



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 IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 18, 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 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

Monday, January 19

7:00 AM Ted Meyer

12:10 PM Ruth E. Kinsock

Tuesday, January 20

7:00 AM Ted Meyer

12:10 PM Olga Garcia

Wednesday, January 21

7:00 AM Peggy Reis

12:10 PM Robert Mueller

Thursday, January 22

7:00 AM Ted Meyer

12:10 PM Souls in Purgatory (NS)

Friday, January 23

7:00 AM Ted Meyer

12:10 PM Jason McMenamy

Saturday, January 24

7:00 AM Roseanne Byrne

5:30 PM Colin Linn

Sunday, January 25

8:00 AM Edward Schnieders

10:30 AM Parish Family
(Live Streamed)

12:00 PM Agnes H. Bonacorsi

5:00 PM Luisa Maria Magnani

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 18, 2026

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

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 18, 2026

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: *Martin Luther King Day*

Tuesday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr

Wednesday: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Thursday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

Friday: St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne Cope, Virgin

Saturday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate Catholic Schools Week



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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 1/11/2026

Online Donations	\$ 579.00
Collection	\$ 5,795.00
Total	\$ 6,374.00



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

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:

“I’ll know it when I see it.” How many of us have uttered this phrase at one time or another, indicating that while we might not be able to describe something in precise terms at this very moment, we know that we’ll be able to recognize what we’re looking for as soon as we see it?

Sometimes what we consider to be an innate sense of what we’re looking for is evidence of the Holy Spirit’s work in us. In today’s Gospel, we see that God had been preparing John the Baptist to recognize the coming of Christ. John says twice in our Gospel today that *I did not know him*, and yet as soon as Jesus started coming toward him, he immediately said, *Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world*. John was able to recognize Jesus as the one sent by God because God had revealed to him that *on whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one*. Having listened to the voice of God, John was able to recognize Jesus immediately as the one sent by God.

Like John, we have been given a supernatural ability to recognize the presence of God in our midst. In confirmation, we received the Holy Spirit’s gift of knowledge. This gift helps us to “know it when we see it” – to be able to recognize the presence and action of God in the midst of our daily lives.

The Gospels don’t tell us whether John was aware that his cousin Jesus would be the one for whom God was calling him to prepare the way. But they show clearly that God told him what to watch for. God sometimes gives us a sense, an inkling, or some insight that helps us to recognize his presence or his work in our lives, especially when it shows up in unexpected places.

As we come to the table of the Lord, may this Eucharist we share open our hearts to receive all the many ways that God makes himself known to us, so we can bear witness to him more effectively in our lives.

Blessings on your week. Stay safe!

-Father Smith

Join Christians from our local St. Louis communities in prayer for Christian unity

THERE IS
ONE BODY
AND
ONE SPIRIT,
JUST AS YOU ARE CALLED TO THE
ONE HOPE
OF YOUR CALLING

EPHESIANS 4:4

Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski will preside over the service and Reverend Fr. Taniel Manjikian of St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Orthodox Church will offer the reflection.

WHEN:

Sunday, January 25 @ 7 - 8pm

WHERE:

St. Monica Catholic Church
12136 Olive Blvd
Creve Coeur, MO 63141



More Info & RSVP: Call (314) 792-7177 or jamescommnellis@archstl.org

*God's mercy is offered;
our response is chosen*

*Jesus offers us the grace of a second chance
to decide for or against His love*

**Archbishop
Mitchell T. Rozanski**



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Word of God doesn't always convert a person's heart — look at the mission and ministry of Jesus! But the Word does always reveal a person's heart — and in that revelation, the person receives a second chance to decide for or against His love.

We see many examples of this truth in the readings this week. Let's consider just one: the episode of the man with the withered hand, from Mark 3:1-6.

The question in the background was: Is it lawful — and is it good — to heal on the sabbath or not? And we need to realize, first, that it was a legitimate question. There was no sin in the question itself.

But, second: Notice the attitude of heart of those who were watching Jesus. "They watched Jesus closely ... so that they might accuse Him." The attitude of their hearts isn't good. But that initial attitude is not the end of the story. A second chance is coming.

The second chance comes when Jesus heals the man and explains why it is lawful (and good) to heal on the sabbath. When given this second chance, which will they choose — to repent or dig in their heels? The episode concludes with this: "The Pharisees went out and immediately took counsel with the Herodians against Him to put Him to death."

We hear about the death of Saul (and his son Jonathan) this week — an event which clears the way for David to become king of ancient Israel (2 Samuel 1:1-4). We know very well that David wasn't a perfect man or king. When he commits adultery, which we'll read about next week, we see very clearly that there's evil in his heart. But then God sends the prophet Nathan to uncover the sin, giving David a chance to reconsider the attitude of his heart. What is David's reaction? Utter repentance. Psalm 51 captures this moment: "Have mercy on me God, in your kindness; in your compassion blot out my offense."

What about us?

That there's a measure of evil in our hearts is no surprise to the Lord! We see, throughout the life and ministry of Jesus, that it didn't stop Him from drawing near to people. The same is true with us: He draws near, not only to the parts of us that are good, but also to those parts of our hearts that need conversion. (The same, by the way, needs to be true of our approach to others!)

But when Jesus gave people a second chance, He also took their choice seriously. He wanted them to be converted, to follow Him, but He also allowed them to walk away. He does the same with us. That's why His mercy is always available, but our salvation isn't guaranteed.

This week, we observe the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of the Unborn" on Jan. 22. Two years ago, we — as citizens of the state of Missouri — showed a part of our hearts when we voted for an unlimited abortion license. This coming year, we'll have a chance to reconsider. Will we dig in our heels or repent? It's a good week to pray that we'll make the most of our second chance.



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Bicentennial Jubilee

*Rejoicing in God's
Radiant Light.
A Legacy of Faith.
A Future of Hope.*

The Jubilee theme reflects our deep gratitude for the past and our bold trust in what lies ahead. As we honor two centuries of our Catholic faith, the Bicentennial Jubilee calls us to shine brightly in the present and carry that light forward for generations to come.

Embark on a Journey of Faith

A pilgrimage during the Jubilee Year offers a meaningful way for individuals and communities to step away from routine, rediscover our Catholic heritage, and encounter Christ anew. Walking together in prayer allows the faithful to reflect on the legacy of faith handed down through generations and to move forward renewed in mission and hope.

In honor of the 200th Anniversary, the Holy See, through the Apostolic Penitentiary, graciously granted a plenary indulgence, under the usual conditions, to the truly penitent and devout faithful through July 26, 2026.

Pilgrims may receive plenary indulgence by visiting any of the 14 sacred sites designated throughout the archdiocese. We are honored that the Basilica of Saint Louis, King of France was chosen to be one of them.

Sacred Bicentennial Jubilee Sites

- All Saints Parish
- Basilica of Saint Louis, King of France
- Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis
- Most Holy Trinity Church (St. Josephine Bakhita Parish)
- Shrine of St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
- St. Alphonsus Parish (Millwood)
- St. Cecilia Parish
- St. Charles Borromeo Parish
- St. Francis Borgia Parish
- St. Ferdinand Parish and the Old St. Ferdinand Shrine
- St. Joachim Parish (Old Mines)
- Chapel of St. Vincent de Paul (Cardinal Rigali Center)
- St. Vincent de Paul Parish (Perryville)
- Ste. Genevieve Parish (Ste. Genevieve)

OLD CATHEDRAL HISTORY

*Next weekend, the original
Papal decree designating the Old Cathedral
as Basilica will be on display in honor of the
65th anniversary on January 27.*

In 1961, Pope John XXIII decreed basilican status on the Church of St. Louis IX, King of France. The official name of the Old Cathedral became Basilica of Saint Louis, King of France.

The red circular area at the bottom of the decree is the imprint of the "fisherman's ring" of Pope John XXIII.

