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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD JANUARY 9, 2022

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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 & 10:30 AM Sunday
Access the 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.
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information, please contact
Tracy Marklein at 314-308-0091
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Baptisms
Sundays, following the 12:00 PM Mass
Please call 314-231-3250 to arrange

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 9

8:00 AM Celebrant's Intention

10:30 AM Parish Family
(Live Streamed)

12:00 PM Deacon Terry &
Rita Rumore

5:00 PM Celebrant's Intention

Monday, January 10

7:00 AM Celebrant's Intention

12:10 PM Celebrant's Intention

Tuesday, January 11

7:00 AM Louis F. Bonacorsi

12:10 PM Celebrant's Intention

Wednesday, January 12

7:00 AM Celebrant's Intention

12:10 PM Celeste Noel Drain

Thursday, January 13

7:00 AM Celebrant's Intention

12:10 PM Oscar Zingre

Friday, January 14

7:00 AM Tina Grace Caisip Flores

12:10 PM Celebrant's Intention

Saturday, January 15

7:00 AM Celebrant's Intention

5:30 PM Leopoldo Hernandez

Sunday, January 16

8:00 AM Parish Family

10:30 AM The Meziere Family
(Live Streamed)

12:00 PM Celebrant's Intention

5:00 PM Celebrant's Intention

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2022

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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 Sm 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 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/
Jn 2:1-11

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2022

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Monday: Weekday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: Weekday in Ordinary Time

Wednesday: Weekday in Ordinary Time

Thursday: St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Friday: Weekday in Ordinary Time

Saturday: Weekday in Ordinary Time

Next Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sunday, 01/02/22

Online Donations	\$4897.00
Sunday Collection	\$3110.00
Total	\$8007.00

Sunday, 12/26/21

Online Donations	\$273.00
Sunday Collection	\$6274.00
Total	\$6547.00

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day 12/24/21 & 12/25/21

Online Donations	\$750.00
Collection	\$6747.00
Total	\$7497.00

OLD CATHEDRAL SUNDAY TOURS

We are pleased to offer tours of the Old Cathedral on Sundays following the 12:00pm Mass

Led by Luke Koebbe, our Deacon in training. Please call in advance to confirm that there is a tour scheduled for the Sunday you will be visiting at 314-231-3250.



SCAN TO MAKE
YOUR GIFT



FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Old Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors:

With today's feast, our Christmas season ends, and we begin the next chapter of our Church year. Moving through the liturgical year is like reading through the chapters of a book or watching the seasons of a television series. Season one is Advent, focused on eager anticipation for the Messiah. Season two is Christmas, focused on celebrating the Incarnation: God with us. Season three is Jesus' ministry and today is episode one: his baptism.

After Jesus had been baptized, the Holy Spirit descended upon him in the form of a dove and a voice was heard affirming him as the beloved Son.

Jesus instituted baptism as a sacrament – an outward sign of inward grace. At baptisms now, we may not see the Holy Spirit descend like a dove, but we see the sacred chrism poured out, symbolizing the gift of the Holy Spirit. We may not hear the Father's voice from heaven, but we hear God's word spoken through Scripture. Jesus may not be there in person, but the ordained minister stands in his place, following his commission to baptize "in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

Through these words and actions of baptism, we are given the grace of salvation through the power of the Holy Trinity. We need this because we cannot save ourselves. Left to our own devices, we succumb to worldly desires and take up godless ways. Our only hope is for God in his kindness and mercy to save us by the Holy Spirit, poured out on us through Jesus our Savior. So we are saved, not because of any righteous deeds we have done, but because of the mercy and love of God.

Sometimes Catholics are criticized for baptizing babies, who cannot speak for themselves. But infant baptism can be a powerful demonstration of the generosity and kindness of God's saving love. What sort of righteous deeds can an infant do to earn grace? How temperately and devoutly can a baby behave? None of that matters; they receive the grace of the sacrament all the same. Grace is not for those who can earn it, it is for those upon whom God bestows it, and often God prefers the most vulnerable, most humble, and most needy to bless.

On this feast, we give thanks for the saving grace of the sacrament and the generosity with which it is given. The next time we participate in a baptism, let us look to see the Holy Spirit, hear the voice of the Father, feel the presence of his beloved Son, and know how much we are blessed.

Stay safe!

-Father Smith

The Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis *The New Cathedral*

Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski Celebrant

Mass will include the Pro-Life Generation Memorial and the LifeLine Coalition collection, which benefits thousands of local pregnant and parenting moms and families annually.

The Rosary Procession to and from our state's last abortion facility follows Mass. The prayer vigil concludes with a reception and fellowship in Boland Hall.

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ANNUAL MEMORIAL MASS

On the 49th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade

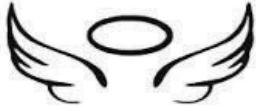
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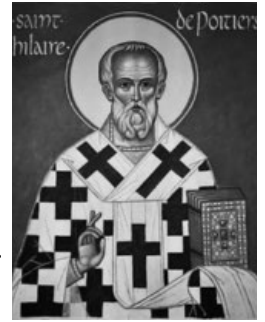
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SAINTS OF THE WEEK



Saint Hilary, bishop and Doctor of the Church (January 13):

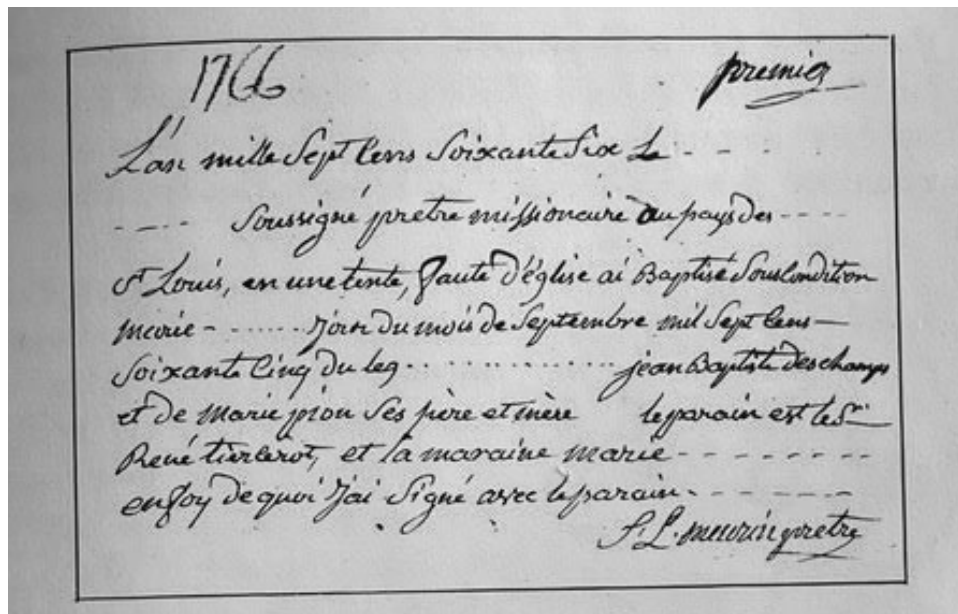
Saint Hilary (Hilarius) of Poitiers lived from c. 310 to c. 367. He was the bishop of Poitiers. Saint Hilary was a married man who converted from paganism. He was the leading opponent of Arianism in the West. Arianism was a heresy denying the divinity of Christ, originating with the Alexandrian priest Arius (c. 250-c. 336). Arianism maintained that the Son of God was created by the Father and was therefore neither coeternal with the Father, nor consubstantial. Arianism was condemned by the First Council of Nicea in 325. Saint Hilary's most noted work is *De Trinitate*.



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

OLD CATHEDRAL HISTORY

The first baptism in St. Louis took place in September, 1766 — as documented in the Old Cathedral's historical records.



I, the undersigned Missionary Priest of the Parish of St. Louis, baptized under condition, Marie in a tent in Default of a Church : born on ____ day of the month of September 1765. Daughter of Jean Baptiste Des Champs and Marie Pion, the father and mother. The Godfather is ...Rene Tierlerot and the Godmother Marie ... In testimony of which I have undersigned with the Godfather:

S.L. Meurin, Priest

The baptism was held in a tent and was officiated by Father Meurin, S.J., the missionary priest based in Ste. Genevieve that oversaw the parish of St. Louis. Father Meurin continued to make regular visits to St. Louis from Ste. Genevieve as documented in the Old Cathedral's records. His last entry was in May, 1768. It was sixteen months from that time before any further entries were made by a priest.

Since the first recorded baptism, the Old Cathedral has performed over 18,750 baptisms including explorer William Clark's five children and Sacagawea's son. The original baptismal record, in the handwriting of Father Meurin, and other historical records, are preserved in the rectory of the Old Cathedral.

*Learning a deeper way of listening
and following*

*Samuel, the apostles and others are examples
of hearing the voice of the living God in a new way*

Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we enter the first week of Ordinary Time, the readings have us contemplating new beginnings — a fitting topic as we continue to lean into the New Year!

We hear about the conception, birth and consecration of Samuel — the last judge of Israel and the one who anointed the first two kings of Israel. It's the beginning of the extraordinary life of Samuel and the beginning of a new phase of Israel's history.

We also see the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark. The healings and exorcisms begin immediately and the people's reaction is telling: "What is this? A new teaching with authority." And: "We have never seen anything like this."

In both cases God is doing something new. Within that theme of newness, however, there is also a call and challenge to us: to listen more deeply to God's voice.

We hear one of the great stories of the Hebrew Scriptures: the call of Samuel. God calls Samuel three times during the night. Each time he runs to the priest Eli, thinking that Eli was calling him. Finally, Eli figures out that God is calling Samuel. One of the most fascinating features of Samuel's call is how the Bible remarks that "At that time Samuel was not familiar with the Lord." Samuel had grown up in the temple at Shiloh! Still, he did not know what the living voice of God sounded like. He was called to learn a new and deeper kind of listening, and that listening became the cornerstone of his prophetic ministry.

We also hear the call of the apostles Simon (Peter), Andrew, James, John and Levi (Matthew) in the Gospel this week. These are men who would have known the Scriptures. But they heard the voice of the living God in a new way. Like Samuel, they learned a deeper way of listening and following.

The importance of listening is highlighted by some important counter-examples in the readings as well. We hear of Hophni and Phinehas, the sons of Eli, who didn't listen to God's law or the warning of their father and brought disaster upon Israel. We hear of the leper who, having been cleansed, didn't listen to Jesus and made it impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. We hear of the people of Israel, who refused to listen to Samuel's warning about what it would mean for them to have a king, and displaced God as their rightful king.

The consequences of listening and not listening are made abundantly clear this week!

The Olympic Games open in less than a month. One of the things we learn from Olympic athletes is that excellence comes from discipline. Drawing a lesson from that for the life of faith, we might say that excellence in discipleship comes from the discipline of listening to the Lord.

Like Samuel, many of us have grown up in the temple of the Lord. Like Samuel, we are called to learn a deeper kind of listening. It would be a good discipline to work on for the New Year.

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