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Mission

"To Joyfully Preach, Teach, and Live the Word of God"

Theme

"One Hundred Fifty Years of Standing on the Rock"

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

(Call for Appointment)

SUNDAY MASSES:

10:00 a.m.

DAILY MASSES:

Monday 5:30 p.m.

(Tu, W, Th & F.) 11:30 a.m.

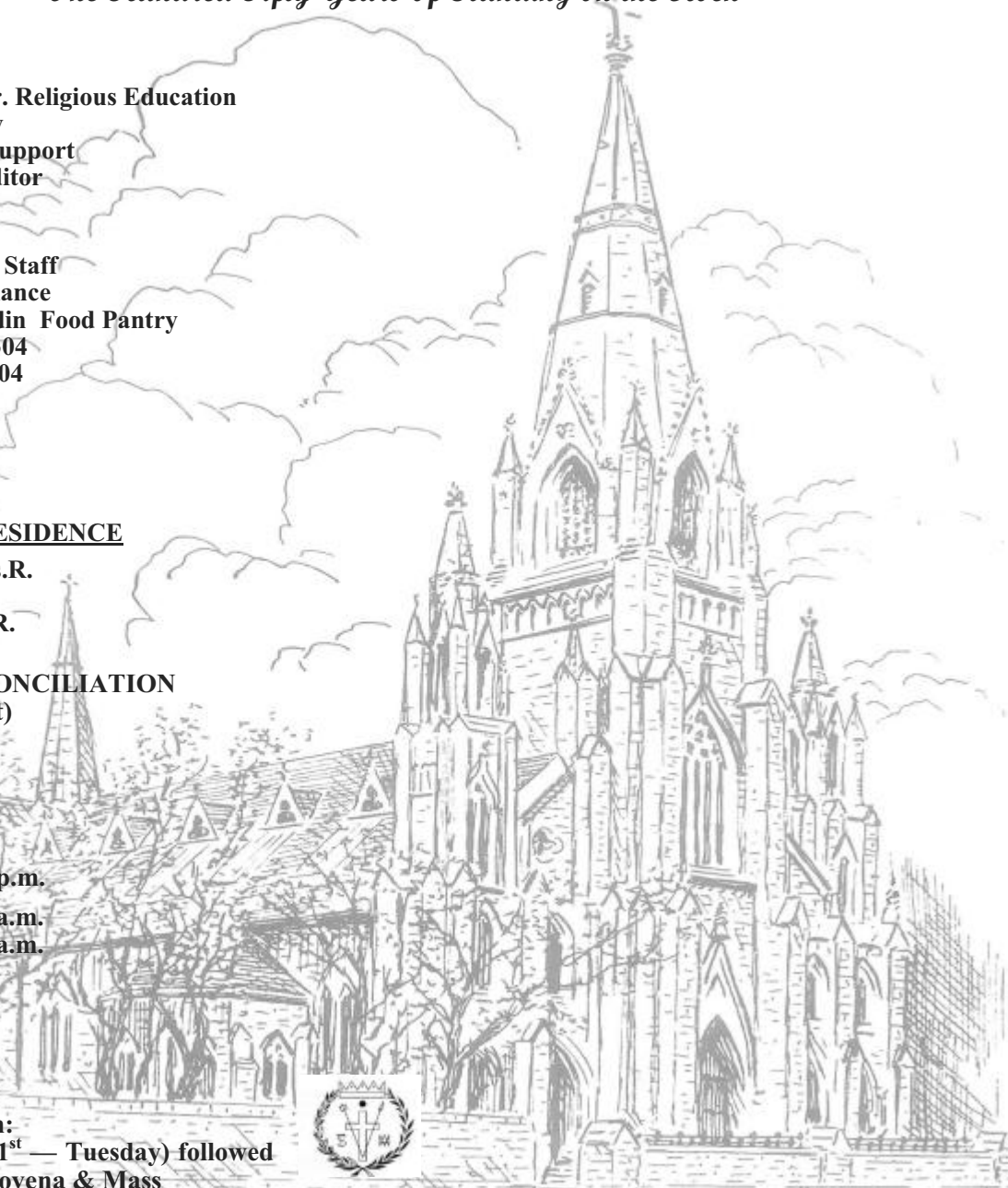
Saturdays: 9:30 a.m.

MONDAY:

Eucharistic Adoration
5:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m.

TUESDAYS:

Exposition & Benediction:
10:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. (1st — Tuesday) followed
by our Perpetual Help Novena & Mass





From The Desk Of Fr. Stephen

St. Clement Hoffbauer, a Redemptorist saint, once said, “It is better to bring the sinner to Jesus than Jesus to the sinner.” That quote may take a little bit of reflection to understand what St. Clement is talking about frankly, but I think this statement is true. When we bring Jesus to the sinner, it often means preaching to people, which can be effective, but sometimes people get tired of hearing it. Whereas, if we bring people to Jesus, we can let him do the preaching. After all, he is much more qualified to do the preaching than we are. He has a lot to say to us.

In our gospel today, Andrew has heard Jesus and his message. He is inspired by it. Jesus’ words have impacted Andrew, and he wants to make sure his brother Peter also hears these words. After Andrew hears Jesus’s message, he goes off to find his brother. “Come and see the man who has so much to say to us. I believe he is the one the prophets of old have talked about. Come and listen to him.” Peter does come and listen, and he too is enamored by what Jesus has to say. Both Andrew and Peter leave their life as fishermen and spend the next three years listening to everything Jesus has to say.

It’s as simple as that really. Hearing the WORD of God, being inspired by this same word, and then finding someone else who has not heard the word and bringing them to Jesus so that they might also hear that WORD. That is what evangelization is all about; spreading this WORD of God—not being afraid to speak in Jesus’ name.

In the 1st reading, Samuel hears the WORD of God. He has been placed in the hands of Eli as a young boy. He has not heard this WORD before until late one night when he hears his name being called. “Who is calling my name?” he asks. He figures it is Eli, and so he goes to him. He hears this voice three different times, and three different times he goes to Eli, but Eli is not calling him. Finally, it is the old man himself that realizes that God is calling on the boy. And so finally, Samuel can say, “Speak Lord for your servant is listening.”

So often, we can hear God calling our name but do not respond. We can be like the young boy Samuel and not recognize God’s voice, but the more we listen, the better we can hear. Samuel heard God’s voice, and with Eli’s help, Samuel was able to say to God, “I am here, God. Speak to me, for I am listening.” Andrew heard the voice of Jesus and followed that voice, but he did not stop there. He wanted his brother Peter to also hear God’s voice, and so he brings Peter to Jesus. Might God want us to do the same? Who is it today that God wants you to bring to Jesus? When you hear God’s voice calling you, answer that call and say, “Speak Lord, your servant is listening.”

Weekly Readings...

Sunday:

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Monday:

Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]
Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday:

Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday:

Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday:

Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12

Friday:

Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [11a]/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday:

Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7 8-9 [6]/Mk 3:20-21

Sunday:

Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday:

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday:

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Martin Luther King Day

Wednesday:

St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr;
St. Sebastian, Martyr

Thursday:

St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Friday:

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection
of Unborn Children

Saturday:

St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr
St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
BVM

Sunday:

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

INTENTIONS 01/05/21

Bailey, JoAnn
 Garner, Dian
 George, Roberta
 Hatchett, Sylvia
 Hutchinson, Gwen
 Oliver, Linda & Family
 Orphe-Harris, Cora & Family
 Price, Mary
 Scott, Clara & Family
 Scott, Dorothea
 Smith, Paulette
 Stewart, Rosemary

INTENTIONS 01/12/21

Bowens, Patricia
 Burke, Terry Bro.
 Corbett, Dan
 Day, Jackie
 Darden, Priscilla
 Downs, Gwendolyn
 Dyle, Ayrielle
 George, Darrion
 Grove, Nancy
 Hearn, Zeysean
 Hinton, Maryann
 Jackson, Tamica
 LeSuer, JaVaughn
 Logan, Carlita
 Middleton, Mary
 Parram, Monica
 Perry, Kameron
 Polek, David Fr.
 Reedy, Judy
 Reedy, Sid
 Samuels, Nancy
 Serio, Coman
 Stewart, Michael
 Sullivan, Betty
 Voss, Greg

SICKNESS 01/05/21

Atherton, Andrew
 Atherton, Vertibe
 Boykin, James

Caprese, Brittany
 Chapman, Bonnie
 Cooney, Gregory
 Franke, Chuck
 Hart, Edgar
 Howard, Yvonne
 Latham, Jean
 Moore, Brenda
 Oldani, Shirley
 Reedy, Judith
 Remsburg, Cory Sgt.
 Schnelle, LaVerne
 Smith, Melba
 Strong, Betty
 Thompson, Mary Ann
 Vet, Alphonso
 Weaver, Stephen

SICKNESS 01/12/21

Bell, Gilbert
 Brown, Henrene
 Brown, Joyce
 Collins, Tamika
 Collins, Tony
 Dye, Margaret
 Fite, Maudelle
 George, Betty
 Green, Alonzo
 Guest, Lois
 Harris, Ashley
 Lubinski, Tiffany
 Massingale, Bryan Fr.
 Miller, Antonio Jr.
 Miller, Roy
 Moore, Joyce
 Klein, Mary
 Luster, Juanita
 Mozee, Sylvester
 Parran, Rodrick
 Reedy, Christian
 Richards, Dave
 Stamps, Arlecia
 Valle, Jr., Robert (Bobby)
 Watkins, Darnell (Chef D)
 Whitfield, Edna (Mother)

SHUT-IN'S

Atherton, Andrew
 Bohannon, Ida
 Brack, Dorothy
 Clay, Irving
 McCoy, Bernice

McCoy, Carolyn
 Peters, Mae
 Thomas, Bernice
 Turner, Hortense



Pray for the Deceased



Pray for the repose of the soul of †Wilson Orphe, father of Cora(Tobey) Orphe-Harris

*Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord,
 and let perpetual light shine upon them.
 May the souls of the faithful departed
 through the mercy of God rest in peace.*

Amen

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LITURGY NOTES...

The Liturgical Calendar (part 2)



The season of Ordinary Time is interrupted by three seasons, the first being Lent, the 40-day period of preparation for Easter. In any given year, the length of the first period of Ordinary Time depends on the date of Ash Wednesday, which itself depends on the date of Easter. Lent is a period of fasting, abstinence, prayer, and almsgiving—all to prepare ourselves, body and soul, to die with Christ on Good Friday so that we may rise again with Him on Easter Sunday. During Lent, the emphasis in the Mass readings and daily prayers of the Church is on the prophecies and foreshadowings of Christ in the Old Testament, and the increasing revelation of the nature of Christ and His mission.

Like Ordinary Time, the Easter Triduum is a new liturgical season created with the revision of the liturgical calendar in 1969. It has its roots, though, in the reform of the ceremonies of Holy Week in 1956. While Ordinary Time is the longest of the Church's liturgical seasons, the Easter Triduum is the shortest; as the General Norms note, "The Easter Triduum begins with the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper (on Holy Thursday), reaches its high point in the Easter Vigil, and closes with evening prayer on Easter Sunday." While the Easter Triduum is liturgically a separate season from Lent, it remains a part of the 40-day Lenten fast, extending from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday, excluding the six Sundays in Lent, which are never days of fasting.

After Lent and the Easter Triduum, the third season to interrupt Ordinary Time is the Easter season itself. Beginning on Easter Sunday and running to Pentecost Sunday, a period of 50 days (inclusive), the Easter season is second only to Ordinary Time in length. Easter is the greatest feast in the Christian calendar, for "if Christ is not risen, our faith is in vain." The Resurrection of Christ culminates in His Ascension into Heaven and the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, which inaugurates the mission of the Church to spread the Good News of salvation to all the world.

Richert, Scott P. "The Liturgical Seasons of the Catholic Church." Learn Religions, Aug. 27, 2020, [learnreligions.com/what-are-the-liturgical-seasons-542492](https://www.learnreligions.com/what-are-the-liturgical-seasons-542492).

ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Rock Peace and Justice Commission is selling T-shirts as a fundraiser for the racism education project, Teaching True Truth. Click the link below to purchase. Shirts are available in a variety of styles and colors: www.stalphonsusrockchurch.itemorder.com/sale



45th Annual Archdiocesan Celebration on the Holiday Weekend Commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King’s Birth and Legacy

The annual celebration is scheduled to take place on Sunday, January 17, 2021. Mass begins in the Cathedral Basilica at 2:30 p.m. and will include the in-church recognition of the 2021 MLK, Jr. Model of Justice Honorees. In light of the social distancing/restricted seating, you are invited to access the live stream available at: <http://www.cathedralstl.org/liturgy-sacraments/livestream>.

Please feel free to call the Center as needed at (314) 367-7929.

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Thank You Parish Family:

I will be forever grateful for the cards, notes, acts of kindness and thoughtfulness given to me and my family at Glenn’s passing. We must trust in God at all times and he will be with us.

Deborah, Cory and Chris Miller

Thank you my Rock family for your condolences, telephone calls and cards received during the loss of my mother, Vera Ellison.

Audrey (Mike) Ellermann

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Virtual Ecumenical Prayer Service 2021

Join Archbishop Rozanski and our St. Louis Christian communities in prayer for unity as we strive to abide in God’s love in order to bear much fruit (cf. John 15).

This prayer will allow us to virtually enter over a dozen churches in the St. Louis area as we pray together for Christ’s unity among us.

Sunday, January 31 @ 7 - 8pm

RSVP and join us at

<https://www.archstl.org/ecumenical-interreligious-affairs/events> or

[Click to Register](#)

THE SPIRITUAL LIFE

The term The Spiritual Life is a phrase that calls to mind our relationship with God. Most people I know are not aware that God is inviting them into a deeper and more profound sense of who He is every day.

God is trying to communicate with us in varying ways, but I am not sure that most people are aware of this at all and so consequently experience little or no growth in Spirit.

Like anything else worth pursuing, we have to take ownership of it. Mass is celebrated in the church Mondays 5:30 p.m., Tuesday—Friday 11:30 a.m., and Saturdays at 9:30 a.m.

PARISH EVENTS

NOVENA PRAYER TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP

ADAPTED TO BE PRAYED IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 SITUATION



Mother of Perpetual Help, with the greatest confidence we come before your holy picture to beseech your intercession.

We think of you, Mother, at the foot of the Cross. Your heart must have bled to see your Son in agony. But your joy was great when He rose from the dead, victorious over the powers of evil.

Mother of Sorrows, pray for us in this time of trial. Help us not to lose heart. Intercede for your people who are afflicted with Coronavirus.

Comfort your people who are vulnerable and anxious. Protect healthcare workers who put their lives at risk. Inspire our leaders to make good decisions. Change our hearts so that we may act responsibly.

Teach us to trust in God’s love and mercy and to share with you the joy of having courageously faced up to all the challenges of Life. Amen.

Financial Corner...

General Fund Actual Contributions Received		
JANUARY	03 rd	10 th
Envelopes	\$ 6,050.00	\$12,086.00
Loose Donations	\$ 3,537.00	\$ 2,607.00
Total Contributions	\$ 9,587.00	\$14,693.00
Weekly Target Amount	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00
Under/Over Weekly Target	\$(2,413.00)	\$ 2,693.00

Stewardship Prayer...

That we take time, every day, to talk to God - praising Him, thanking Him, and asking for His guidance.

“Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’”

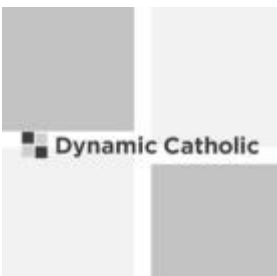
John 1:38

What are you looking for? Are you wasting your time looking for the material comforts of the world? Or, is your heart longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God? Take time each day in silence and ask the Lord what it is that He wants you to do.

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How quick the first disciples were to follow Jesus! They immediately recognized Him as the Lamb of God and followed Him to where He was staying. How quickly do we go to the church or the chapel for Mass and prayer, to encounter the Lamb of God? In order for us to be effective evangelists, we must nourish our own spiritual life and know the One whom we are called to share with others. This week, take some time to nourish your spiritual life and focus on encountering the Lord anew so that you can share Him with conviction in your thoughts, words, and actions.

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October 2020—September 2021

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| Shirley Foster | Ben and Denise Phillips |
| Richard Gaines | Eugene Wallace |
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| Kalyn Harris | Sheila Williams |
| Monica Huddleston | Jocelyn Woodson-Reed |
| Deborah Jones | |

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY



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 Baptism
 First Reconciliation
 First Communion
 Confirmation
 Matrimony

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Christian Formation	Jean Anthony
Christian Service	TBD
Finance & Adm.	Monica Huddleston
Liturgy	Richard Buckley
Social Life	Rose Graham
Youth & Young Adults	TBD

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 (314) 652-9231
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ANOINTING OF THE SICK & VISITS

"Is anyone sick among you? Call in the priests of the church and they will pray for the sick person and anoint them with oil." (James) This is the sacrament of the sick. ARE YOU SERIOUSLY SICK, GOING TO THE HOSPITAL OR HAVING AN OPERATION? Call and leave your hospital information at the office.

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