capernaum physically. Then, as the manger held Christ at Christmas, we can carry Him in our hearts through the whole year.

God bless you this coming year.



**OLD CATHEDRAL
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**Friday, January 19
7:30pm**

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Thursday, March 7 (Begins at 6:30 pm) thru Sunday, March 10 (Concludes at 1pm)



This is a silent, guided retreat, filled with good rest, good food, and inspiring presentations to bring you closer to Christ.

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