



Basilica of Saint Louis, King of France

THE OLD CATHEDRAL

FIRST CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER



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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD JANUARY 11, 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
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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 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

Monday, January 12

7:00 AM Ted Meyer
12:10 PM Darry Castor

Tuesday, January 13

7:00 AM Ted Meyer
12:10 PM Calvin & Mae Simmons

Wednesday, January 14

7:00 AM Ron Sciarra
12:10 PM Anthony & Anna Simon
 & Family

Thursday, January 15

7:00 AM Ted Meyer
12:10 PM PJ & David Duker
 & Family

Friday, January 16

7:00 AM Ted Meyer
12:10 PM James Byrne

Saturday, January 17

7:00 AM Joe Gallagher
5:30 PM Jim Tucker

Sunday, January 18

8:00 AM Parish Family
10:30 AM Jason McMenamy
 (Live Streamed)
12:00 PM Ron & Sue Kippenberger
5:00 PM Tony & Lee Wilson
 & Family

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 11, 2026

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17
 Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20
 Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sam 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: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 11, 2026

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
 Monday: Weekday in Ordinary Time
 Tuesday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Wednesday: Weekday in Ordinary Time
 Thursday: Weekday in Ordinary Time
 Friday: Weekday in Ordinary Time
 Saturday: St. Anthony, Abbot
 Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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OLD CATHEDRAL WEEKLY GIVING

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 by mail or in person, or online at:

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Christmas Eve & Christmas Day

Online Donations	\$ 155.00
Collection	\$ 8,956.00
Total	\$ 9,111.00

Weekly Collection Thru 12/28/2025

Online Donations	\$ 505.00
Collection	\$ 7,233.00
Total	\$ 7,738.00

Weekly Collection Thru 11/4/2026

Online Donations	\$ 1,041.00
Collection	\$ 5,637.00
Total	\$ 6,678.00



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: February 1

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 email oldcathedral@att.net
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FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Old Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors:

After John initially objects to Jesus' request for baptism, Jesus says to John, *Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.* Jesus' words lead us to ponder what exactly is being fulfilled in Christ whom we meet in the Scriptures and in our Mass today.

Our first reading says that Christ was called for *the victory of justice, to be a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.* These are promises not only for those who came before us in salvation history, but for each of the baptized.

Our Gospel invites us to consider how the Lord brings these promises to fulfillment in our lives. Where we fail to see as God sees, God comes to give us new vision. By the gift of his Spirit, he brings new insight and hope. When we are prisoners, stuck in sin and ways of living that hold us back from the fullness of life God desires for us, Christ gives us his mercy and the grace to walk

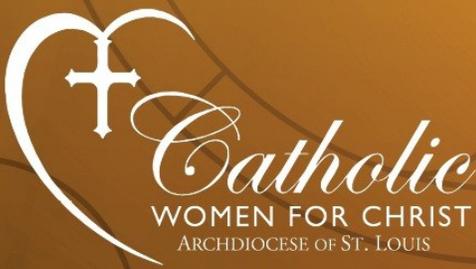
again in freedom. When we find ourselves in darkness, God comes with his Spirit to bring comfort and light.

Jesus brought his healing to us through his baptism. We might wonder why Jesus was baptized, since it was a symbol of repentance and he was without sin. But our tradition tells us that as Jesus enters the river Jordan and the Spirit is poured out upon him, water itself is forever changed. Jesus, through his baptism, makes water capable of being the instrument of our baptism. What is more, Jesus unites himself to all who would ever be plunged in the waters of baptism. And so, in the waters of our baptism, Jesus' presence and power are made available to and poured out upon each of us.

Having received the gift of Jesus' life within us in baptism, we, too, are empowered. We have been given all we need to participate in Christ's work to bring light, life, and freedom to all whom we meet. As we approach this sacred table, let us bring all our needs to his loving power. In the Eucharist, Jesus, fulfills these promises to us. May our hearts be opened to receive his grace and blessing poured out on us today.

Happy Baptism of the Lord! Have a good week. Stay safe!

-Father Smith



March 21, 2026
9:00am - 3:00pm
SI Commons at SLUH
4970 Oakland Ave

SAVE-THE-DATE

**CATHOLIC WOMEN
FOR CHRIST
CONFERENCE**

God's grace turns sadness into triumph

No matter what we're facing, we can turn to God with hope

Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It's time to begin something! That's one of the major themes of the readings this week.

Ordinary Time is beginning. The First Week in Ordinary Time (in the Church's liturgical calendar) begins on January 12.

We also have the beginning of a long sequence of readings that will take us through First and Second Samuel and First Kings, up to the start of Lent. And those readings begin with a beginning! We hear the story of the conception of Samuel — the first of the great prophets — and his call (the famous "Here I am, Lord" passage).

We begin a long series of readings from the Gospel of Mark this week that, because it is interrupted by Lent and Easter, will carry us to June 6. These readings begin with several beginnings: the start of Jesus' preaching in Galilee; the call of the first apostles (Simon, Andrew, James, John and Levi); and the beginning of the major dispute with the scribes about Jesus' preaching and healing. (Don't forget that the call of Levi can also be considered the beginning of the writing of the Gospel of Matthew.)

Finally, we celebrate the feast of St. Anthony this week, on January 17. He's considered the beginning of the monastic movement.

All of these beginnings seem very promising — and they are! But it's important to remember how sorrow plays a role in them.

The readings from the First Book of Samuel start with the sorrow of Hannah regarding her infertility: "In her bitterness she prayed to the Lord, weeping copiously."

The readings from the Gospel of Mark start out with the notice: "After John had been arrested" — and we know how that turns out. We even hear the beginnings of the kingship in ancient Israel, which seems glorious. But the origin of that kingship, which will pass through David and culminate in Jesus, is the rejection of God as king of Israel. Sad.

Each of those beginnings, then, foreshadows the way of the cross: A sadness is turned into a triumph. God doesn't do bad things to bring good from them. Rather, bad things happen in a fallen world, and the lesson is: Even the bad things are not beyond the reach of God. Again and again, bad things are what humanity offers to God; again and again, God brings good out of them.

What lessons might we draw from that for the new year?

First, consider the person of St. Paul. The greatest enemy of the early Church was turned, by God's grace, into the greatest missionary of the early Church. So, we should never despair of people.

Second, consider the cross. What appeared to be the greatest tragedy in Jesus' life and ministry turned out to be His definitive triumph. So, we should never despair of situations.

That doesn't mean we can or should call evil "good." As the Catechism says: "But for all that, evil never becomes a good" (CCC 312).

It does mean that, whatever we're facing, we can turn to God with hope and say, with St. Paul: "We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28).

It's a new year. Great things are beginning all around us. Just remember: Great things sometimes come from sad beginnings.



OLD CATHEDRAL & MUSEUM TOUR

We welcomed sisters of
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Save the Date

MEN'S 2026 WHITE HOUSE RETREAT

Thursday, March 12 thru Sunday, March 15



This is a silent, guided retreat, filled with good rest, good food, and inspiring presentations to bring you closer to Christ. Located at the beautiful 80-acre White House Retreat Center high on the bluffs of the Mississippi River in South St. Louis County.

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