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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 13, 2020

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Archbishop of St. Louis
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Mitchell T. Rozanski

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Father Charles Samson
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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses
5:30 PM (Saturday Evening)
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 the live streams at:
oldcathedralstl.org

SACRAMENTS

Confessions
Daily, 11:30 AM—12:00 PM
Saturdays, 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 314.231.3250.

Devotions
Perpetual Help Devotions:
Tuesdays, 12:00 PM

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 13

8:00 AM Ila Woods

10:30 AM Anne Hoylman

(Live Streamed)

12:00 PM Celebrant's Intentions

5:00 PM Celebrant's Intentions

Monday, December 14

7:00 AM Louis F. Bonacorsi

12:10 PM Tom & Madeline Henly

Tuesday, December 15

7:00 AM All Souls in Purgatory

12:10 PM Celebrant's Intentions

Wednesday, December 16

7:00 AM Amy Coney Barrett

12:10 PM The Lapushinski Family

Thursday, December 17

7:00 AM Celebrant's Intentions

12:10 PM All Souls in Purgatory

Friday, December 18

7:00 AM The Duker Family

12:10 PM The Loire Family

Saturday, December 19

7:00 AM The Petersen Family

5:30 PM Celebrant's Intentions

Sunday, December 20

8:00 AM George M. Dankocsik

10:30 AM Parish Family

(Live Streamed)

12:00 PM The Lapushinski Family

5:00 PM Celebrant's Intentions

Readings for the week of December 13, 2020

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
Friday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:18-25
Saturday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf. 8]/Lk 1:5-25
Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38

Observances for the week of December 13, 2020

Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday: Advent Weekday
Wednesday: Advent Weekday
Thursday: Advent Weekday
Friday: Advent Weekday
Saturday: Advent Weekday
Next Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent

INTRODUCING THE NEW OLD CATHEDRAL WEBSITE

The Old Cathedral is excited to announce the launch of our beautiful, new website. Partnering with *eCatholic*, we have created a comprehensive, easy to navigate site that is reflective of the beauty and majesty of our Basilica.

You will easily find general information, the weekly bulletin, links to our live stream and more. We will be refining the site over time and we hope this becomes a useful reference and source of current information for parishioners and visitors.

www.oldcathedralstl.org

NEW AND IMPROVED OLD CATHEDRAL ONLINE GIVING

Between demanding schedules, traveling, or just trying to get out the door on time for Mass, it can be challenging to tithe on a regular basis—not to mention the COVID-19 pandemic that has caused us to rethink things in the present and how we move forward. Plus, for many families, donating to the parish is one of the last places where you still have to use a checkbook or cash.

The Old Cathedral is excited to offer a new online giving option to easily give one-time and reoccurring gifts and even virtually light a candle. Provided by *eCatholic*, the same company that hosts the parish's new website, this online giving service is a secure way to make a gift virtually whether you choose to attend Mass in person or live stream our Sunday Mass or want to light a candle.

Simply make a secure donation via electronic check, debit, or credit card by visiting oldcathedralstl.org/give. After setting up a recurring gift, you will be prompted by email to create your own online donor account to manage your gifts. It's as easy as online shopping or banking!

Please consider sharing your gifts, without the hassle of remembering checks and envelopes, by visiting:

www.oldcathedralstl.org/give

NOTE: If you are already giving online through the current Archdiocese option, we ask that you consider switching to our new *eCatholic* giving option. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

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WEEKLY GIVING

The Old Cathedral has long been recognized as one of the most historic and beautiful churches of its time.

Our parish is proud of its more than 240 year history as a self-supporting Roman Catholic Parish. Your presence, prayer and generous kindness continue to make it so.

Your weekly envelope donations can still be made by mail or in person by check at the Old Cathedral rectory or you can set up online donations at :

www.oldcathedralstl.org/give

Sunday, 12/06/20

Online Donations	\$815.00
Sunday Collection	\$5665.00
Total	\$6480.00

FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Old Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors:

The past two Sundays, our church was adorned in violet for Advent. Today, it is in rose for *Gaudete* Sunday. *Gaudete* means “rejoice,” and rose is a bright and beautiful color of rejoicing for this third Sunday of Advent, since we are more than halfway through our journey to Christmas.

But, did we not get the memo? Because it seems Christmas has already come. Outside of church there is no violet and rose, but red and green. There is Christmas music on the radio and Christmas specials on the screen. Our homes and communities are decorated. Stores have been decked out for Christmas for weeks. The rejoicing has begun. So, why *Gaudete* Sunday now?

First, *Gaudete* Sunday affirms the *value* of rejoicing. Isaiah, in the first reading, rejoices heartily in the Lord, who is the joy of his soul. In the responsorial, we acclaim together with Mary: *My soul rejoices in my God*. In the second reading, Paul encourages the Thessalonians to *rejoice always* and *do not quench the Spirit*. The rejoicing we are experiencing and sharing with others is a good and holy thing. We can enjoy these times, and give thanks for the gift of family and friends.

Second, *Gaudete* Sunday gives us *reasons* for rejoicing. Isaiah rejoices as he brings glad tidings of God’s vindication for his people. Mary rejoices in the fulfillment of God’s promise to send a Messiah. John the Baptist cries out in the desert because the Lord is on his way. Paul rejoices as God prepares his people for the return of the risen Lord. Through Isaiah, Mary, John, and Paul, God gives hope to his people waiting for redemption. Given this hope, they can wait with rejoicing. We are God’s people today, waiting with rejoicing in what God has already accomplished and will yet accomplish through Christ. The hope God gives prepares our hearts and makes straight the way for Christ.

Finally, *Gaudete* Sunday means that Advent waiting is joyful, hopeful waiting, for Christmas and more. Often, the day after Christmas, the music on the radio stops, the decorations in the streets and stores come down, and the trees get thrown to the curb. Post-holiday clean-up and blues begin. But for the Church, the rejoicing goes on. Our Advent rejoicing becomes Christmas rejoicing up to the celebration of Jesus’ baptism, well into January. Rejoicing carries us into a new year, and new celebrations of God’s redeeming work.

No matter what the colors of the season – violet, rose, red, or green – every time we gather to hear God’s word and celebrate the Eucharist, we do so with rejoicing. Through the grace of Word and sacrament, our Lord sustains us in joyful hope, not only for Advent and Christmas, but for every season of the year as we await the coming of his Kingdom.

Blessings on your Advent and your week. Stay safe!

-Father Smith

THE SYMBOLISM OF HOLLY AND IVY

<http://www.catholictradition.org/Children/holly-ivy.htm>

The ilex or holly, and the ivy, both evergreen plants are traditional Christmas symbols: the holly for part of the same reason as the Glastonbury Rose is, because it represents the Crown of Thorns that the Savior will wear during His Passion. The holly has little sharp points all around its edges, much like a thorn and one can easily prick a finger by touching the leaf carelessly. The berries represent the drops of Blood He shed. Moreover, the holly is held by tradition to be of the same plant as the wood of the Cross was said to come from. During Advent and Christmas, we acknowledge the need for our Savior and holly reminds us of this: the holly bough is one of St. John the Baptist's symbols; the Saint heralded our Lord's coming as Isaiah did in the Old Testament.

The ivy is so perennially green, that it symbolizes fidelity and immortality or eternal life in Christ. In addition, the ivy clings to its support as it grows, which symbolizes our attachment and undying affection for his merciful Savior.



CHRISTMAS MASS RESERVATIONS

Due to St. Louis COVID-19 mandates that limit the percentage of people gathering and 6-foot social distancing, we are taking reservations for Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. 110 person capacity per Mass.

There are two ways to sign up.

1. EMAIL THE PARISH at:

oldcathedral@att.net

Provide:

- Name
- Phone number
- Number in your party
- Date of Mass
- Time of Mass

2. CALL THE PARISH at:

314-231-3250

Monday – Friday, 8AM – 2 PM

Speak with Tracy Marklein or leave a message providing:

- Name
- Phone number
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- Time of Mass

PLEASE NOTE:

Reservations will be taken until the Mass is at full capacity. You will only receive a response if we *can not* accommodate your reservation. If you do not receive a response, then your reservation is secure.

Reservations are only for the exact date and time of the Mass you request.

CHRISTMAS EVE

5:00 PM

10:00 PM

CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00 AM

10:30 AM (Live Streamed)

12:00 PM

SAINTS OF THE WEEK



Saint John of the Cross, priest and Doctor of the Church (December 14):

Saint John of the Cross, OCD (Spanish: San Juan de la Cruz), lived from 1542 to December 14, 1591. He was a major figure of the Counter-Reformation, a Spanish mystic, a Carmelite friar, and a priest who has born at Fontiveros, Old Castile.



John of the Cross was a reformer of the Carmelite Order and is considered, along with Saint Teresa of Avila, as a founder of the Discalced Carmelites. The Discalced Carmelites today number around 4,000 religious. He is also known for his writings. He authored *The Ascent of Mount Carmel*, *The Dark Night of the Soul*, *The Spiritual Canticle*, and *O Flame of Living Love*.

Both his poetry and his studies on the growth of the soul are considered the summit of mystical Spanish literature and one of the peaks of all Spanish literature. He was canonized in 1726 by Pope Benedict XIII. He is one of the thirty-six Doctors of the Church and is known as the “Mystical Doctor.”

All you Holy Men and Women, Saints of God, pray for us.



“Mother Church of the West”

Bryan Buer, Old Cathedral Historian

Four Native Americans of the Flat-Head and Nez Perce tribes journeyed from the Colorado River in the Northwest to St. Louis in 1831. Several years prior, Catholic Iroquois settled among these tribes and preached about their faith in Catholicism. They were determined to adopt Catholicism for their tribe. So much so that they were

willing to travel from the Pacific Ocean to St. Louis to find a missionary.

While in St. Louis, they visited the Old Cathedral and attended mass. Two of these Indians would not return home, and were baptized before they died. They were buried by the church. In the spring of 1832, the two other Native Americans tried to return home, but died on the way. Several years later, in 1837, the tribes sent two more messengers to request for a missionary priest. This time they would receive a priest in Father Peter De Smet S.J., becoming the first missionary priest in the Northwest.

This story unveils the scope of the Old Cathedral’s domain in 1831. These Native Americans travelled from the Pacific Ocean all the way to St. Louis, Missouri. These entries are found within the Old Cathedral Register of Burials. Today this church sits humbly next to the St. Louis Arch, but in the old American West it truly stood as the “Mother Church of the West”.



CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL POINSETTIAS

The beautiful poinsettias and greenery that adorn our Cathedral are a special part of the celebration of Christmas at The Old Cathedral Basilica of Saint Louis, King. This year, we invite all parishioners and visitors to share in the experience through a memorial or thanksgiving gift by purchasing one or more of the poinsettias that will decorate the cathedral. Memorial Poinsettias are \$10.00 each. **In addition, your name and the name of the person(s) being honored will appear in the Christmas week bulletin.**

Please indicate in whose memory, or in whose honor, you wish the flowers to be dedicated. Completed forms and payment may be placed in an envelope and dropped into the offertory baskets, OR send orders/payment to: The Old Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, King c/o Memorial Poinsettias, 209 Walnut Street, Saint Louis, MO 63102.

Wording as you wish it to appear in the bulletin:

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