



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 COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY) NOVEMBER 2, 2025

PASTORAL STAFF

Archbishop of St. Louis
The Most Reverend
Mitchell T. Rozanski

Rector
Father Nicholas W. Smith
Director, Office of Sacred Worship

In Residence
Father Joseph Jiang

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, November 2

8:00 AM Bonacorsi & Kinsock
Parents

10:30 AM Jim Ludwig
(Live Streamed)

12:00 PM Parish Family

5:00 PM Robert Stahl

Monday, November 3

7:00 AM Maria Thua Vu Nguyen

12:10 PM EOHSJ Legacy Society (NS)

Tuesday, November 4

7:00 AM Nicholas Blevins

12:10 PM Souls in Purgatory (NS)

Wednesday, November 5

7:00 AM EOHSJ Legacy Society (NS)

12:10 PM Augustino Nghi Tang

Thursday, November 6

7:00 AM Souls in Purgatory (NS)

12:10 PM Mary Lipsmire

Friday, November 7

7:00 AM EOHSJ Legacy Society (NS)

12:10 PM Jim Blum

Saturday, November 8

7:00 AM Mary Ann Stratmann

5:30 PM Sue Jackson

Sunday, November 9

8:00 AM Parish Family

10:30 AM Leonilda Marklein
(Live Streamed)

12:00 PM Deceased Members of
The Saale Family
5:00 PM Robert Slinger

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 2, 2025

Sunday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/
Jn 6:37-40
Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24
Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33
Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14/Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/
Jn 2:13-22

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 2, 2025

Sunday: The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
(All Souls' Day)
Monday: St. Martin de Porres, Religious
Tuesday: St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Wednesday: Weekday in Ordinary Time
Thursday: Weekday in Ordinary Time
Friday: Weekday in Ordinary Time
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica



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OLD CATHEDRAL WEEKLY GIVING

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240 year history as a vibrant
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Weekly Collection Thru 10/26/2025

Online Donations	\$ 547.00
Collection	\$ 5,271.00
Total	\$ 5,818.00



OLD CATHEDRAL FIRST SUNDAY TOURS

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

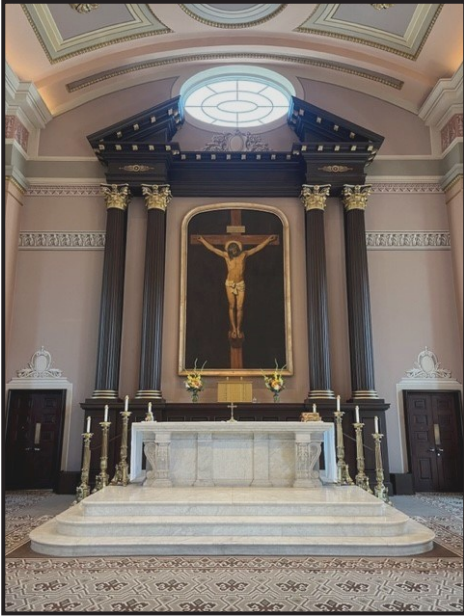
Tour: November 2
Next Tour: December 7

For group tours of 10 or more
email oldcathedral@att.net
Please call for questions:
314-231-3250

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FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Old Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors:

As we know, Jesus uses parables to teach his disciples or the crowds a lesson. Sometimes they sound a bit vague or the meaning isn't obvious to our modern ears. Not so today.

Even at the start, Luke says this parable was aimed at those *convinced of their own righteousness*. Jesus is about to tell them a story that would knock them down a few pegs to live a more authentic spiritual life. The figure of the Pharisee is almost akin to a caricature – he is praying in an extremely haughty way that might make all of us uneasy. Indeed, his prayer is not even to God: he *spoke this prayer to himself*. Meanwhile, the tax collector is almost nervous about his prayer to God. He does not lift his eyes to heaven when he prays; he asks for God's mercy because he is a sinner. Jesus concludes the story with his primary point. Those who sit on high will be humbled, and those who are humble will be lifted up before God.

In the first reading from Sirach, God's concern for the humble is also emphasized. The prayer of those who are most vulnerable – the lowly – is described as being prioritized. It does not stop until it reaches *the Most High*. They might be overlooked and downtrodden now, but God is listening to them. In the same way, the tax collector might have been overlooked by the world and afraid to even ask God for mercy, but God was waiting for him.

As we reflect on these readings, we might wonder who we are more like, the Pharisee or the tax collector. A Pharisee of today might be someone who has become rigid in their faith to the point where they have lost the meaning of it. They might be going through the motions, presuming there is nothing left to uncover or change in their heart. The tax collector of today might be someone who feels abandoned or unworthy to petition God. It might be someone who presumes they have already been judged and there is no room for mercy. Perhaps sometimes we feel more like one than the other. Jesus wants us to know that he is listening and has a deep concern for us.

As we continue our prayer, let us root ourselves in the Eucharist. This sacrament is a perfect model for us of self-emptying love and humility. Let us keep striving and working to follow this model, confident in God's unending mercy and love.

Blessings on your week. Stay safe!

-Father Smith



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

Friday, November 7

11:30am - Noon

Adoration & Benediction

12:10pm Mass

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

*Placing our body and soul into God's hands
reminds us of our inevitable death*

*Mary is an example for us to lean into
trust and receive what is ours from
the hands of God*

**Archbishop
Mitchell T. Rozanski**



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We are going to die.

In the month of November, we especially remember the dead in our prayers. But we need to remember that we, too, are going to die. How can “remembering our death” help us to live more deeply as disciples?

This week we read Romans 14, where St. Paul gives us a beautiful place to root our reflections: “None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s. For this is why Christ died and came to life, that He might be Lord of both the dead and the living.”

It’s powerful and consoling to see this point of continuity: Jesus lived, died and rose again, so that the hand that we hold in our living can be the same hand that holds us in our dying. If we train ourselves to focus on that hand, we can have more peace.

In Luke 16, Jesus asks with respect to wealth: “If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours?” A lot of things in the spiritual life fall into place if we really ponder that last line: “Who will give you what is yours?”

Think about it: in the Garden of Eden, the devil tempted Adam and Eve to reach out and take what God was already going to give them. God always wanted them to be like God. But that gift could only be received, not taken. By trying to seize it, they lost what could have been theirs.

Then, in the temptation in the desert, the devil tried the same trick: He offered Jesus all the kingdoms of the world. But those kingdoms already belonged to Jesus! He knew He didn’t have to reach out and seize them; He would receive them from the Father’s hand. By waiting on the Father’s timing, He received what was properly His.

We live in the tension of that fall and that victory. Sometimes we try to reach out and grasp what can only be received — and in the grasping, deprive ourselves of what is ours. Sometimes we lean into trust and receive what is ours from the hands of God.

Mary’s “dormition” is one of the great icons of this truth. At the end of her earthly life, Mary’s passing to the next life was as simple as falling asleep. One last time, she placed her whole self — body and soul — into the hands of the Father. But, of course, she could do that so graciously because she had lived her whole life that way as well.

That’s where Mary can be our model. Placing our whole self — body and soul — into the hands of God is the inescapable reality of death. But that inescapable reality at the end of our life is also a daily invitation throughout our life. God invites us to live into the distinction between grasping and receiving each day.

That’s what it can mean to “remember our death” in our daily living. What if we spent the month of November working on remembering our dying and letting ourselves fall into the hands of God each day?

Parishes Uniting for Neighbors in Need



OLD CATHEDRAL FOOD DRIVE NOVEMBER 8 & 9

Archbishop Rozanski has asked parishes throughout the archdiocese to come together to help our neighbors who are in danger of going without their “daily food.”

REQUESTED ITEMS

Canned chicken or tuna Peanut butter
Canned chili, soup & stew Pasta & pasta sauce
Macaroni & cheese Hamburger Helper
Rice Instant mashed potatoes
Canned fruit, vegetables & beans
Applesauce Cereal
Granola bars Oatmeal Cooking oil
Powdered milk or shelf-stable milk
Baby formula Baby food

Items will be donated to St. Anthony's Food Pantry

NOVEMBER MONTH OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

During the month of November, we dedicate our prayers to assist our faithful departed brothers and sisters who have died.

Our bonds, especially with our deceased relatives and friends, do not end with their death.

Parishioners and visitors to the Old Cathedral will have the opportunity to write the names of deceased family and friends in the *Book of the Dead*, which will be located on the east side of the sanctuary near the statue of the

Blessed Virgin Mary. Those names will be remembered at all Masses at the Old Cathedral celebrated in November.

