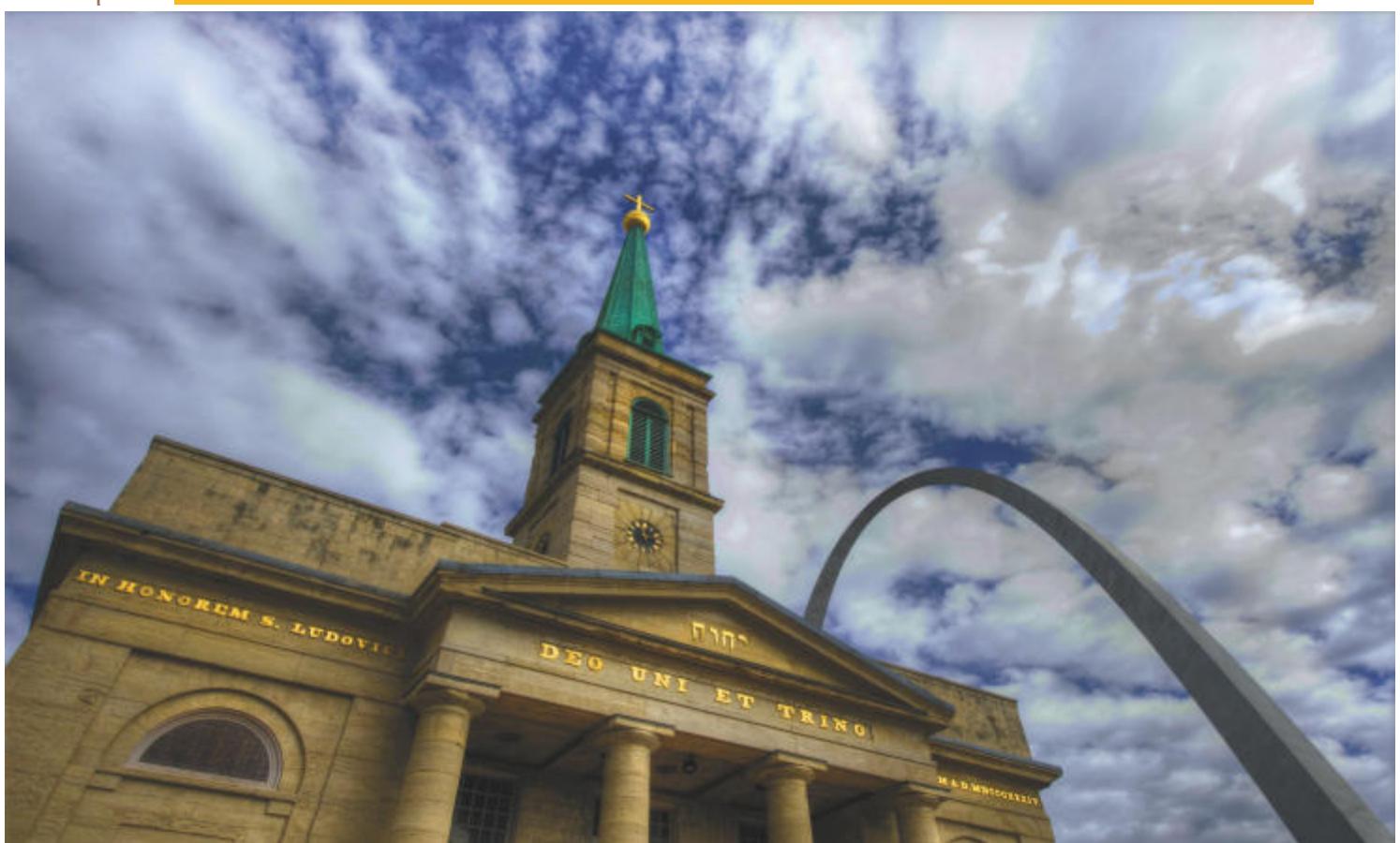




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MASS SCHEDULE

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
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SACRAMENTS

Confessions
Daily, 11:30 AM—12:00 PM
Saturdays, 4:30 PM—5:15 PM

Marriage
Please arrange at least six months in
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Tracy Marklein at 314.231.3250.

Devotions
Perpetual Help Devotions:
Tuesdays, 12:00 PM

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 16

8:00 AM John & Emilie Duker
& Family
10:30 AM Parish Family
(Live Streamed)
12:00 PM Celebrant's Intentions
5:00 PM Celebrant's Intentions

Monday, May 17

7:00 AM Ellen Capuano
12:10 PM Celebrant's Intentions

Tuesday, May 18

7:00 AM Leah Lorendo
12:10 PM Louis Fagas

Wednesday, May 19

7:00 AM Marian & Fenton Peterson
& Family
12:10 PM Anastasia Cassidy

Thursday, May 20

7:00 AM Celebrant's Intentions
12:10 PM Marie Hong Tran

Friday, May 21

7:00 AM Peter DaPrato
12:10 PM Lynda Brand

Saturday, May 22

7:00 AM Bill & Elsie Biersach
5:30 PM Celebrant's Intentions

Sunday, May 23

8:00 AM Parish Family
10:30 AM Chiara Graupmann
(Live Streamed)
12:00 PM Celebrant's Intentions
5:00 PM Celebrant's Intentions

Readings for the week of May 16, 2021

Sunday: *Ascension*: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20
Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26
Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [7b]/Jn 21:20-25
Next Sunday: *Vigil*: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/ Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

Observances for the week of May 16, 2021

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord
Monday: Easter Weekday
Tuesday: St. John I, Pope and Martyr
Wednesday: Easter Weekday
Thursday: St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest
Friday: St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Saturday: St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

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FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Old Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors:

Today we celebrate Christ's ascension into heaven and his return to his Father's right hand. Soon, we will commemorate the birth of the Church at Pentecost. For over six weeks now, we have reflected on the glory of the risen Christ, and in the Gospel chosen specifically for today's feast, Jesus gives his great commission to the disciples: *Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature.*

While the Scriptures don't indicate how far the Apostles traveled other than Peter and Paul, tradition has several of them getting as far as modern Russia, India, northern Africa, and Asia Minor. Regardless of where they did and did not go, they spent the rest of their lives fulfilling Jesus' final mission to go and baptize all who accepted him as the Risen One.

All but John, it is believed, suffered a martyr's death – the ultimate witness of faith. Not a bad track record for a bunch of guys who came across as pretty clueless a lot of the time during those three years they traveled with Jesus. With a great deal of patience, Jesus molded them into powerful witnesses of all they had seen and heard.

By virtue of our baptism, we, too, have been given the same great commission to witness our faith in the Risen One. We must not be bashful in sharing our faith with anyone who might approach us about what it means to follow Jesus. We are guided by the gifts of the Holy Spirit that have been sealed upon our hearts. God's wisdom, God's strength is our wisdom, our strength, for we do not do this on our own, but always in Jesus' name.

No one is asking for us to stand on a soap box at the corner of walk and don't walk – although some do in fact do this. Rather, it is by going about our daily routine with the spiritual awareness that Jesus goes with us into every moment, every encounter of our day, if invited to do so. With Jesus at our side, we can and need to do this.

Not everyone will be open, not every encounter will be a success. But as Saint Teresa of Calcutta is reported to have said, "God is not asking for us to be successful; God is asking for us to be faithful." The dismissal at the end of the liturgy is purposeful. We are blessed and we are sent. We are sent to spread the Good News that the Risen One, who has ascended to the Father, walks with us and is anxious to walk with anyone who invites him into their lives.

Happy Ascension Day! Easter blessings! Stay safe!

-Father Smith

Old Cathedral Will Have a Permanent Deacon in 2022

Greetings. My name is Luke Koebbe. My wife Phyllis and I have recently joined the Basilica of Saint Louis Parish. I would briefly like to introduce myself to you.

On Thursday, May 6th, I was installed as an Acolyte by Bishop Rivituso as part of the Permanent Deaconate Formation Program of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. I will be doing my acolyte training here at the Basilica with the intention of being ordained a Permanent Deacon in June 2022. God willing, at that time I will be assigned as a Permanent Deacon here at the Old Cathedral.

I would appreciate and value any prayers you are able to offer as I begin my final year of deacon formation this coming August. I will most definitely keep all of you in mine.

I am truly blessed with this opportunity to serve the Old Cathedral Parish and look forward to joining with you as we celebrate the love our Lord extends to us.





Saint John I, pope and martyr (May 18): Saint John, born in 470, served as Bishop of Rome from August 13, 523, to his death on May 18, 526. He had been a deacon in Rome. After his election to the papacy, the Arian King of the Ostrogoths Theodoric the Great sent him to Constantinople to ask the Byzantine Emperor Justin to soften his 523 decree against Arians.

John I is thus the first pope known to have visited Constantinople. John's mission was successful, but when he reached Ravenna, Theodoric had him arrested because he suspected a conspiracy between Justin and him. Physically frail even at the time of his election, John died while imprisoned.



Saint Bernardine of Siena, priest, religious, and missionary (May 20): Bernardine of Siena was born in 1380, the same year that Catherine of Siena died. In his early life, he cared for plague victims. In 1403 he entered the Franciscans, was ordained priest in 1404, and became a traveling preacher, engaging in this apostolate for over 30 years.

He spoke against gambling and personal vanity, and was responsible for what were called "bonfires of the vanities" into which people threw their frivolous possessions.

He popularized the iota-eta-sigma (IHS), the first three letters in Greek of the name of Jesus, in promoting devotion to the Holy Name. He was found not guilty of heresy in these activities during a trial in Rome in 1427. Bernardine was also acquitted at a trial at the Council of Basel. In 1438, he became vicar general of the Observant (Zelanti) Franciscans. He died in 1444 at L'Aquila.



Saint Christopher Magallanes, priest, and companions, martyrs (May 21): Christopher (or Christobal) was born in Totatiche, Jalisco, Mexico, in 1869. Ordained in 1899, he eventually became parish priest of his hometown. He opened a seminary there in 1915 after the government closed the seminary in Guadalajara.

He was falsely accused, during the Cristero Rebellion (1926-1929), of encouraging armed opposition to the anti-clerical government. He was arrested on May 21, 1927, and four days later, there having been no trial, he was executed.



Saint Rita of Cascia, religious (May 22): Rita of Cascia (Margherita Lotti) was born in the region of Umbria, Italy, in 1381, the year after Bernardine of Siena (May 20). Despite her desire to enter religious life, she entered an arranged marriage at age 12 to a man who abused her.

She was influential in toning down a family feud, but in the midst of the *vendetta*, her husband was stabbed to death. Her two sons wanted to avenge their father, but they took ill and died before they could do so.

At age 36 she was accepted into the convent after having brought the feud to an end. She lived an austere life and was a recipient of the stigmata. He died in 1457.

All you holy men and women, Saints of God, pray for us.

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To learn more about The Next Chapter program, meet its leaders, and have an opportunity to ask questions, you are invited to attend an information session. The sessions will be held via Zoom calls starting at 6:30 p.m. on May 18, June 3, and June 7. The estimated length of an information sessions is 1-1 ½ hours.

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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

"We have never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit."

This is what the disciples in Ephesus told St. Paul, when he asked them whether they had received the Holy Spirit. They believed in Jesus, but they only knew the baptism of John. Something important was missing in their lives!

I sometimes wonder if that describes a lot of us — not in terms of what we believe, but in terms of how we act. Do we conduct our daily lives as though "we have never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit"?

All week long, as we prepare for Pentecost, we hear the "farewell discourse" of Jesus. During His earthly life, the disciples navigated their daily lives by the external, physical presence of Jesus. At the Ascension, He will stop being present to them that way. When He sends the Holy Spirit, they'll have to learn to navigate their daily lives by the internal, invisible presence of the Spirit.

That's true for us as well. And it's worth pondering how that internal navigation works.

Most of us have become so used to navigating by the GPS on our phones and in our cars that we've forgotten what it means to navigate by a compass — to have an instrument that, through an invisible but real force, can point us to true north. Navigating by a compass is very like what happens when we navigate our daily lives by the invisible but real grace of the Holy Spirit.

This is where our knowledge of the gifts and fruits of the Spirit becomes really important. The gifts and fruits are not just an abstract list to memorize — a hoop to jump through on the way to Confirmation. We memorize them because they're meant to be a diagnostic and navigational tool, an internal compass that orients our daily lives according to God's invisible grace.

Think of the works of the flesh that are listed by St. Paul in Galatians 5:19-21: "immorality, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, hatreds, rivalry, jealousy, outbursts of fury, acts of selfishness, dissensions, factions, occasions of envy, drinking bouts, orgies, and the like." Just on a human level, those are a good navigational and diagnostic tool. If our life is characterized by these, we're off course.

The fruits of the Holy Spirit, which he lists next (Galatians 5:22-23), are also a good diagnostic and navigational tool: "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." When we learn to orient our lives by these fruits, we're stepping beyond simple human wisdom. We're beginning to navigate by the invisible and interior grace of the Holy Spirit. We can — and we need to — do that more deliberately.

St. Cyril of Jerusalem says that the Holy Spirit's work in each person is like the work of water in different plants: it helps each to become itself more fully and beautifully. When we learn to navigate our daily lives by the invisible but real grace of the Holy Spirit, we become most truly ourselves in Christ, fulfill God's designs for our lives, and enrich the lives of others. If, instead, we conduct our daily lives as though "we have never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit" we're left to navigate by our own powers — which always has, and always will, make a mess of things.

Come, Holy Spirit!

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