



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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 1, 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, February 1

8:00 AM Parish Family

10:30 AM Leonilda & Robert Marklein

(Live Streamed)

12:00 PM Ron & Sue Kippenberger

5:00 PM Bernice Healy

Monday, February 2

7:00 AM U.S. Military Pilots

12:10 PM Jane Bell Wilcox

Tuesday, February 3

7:00 AM EOHSJ Legacy Society (NS)

12:10 PM The Tremback Family

Wednesday, February 4

7:00 AM William & Rose Bush

12:10 PM Mary Martin

Thursday, February 5

7:00 AM Carl Saale

12:10 PM Souls in Purgatory (NS)

Friday, February 6

7:00 AM Tony Novelty

12:10 PM Michael Amantea

Saturday, February 7

7:00 AM Joseph Gallagher (NS)

5:30 PM Philip Martin

Sunday, February 8

8:00 AM Agnes H. Bonacorsi

10:30 AM Students of Dr. Helena Czosnyka

(Live Streamed)

12:00 PM Marie Roberts

5:00 PM Parish Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1, 2026

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

Monday: 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1, 2026

Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life

Tuesday: St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop

Wednesday: Weekday in Ordinary Time

Thursday: St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

Friday: St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Next Sunday: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day



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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

Next Tour: March 1

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

Please call for questions:
314-231-3250

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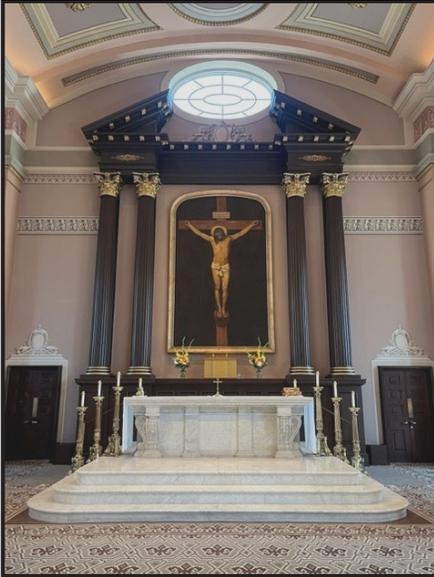
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FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Old Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors:

It is natural to hope to experience God's presence at special times in our lives – the joy of family occasions, at a shrine, on pilgrimage, or even in times of quiet prayer. Many who go on a spiritual retreat will find that away from the busyness of their regular lives, the presence of God can appear to be more tangible and real. Throughout the Gospels, Jesus would often escape to a deserted place to listen to the voice of the Father. Today, he climbs the mountain and teaches his disciples what we now know as the beatitudes.

In our desire to encounter God we can fall into the trap of thinking that a genuine meeting with God must be accompanied by particular emotions. Our emotions then become the proof we rely on to affirm that we have indeed had an authentic encounter with him.

But the spiritual life isn't always accompanied by consoling feelings or emotions. Instead, it can consist largely of routine prayers and rituals and even include as much suffering and grief as there is joy and celebration. Therefore, today's Gospel gives us hope and reassurance that God's presence with us is not dependent upon how we *feel* at any given moment.

Indeed, the beatitudes remind us that God is there for us at all times of our lives – from moments when we are faced with trials to great moments of gladness and hope. It is in those unexpected places and moments when God draws near to us. No matter what we do or don't do, God is always there with us. In Psalm 139 the psalmist asks, *Where can I go from your spirit? From your presence, where can I flee?* (7) He then runs through a list of possible places to escape – the heavens, the ends of the seas, the darkness, even in the womb, and yet he ultimately knows that God is there in each and every place.

In the eyes of the world, those listed in the beginning of the beatitudes – the poor in spirit, those who mourn or hunger for righteousness, the persecuted – are more likely to be perceived by others as God-forsaken rather than as blessed. But Jesus reassures us that God, who is the source of all blessedness, meets us in our weakness, our sadness, and our hunger for salvation, as well as in our attempts to do what is right and just.

As we prepare to share this Eucharist together, let us give thanks to God for his faithfulness – that he comes to dwell with us not only in our emotional peaks but also in our emotional valleys.

Blessings on your week. Stay safe!

-Father Smith



FIRST FRIDAY CELEBRATE THE SODALITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART

Friday, February 6

11:30am - Noon Adoration & Benediction

12:10pm Mass

*Join us every first Friday of each month
to celebrate the Sacred Heart of Jesus*



*Jesus continues to enter our lives
in small ways*

*This week, we can carry the light of
Christ into the world*

**Archbishop
Mitchell T. Rozanski**



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We celebrate the Feast of the Presentation this week on February 2. The better we understand how this event sits in salvation history, the more we can learn an important lesson for the spiritual life.

When Moses built and dedicated the tabernacle for the ark of the covenant, the Lord came to dwell in it in a visible way: "Then the cloud covered the meeting tent, and the glory of the Lord filled the dwelling" (Exodus 40:34).

Similarly, when Solomon built and dedicated the temple, the Lord came to dwell in it in a visible way: "The cloud filled the temple of the Lord so that the priests could no longer minister because of the cloud, since the Lord's glory had filled the temple of the Lord" (1 Kings 8:10-11).

Then, when the temple was rebuilt and re-dedicated after the Babylonian exile, nothing happened! No cloud, no powerful visible presence. It left ancient Israel wondering: When will the Lord come back and dwell in the temple in a visible way? And the Lord promised that He would, through the prophet Malachi, who wrote around the time of the rededication: "And suddenly there will come to the temple the Lord whom you seek" (Malachi 3:1).

And then ... it happens. The baby Jesus is carried into the temple by His mother. This is the moment that ancient Israel has been waiting for: The Lord has returned to His temple in a visible way. But: Surprise! The mighty one comes in smallness.

What happened then matters for us now. Often, when we look for signs from God, we're looking for big things. And sometimes God does big things — in salvation history and in our lives. But more often God does small things. The presentation is a lesson in this — a lesson that's re-echoed daily in the Eucharist. So — like Simeon and Anna in the story of the presentation (see Luke 2:22-40) — we need to keep our hearts open to the small things: a small "coincidence," a quiet movement of the heart, and so on. Jesus continues to enter our lives in small ways.

In older days, this feast was known as Candlemas: There was a candlelight procession into Mass — in imitation of how Mary carried "the light of the world" into the temple — and all the candles to be used in the church for the coming year were blessed.

One of the encouragements of Candlemas is that, as participants physically carried candles, we might also think and pray about how we can carry the light of Christ into the world. Maybe, like Mary, we carry Christ literally in some way. (People who bring Communion to the homebound are a good example of this!) Maybe, like Simeon and Anna, we can point out Christ to others, even when He comes in surprisingly small ways. Maybe, like St. Joseph, we can work quietly in the background so that others can be the main event.

Whatever our way is, let's all be a little more deliberate this week about letting the light of Christ shine in the world's darkness.



OLD CATHEDRAL SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Congratulations to the
newest member of our
faith community,
born of water and the
Holy Spirit

Katherine Maria

Daughter of
Robert & Michelle
who were married
here in 2022.



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Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski's Intention

February 2026

**For Families
and Young People**

We pray for families in every stage of life, and especially for children and youth—the future of our Church. As we mark 200 years of Catholic faith in the **Archdiocese of St. Louis**, may our homes, schools, and parishes be places where the light of Christ is passed on with joy, courage, and authenticity, forming young hearts for a new century of witness.