



# 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 ADVENT DECEMBER 7, 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](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, December 7**

8:00 AM Veronica Gioia El-Hashem

10:30 AM Leonilda Marklein  
(Live Streamed)

12:00 PM Parish Family

5:00 PM Mary Ann Stone (NS)

**Monday, December 8**

7:00 AM Parish Family

12:10 PM William Francis Winters

**Tuesday, December 9**

7:00 AM Steve Saale

12:10 PM Souls in Purgatory (NS)

**Wednesday, December 10**

7:00 AM Ted Meyer

12:10 PM Tina Grace C. Flores

**Thursday, December 11**

7:00 AM Maria Thua Vu Nguyen

12:10 PM Edward Byrne

**Friday, December 12**

7:00 AM Augustino Nghi Tang

12:10 PM Jim Blum

**Saturday, December 13**

7:00 AM Father Harold Voelker (NS)

5:30 PM The Cribbin Family

**Sunday, December 14**

8:00 AM Louis F. Bonacorsi

10:30 AM Leona Curtis  
(Live Streamed)

12:00 PM The Croxton Family

5:00 PM Parish Family

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 7, 2025

Sunday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12  
Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38  
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14  
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30  
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15  
Friday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/  
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47  
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
Next Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/  
Mt 11:2-11

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 7, 2025

Sunday: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
Monday: **Holy Day of Obligation—The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
Tuesday: St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin  
Wednesday: Our Lady of Loreto  
Thursday: St. Damasus I, Pope  
Friday: Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Saturday: St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr  
Next Sunday: 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent



## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve: 5:00 PM & 10:00 PM

4:00 PM: *A Festival of Carols*

Christmas Day: 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM & NOON

## OLD CATHEDRAL

*Annual Mass*

*In Memory of Our Children*

**Sunday, December 14 at 2pm**

**Celebrant Father Mitch Doyen**

This Mass is an annual tradition that provides families who have lost a child with a way to include them in their Christmas celebrations.

All are welcome. For more information, contact Cindy Swain at 314-313-1701.

## OLD CATHEDRAL

WEEKLY GIVING

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

### ***Weekly Collection Thru 11/23/2025***

<b>Online Donations</b>	<b>\$ 729.00</b>
<b>Collection</b>	<b>\$ 5,030.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,759.00</b>

### ***Weekly Collection Thru 11/30/2025***

<b>Online Donations</b>	<b>\$ 822.00</b>
<b>Collection</b>	<b>\$ 4,375.00</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,197.00</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: December 7**

*Next Tour: January 5*

For group tours of 10 or more email [oldcathedral@att.net](mailto:oldcathedral@att.net)

Please call for questions:  
314-231-3250

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## FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Old Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors:

There is great hope in today's readings, in addition to great challenge. This reflects a fundamental tension in all our Advent preparations. While we look forward to the joy of welcoming the Christ Child, we are also called to prepare a place for him.

Our first reading encourages us in the reminder that *a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom*. What beauty there is in these images! What hope can be built in the assurance that even from the remnants of a grand tree, even from a stump, new life blooms. No matter what has torn us down or stunted our growth, blossoms can still bud in our lives.

This hope is essential as we hear in today's Gospel: *Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance*.

But how? If some among us feel barren or exhausted, let us remember that the God who promises that *the cow and the bear shall be neighbors* also promises to enter into our broken relationships, if we allow him. The God who promises that *the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb* seeks to bring peace to the brokenness in our lives. *He shall judge the poor with justice* and will bring a *spirit of wisdom and of understanding* to all our concerns.

What does God ask of us to do this mighty work in our lives? *Prepare the way of the Lord. Repent*. We are called to turn away from the idols of power, money, comfort, self-reliance, distraction, or anything else that we might place where only God should stand. We are invited to allow the purifying fire of God's love to clear space for the new growth he desires for us this holy season.

To bear good fruit, we must repent and make room for God to work in and through us this Advent. What might this look like in the coming weeks? We must prepare the way of the Lord with silence, prayer, Scripture study, and space for worship. Who can help us, encourage us, and hold us accountable in this work?

Our presence here today is a good beginning. In these sacred moments, we ask for God's healing, we listen for God's voice, and we raise our hearts to him in worship. May he, in this Mass and throughout this season of Advent, bring us to new life and new growth. May he nourish us and may we be given the grace to receive all his good gifts.

Blessings on your Advent. Stay safe!

-Father Smith

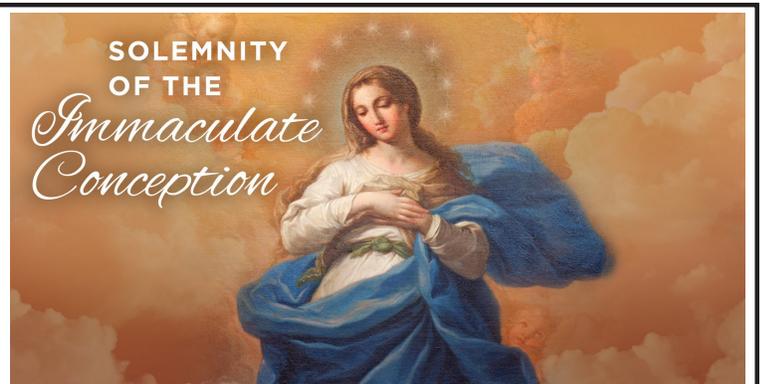
## HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

*Monday, December 8*

**Masses**

**7am & 12:10pm**

**Confession 11:30am**





OLD CATHEDRAL

# Christmas Eve

A FESTIVAL OF CAROLS

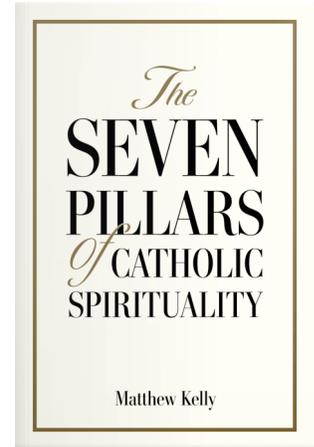
A prelude including Choral and Congregational Carols.

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

## OUR CHRISTMAS GIFT TO YOU

*The Seven Pillars  
of Catholic  
Spirituality*

By  
Matthew Kelly



Available at the back of church on  
December 13 & 14

**An Enduring Source of Growth and Comfort**

In *The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality*,  
Matthew Kelly demonstrates the timeless genius  
of Catholicism by illustrating the practical and  
spiritual ways seven ancient spiritual habits  
continue to enrich our daily lives today.

Save The Date

Sunday,  
December 28

10:30 AM

Mass

Old Cathedral

*Join us as we  
celebrate the  
closing of the  
Jubilee Year  
of Hope*



This Jubilee Year for the archdiocese began last  
December at the New Cathedral, and will conclude  
for the Archdiocese of St. Louis on the Feast of the  
Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,  
with Father Carl Scheble, Vicar General and  
Moderator of the Curia, as presider and  
Father Nick Smith as homilist.



Come celebrate the closing of this special  
year of hope as we give thanks for God's  
blessings and look forward in faith!



SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION  
New 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

SECOND COLLECTION

To support our Old Cathedral  
SVdP Conference

December 14

VOLUNTEER

Email Ric Comana at  
[svdpoldcathedral@gmail.com](mailto:svdpoldcathedral@gmail.com)



# 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 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**LAST DAY TO ORDER: 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