



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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
NOVEMBER 23, 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 23

8:00 AM Parish Family

10:30 AM Tim Croxton
(Live Streamed)

12:00 PM Patrick Byrne

5:00 PM Robert Boyles

Monday, November 24

7:00 AM Maria Thua Vu Nguyen

12:10 PM Joan Dailey

Tuesday, November 25

7:00 AM Pat Saale

12:10 PM Joan Dailey

Wednesday, November 26

7:00 AM Brittany Kidd &
The Wilda Family

12:10 PM Michael Amantea

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 27

8:00 AM Old Cathedral
Parish Family (NS)

Friday, November 28

7:00 AM Brenda & Jonathan
Soboleski

Saturday, November 29

7:00 AM Augustino Nghi Tang

5:30 PM Patrick & Victoria
Shaughnessy

Sunday, November 30

8:00 AM Edward Schnieders

10:30 AM Leopoldo Hernandez
(Live Streamed)

12:00 PM Eugene Tompkins

5:00 PM Parish Family

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 23, 2025

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/
Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74/Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 23, 2025

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Monday: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Tuesday: St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr

Wednesday: Weekday in Ordinary Time

Thursday: **Thanksgiving Day**

Friday: Weekday in Ordinary Time

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Next Sunday: 1st Sunday of Advent



THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Thanksgiving Day Mass: 8:00AM Only

Friday, November 28: 7:00AM Only

*Masses on November 29 & 30 are
at regularly scheduled times.*

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 vibrant
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 11/16/2025

Online Donations	\$ 479.00
Collection	\$ 3,864.00
Total	\$ 4,343.00



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: December 5

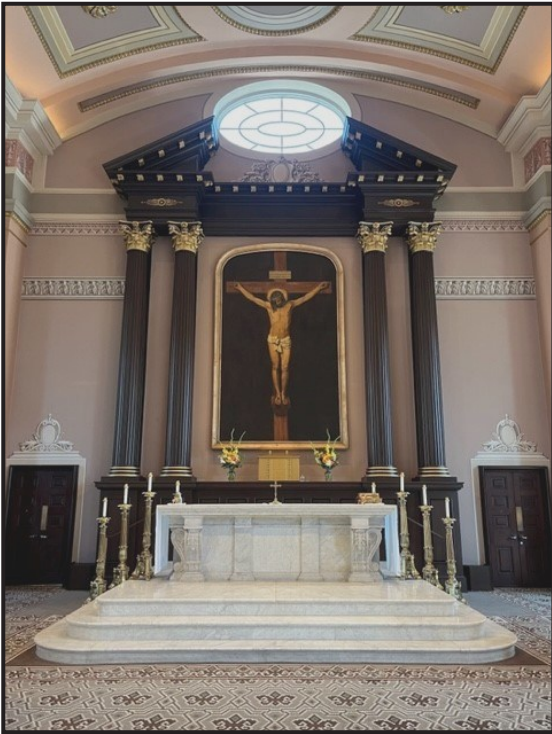
For group tours of 10 or more
email oldcathedral@att.net

Please call for questions:
314-231-3250

MUSEUM HOURS
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FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Old Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors:

Today the Gospel presents two responses to Jesus for our consideration. First, there are those who condemned and crucified him. Among them are the Sanhedrin (the assembly of Jewish leaders); there were also the Romans who conspired in the execution, the soldiers, and the jeering mob. They all had their reasons for rejecting Christ – but for them all, the result was the same: they hardened their hearts against him and cooperated in his death. Pontius Pilate placed an inscription above him which read, *Jesus the Nazorean, the King of the Jews* (Jn 19:19), but none of these conspirators were open to the fact that Jesus might, indeed, be a real king.

In contrast, the response of the so-called “good thief” to his encounter with Christ is a softening of heart. Hanging on his own cross, the good thief clearly understands his guilt and realizes that he is being justly punished for his crimes. His repentance humbles him and he is able to see who Jesus really is – a true king – and asks

Jesus to remember him when he comes into his kingdom.

If we seek to emulate the good thief, we, too, need to have a clear picture of who we are – a picture which is conscious of our weaknesses and our need for God’s mercy. This requires humility. We must not give in to the temptation to reject Jesus’ kingship and to make ourselves the judges of right and wrong. But we likewise need to have great confidence in the goodness of our king. Saint Paul reminds us in today’s second reading that everything in heaven and on earth is reconciled in Christ; he holds all things in unity, making it possible for us to *share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light*. This is who our king is – he loves us and desires us to share in the inheritance of his kingdom.

For this reason, we can rejoice and have the same boundless confidence of the good thief, even in the face of our own sins and weaknesses. If our response to Christ is receptive, humble, and repentant, then we will not hesitate to seek his mercy and forgiveness so that we, too, might come to share his glory in paradise.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving holiday. Stay safe!

-Father Smith



OLD CATHEDRAL

Christmas Eve

A FESTIVAL OF CAROLS

A prelude including Choral
and Congregational Carols.

Wednesday, December 24 at 4pm
prior to the 5pm Christmas Eve Vigil



OLD CATHEDRAL
CONFERENCE OF
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
Mass Speakers
Sunday, November 30
SECOND COLLECTION
to support our
Old Cathedral Conference
November 30
December 14



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

Begins Sunday, November 30

Hats, Socks, Gloves &

Thermal Warmwear Donations

*Help support our downtown St. Louis
neighbors in need who are faithfully served by
the Old Cathedral Conference of the
Society of St. Vincent de Paul.*

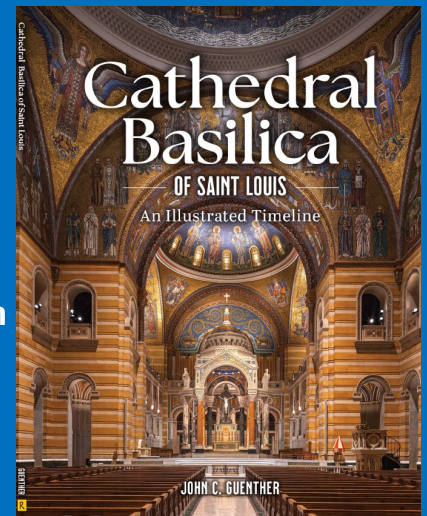
Basket located west side of sanctuary near statue of St. Joseph.

*Old Cathedral conference members serve
thousands of our downtown neighbors in need
each year on the second, third, and fourth
Monday each month.*

VOLUNTEER

Email Ric Comana at svdpoldcathedral@gmail.com

**Author Talk &
Book Signing
Sunday,
December 7**
Following the
**10:30am & Noon
Masses
Old Cathedral
Museum**



John C. Guenther, FAIA, LEED AP, Author
Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis:
An Illustrated Timeline

Architect and historian, John Guenther, will discuss his latest book detailing 352 years of history behind the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis, tracing the city's founding, the growth of Catholicism, and the development of four major churches—from the Old Cathedral (1834) to today's Cathedral Basilica (1914–present).



OLD CATHEDRAL CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

The beautiful poinsettias that adorn our Cathedral are a special part of the Christmas celebration at the Basilica of Saint Louis, King.

We invite all parishioners and visitors to share in the experience by donating one or more of the poinsettias decorating the Cathedral as a memorial or in honor of someone special.

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

Wording as you wish it to appear in the Christmas bulletin:

Given by _____

Your Email Address _____ Phone (____) _____

You can order a poinsettia as a memorial or in honor of someone special.

Name of person/family in whose memory, or in whose honor, you wish the poinsettia to be dedicated.

In memory of _____ OR In honor of (those still living) _____

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In memory of _____ OR In honor of (those still living) _____

TOTAL Number of Poinsettias _____ X \$10 Each = TOTAL Payment of \$ _____

ORDER DEADLINE: MONDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2025

Please make checks payable to the Basilica of Saint Louis, King

2 Ways To Order Poinsettias

Completed forms and checks may be placed in an envelope and dropped into the offertory baskets,

OR sent to: Basilica of Saint Louis, King

c/o Poinsettias, 209 Walnut Street, St. Louis, MO 63102