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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 23, 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.
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 23

8:00 AM Celebrant's Intention
10:30 AM Ponciano Hernandez
(Live Streamed)
12:00 PM Celebrant's Intention
5:00 PM Parish Family

Monday, January 24

7:00 AM Celebrant's Intention
12:10 PM Cheryl Hale

Tuesday, January 25

7:00 AM Agnes Bonacorsi
12:10 PM Celebrant's Intention

Wednesday, January 26

7:00 AM Celebrant's Intention
12:10 PM Bill Clark

Thursday, January 27

7:00 AM Celebrant's Intention
12:10 PM Leopoldo Henandez

Friday, January 28

7:00 AM Celebrant's Intention
12:10 PM Michael Amantea

Saturday, January 29

7:00 AM Celebrant's Intention
5:30 PM Kelly Loughman Thorne

Sunday, January 30

8:00 AM Parish Family
10:30 AM Bruce Cochran
(Live Streamed)
12:00 PM Nancy Sullivan &
Justin Sullivan
5:00 PM Celebrant's Intention

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2022

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/
Mk 4:21-25
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/
Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/
1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 23, 2022

Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Tuesday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Wednesday: Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
Thursday: St. Angela Merici, Virgin
Friday: St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday: 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



JOIN US FIRST FRIDAY TO CELEBRATE THE SODALITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART Friday, February 4

11:30am - Noon
Adoration & Benediction
12:10pm
Celebration of the Mass



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

WEEKLY GIVING

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Sunday - 1/16/2022

Online Donations	\$ 721.00
Collection	\$ 4,037.00
Total	\$ 4,758.00



OLD CATHEDRAL FIRST SUNDAY TOURS

We are pleased to offer Old Cathedral tours on the first Sunday of the month following the noon Mass

Next Tour:
Sunday, February 6

Please call if you have any questions: 314-231-3250



FROM OUR RECTOR

Dear Old Cathedral Parishioners and Visitors:

As people made in the image and likeness of God, we have an innate dignity that derives not from what we do or from our outward appearance but from our relationship with God. Knowing this truth, it is no surprise that Paul chooses the image of the *body* to flesh out his theology of the baptized. For just as the body is made up of many parts, so, too, is the body of Christ, the Church.

We know that when the human body is working well, without aches and pains, we feel fine. But even the smallest ache or discomfort can undermine that feeling of well-being. So also, for the body of Christ, the seemingly smallest thing can cause much distress. In our reading from Corinthians, Paul reminds us: *If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy.* In other words, the struggle of one is the struggle of all.

Therefore, as believers, we can never be unmoved by the struggle of another. At its very heart, the Gospel witnesses to God's deep and intimate identification with humanity through the mystery of the Incarnation. So to be Christian is to be a witness to this intimacy. Just as Christ identifies with humanity in all its struggles, we are called to reach out to all in need just as we would rejoice and give thanks with all who are happy.

As Christians, we share in Christ's ministry so beautifully summarized for us in the words of Isaiah found in our Gospel today. Just as Jesus knew himself to be the one anointed by God to bring glad tidings to the poor and recovery of sight to the blind, proclaim liberty to captives, let the oppressed go free, and proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord, we are anointed to do the same.

Blessings on your week. Stay safe!

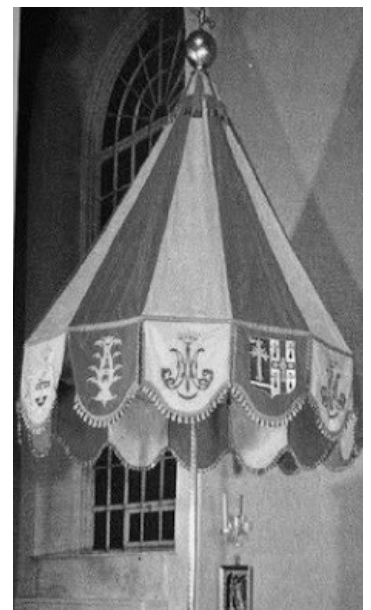
-Father Smith

OLD CATHEDRAL HISTORY

On January 27, 1961 Pope John XXIII decreed basilican status upon the Cathedral of Saint Louis, King of France. The official name of the Cathedral became the Basilica of Saint Louis, King of France.

In canon law, the term "basilica" denotes a distinguished church upon which a papal decree has been bestowed to honor its historical value and spiritual significance as a center of worship.

A basilica is granted certain privileges including the right to display an *umbraculum*, or "big umbrella" and *tintinnabulum*, or "little bells" —both are located in the nave of the Old Cathedral. The red and yellow stripes of the *umbraculum* are encrusted with the coats of arms of John XXIII, Cardinal Ritter, Bishop Rosati (as builder of the church), and the official seal of the Basilica of Saint Louis, King of France. The *tintinnabulum* is carved of wood in an elaborate baroque style and ornamented with gold leaf.



The tintinnabulum, "little bells," and umbraculum "big umbrella" signify the Cathedral's status as a Basilica.

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD JANUARY 23

*In 2019, Pope Francis issued an apostolic letter entitled *Aperuit illis* instituting that the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time will annually be observed as the Sunday of the Word of God for all dioceses and churches throughout the world.*

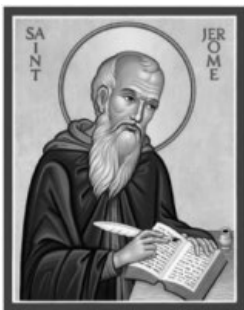
This annual observance is designed to encourage ways to bring attention to the Word of God in the lives of everyone and to deepen the relationship with the Word.

As followers of Jesus, we want to know how to read Scripture in a way that makes a tangible difference in our lives. We want to know how the inspired texts can be personal, helpful, challenging, comforting, and life changing.

Fortunately, we can find the means to fulfilling this desire in one of the most ancient treasures of the Church: the spiritual practice of *lectio divina* (sacred reading).

Lectio divina is a way of approaching the sacred text with faith, openheartedness, reverence, and expectation. This process can be described in five simple terms:

- Listening
- Understanding
- Reflecting
- Praying
- Acting



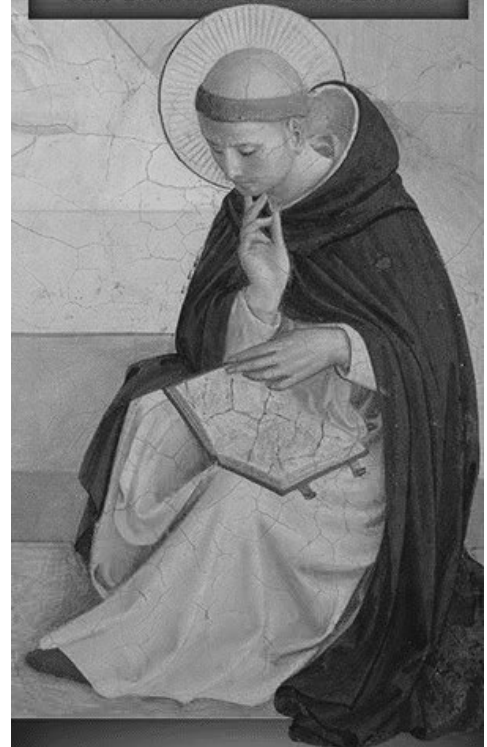
"Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ."

St. Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church

(September 30): Saint Jerome was born in Strido, Dalmatia (Croatia) in 347. His greatest achievement was, the translation of the Bible, still used by the Catholic Church, and setting the standard for the King James Version 1,200 years later. He is the patron saint of librarians.

The Secret to Making Scripture Come Alive

The Practice of *Lectio Divina*



*They said to each other,
"Were not our hearts burning within us while
he was talking to us on the road, while he was
opening the scriptures to us?"*

— Luke 24:32

ANNUAL PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Sunday, January 30

7pm - 8pm

St. John Bosco Catholic Parish

12934 Marine Avenue Creve Coeur, MO 63146

Join Archbishop Rozanski and our St. Louis Christian communities

in ecumenical prayer for unity as we lift up our brothers and sister in the Eastern Christian traditions. Together we will reflect on the coming of the Magi in Matthew 2:2 "We saw the star in the east and we come to worship Him."

Masking and social distancing will be practiced.



Prayer for Christian unity must be part of our evangelizing efforts

In praying for Christian unity, we must recognize that what unites us is much greater than what divides us

**Archbishop
Mitchell T. Rozanski**



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

We will observe the Week of Christian Unity here in the Archdiocese of Saint Louis and all over the world, and the cause is dear to my heart.

The deepest reason why this issue is important is that Jesus prayed for it! In His prayer in John 17 He says: "I pray ... that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me."

Notice, it sounds like Jesus prayed for this because He knew it would be a point of contention among His followers! Knowing what we know about the subsequent history of division among Christians, we can certainly join in His prayer.

Notice, too, why Jesus said this unity was important: "That the world may believe that you sent me." Quite simply, division among Christians is a countersign to the Gospel we proclaim. Prayer for Christian unity, then, is not just a "feel good" optional and side program. It has to be part of our evangelizing efforts.

Some commentators have pointed out that we've moved from a "Christendom" age to an "Apostolic" age. In a Christendom age, Christianity can be presupposed as a background belief, and institution building is a primary means of proclaiming the Gospel, because people will come to you. In an Apostolic age, we have to presume a secular mentality, and we have to go out to people, who need to hear the Gospel for the first time.

That shift has an impact on how we think of the relations between Christians. Facing each other, we can tend to focus on our differences — and there are real differences! But facing an increasingly secular world we realize that — as Pope St. John XXIII once said — what unites us is much greater than what divides us. These days, we need to face the world together more often and more deliberately, and bear witness together to the life and peace that comes only from following Jesus Christ.

There have been positive signs that we're doing so! In 1965, the Eastern and Western churches lifted their mutual excommunications — excommunications that stood since 1054! In 1999, Catholics and Lutherans in the United States issued a "Joint Declaration on the Doctrine of Justification" — the very point that had divided us since 1517. From 1994 to 2015, the group "Evangelicals and Catholics Together" issued a series of statements on important issues for Christian life in America. None of these movements has brought complete reconciliation — there remains much to be done! But each of them points to the fact that we're turning a corner: After centuries of deepening our divisions and going our separate ways, we're turning toward greater reconciliation. It's a moment of great hope, with respect to Jesus' prayer that His disciples might be one.

The Church's theological approach to the matter has been carefully articulated in a series of documents — from the Second Vatican Council's Decree on Ecumenism ("Unitatis Redintegratio") to St. John Paul II's encyclical on Ecumenical Relations ("Ut Unum Sint") to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith's declaration on ecumenical and interreligious issues ("Dominus Iesus"). It's important to be aware of those documents, so that we're faithful to Catholic teaching as we engage in ecumenical conversation.

But our goal this week is simply to pray together — to join our voices with the prayer of Jesus. In doing so, we trust that our prayer has a role to play in advancing the cause of unity and advancing the proclamation of the Gospel to a world sorely in need of it.

Please join me this week as we pray for Christian Unity.

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