



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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD JANUARY 4, 2026

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, January 4

8:00 AM Parish Family
10:30 AM Leonilda Marklein
(Live Streamed)
12:00 PM Harry L. Bell
5:00 PM Mary Ann Stone (NS)

Monday, January 5

7:00 AM Ted Meyer
12:10 PM John & Mary Ann Ripper
& Family

Tuesday, January 6

7:00 AM Susan Walton
12:10 PM Rosemary Schwartz

Wednesday, January 7

7:00 AM Lisa Hopkins & Family
12:10 PM Philomena Wiersma

Thursday, January 8

7:00 AM Ted Meyer
12:10 PM Emilie Duker,
Godchildren & Family

Friday, January 9

7:00 AM Ted Meyer
12:10 PM Rachel Klein

Saturday, January 10

7:00 AM Mary Ann & John Simon
& Family
5:30 PM Lucas Menz

Sunday, January 11

8:00 AM Louis F. Bonacorsi
10:30 AM Tom Wilson & Family
(Live Streamed)
12:00 PM Mary Ann Stone (NS)
5:00 PM Parish Family

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 4, 2026

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 4, 2026

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord
Monday: St. John Neumann, Bishop
Tuesday: St. André Bessette, Religious
Wednesday: St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
Thursday: Weekday in Ordinary Time
Friday: Weekday in Ordinary Time
Saturday: Weekday in Ordinary Time
Next Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord



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**Christmas Eve,
Christmas Day &
December 28
Weekly Collection
Not Available
At Time Of Print**



OLD CATHEDRAL FIRST SUNDAY TOURS

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

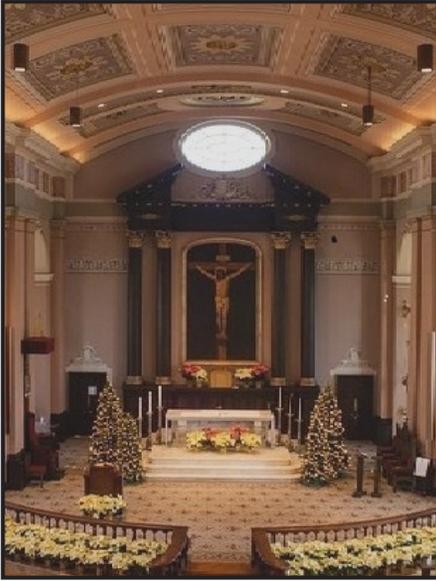
Tour: January 4
Next Tour: February 1

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:

Today's first reading speaks about a *darkness that covers the earth, and thick clouds that cover the peoples*. The prophet Isaiah is speaking to God's people who had been overrun by their enemies, with survivors taken away into captivity and exile in Babylon. Certainly, they were feeling the weight and hopelessness of their collective situation. In our own time, we, too, can see circumstances in our community and our world that leave us feeling hopeless, as though a dark cloud were over us.

And yet, into these moments of darkness the prophet Isaiah speaks a word of hope. The glory of the Lord will once again shine on Jerusalem. This city that had been razed to the ground and plundered of all its riches will be rebuilt and made even more glorious than it was before. Isaiah describes the coming glory of Jerusalem, saying that this once devastated city will receive tribute from the ends of the earth and will be filled with the *wealth of nations*. Our God, who made all things from nothing, can restore all things, making them even better than they were before.

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. The word *epiphany* comes from a Greek word meaning "manifestation." Today's feast reminds us that in the birth of Christ, we have a manifestation that God's divine restoration plan is under way. Why do we have kings from distant lands coming to offer precious gifts to the Christ child in the manger? This is what Isaiah told us would accompany the time of Jerusalem's restoration: *The riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you . . . all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense*. In other words, the Gospel is telling us that the time of our restoration has come.

Of course, we know that God's ultimate plan was not to rebuild a city. Rather, what God is doing is *rebuilding his people* from the inside out. By taking on our humanity in the Incarnation, Jesus draws us to share in his divinity. What we lost in the fall – grace, our likeness to God – is infinitely restored in Christ's coming among us. After the Incarnation, we don't just walk in relationship with God, we are taken up into the very life of God. Emmanuel, our God, comes to dwell with us and within us.

Today, let us give thanks to God for the hope we have – even in the midst of whatever current darkness we face because the time of God's restoration has come through the birth of Christ. As we wait for its ultimate realization in the fullness of his kingdom, we are fed by Christ and drawn more deeply into his divine life, rebuilding us into a people that will shine with his glory.

Happy Epiphany! Blessings on your week. Stay safe!

-Father Smith

SAVE-THE-DATE



**CATHOLIC MEN
FOR CHRIST
CONFERENCE**

February 7, 2026
9:00am-3:00pm
SI Commons at SLUH
4970 Oakland Ave



**OLD
CATHEDRAL
SACRAMENT OF
MARRIAGE**
Congratulations to
Mary Kate & Thomas
on the celebration of
their marriage.



*The Old Cathedral's
Saint Vincent de Paul
conference would like to thank
everyone for their generous
donations during Advent
to help support
our downtown St. Louis
neighbors in need.*



THANK YOU

*for the hundreds of socks, hats
and gloves and other items.*

*We also appreciate the generous monetary
donations given during the Advent
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*As benefactors to the Old Cathedral's
St. Vincent de Paul Conference, you have
helped support our parish's outreach to our
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Celebrate 200 Years of Faith with the Archdiocese of St. Louis!



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In 2026, we joyfully commemorate the 200th anniversary of the founding of our diocese in 1826. This once-in-a-generation Bicentennial Jubilee invites us to rejoice in the light of Christ and renew our shared mission as Catholics in eastern Missouri.

Throughout the year, the faithful are invited to take part in prayer, storytelling, acts of service, and special archdiocesan initiatives rooted in the spiritual legacy of our three patron saints:

St. Louis, King of France

faithful leadership and justice

St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

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St. Vincent de Paul

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**Please Share
Your Jubilee
Moments!**

As you celebrate, we'd love to see and share those moments! Tag your photos and stories with **#ArchSTL200** and let's illuminate the joy of our Catholic faith across the Archdiocese.



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