



CHURCH OF Saint Louis

KING OF FRANCE The Little French Church

SUNDAY MASSES

7:00 a.m.
10:00 a.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
12:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m.

DAILY MASSES

Monday-Friday
6:45 a.m., 12:10 p.m.

Saturday
6:45 a.m.

DAILY CONFESSIONS

In the Chapel
(except Holy Days & Holidays)

Monday-Saturday:
6:15 a.m., 11:15 a.m.

Saturday:
4:00 p.m.-4:45 p.m.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

First Monday of the Month
At all Masses (except Holy Days
and Holidays)

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

Monday 12:00 p.m.

BAPTISMS

Second Sunday of the month. Contact
the Parish Office at least one month
prior to requested date of Baptism to
arrange for a personal interview with
the Pastor. For parishioners only.

MARRIAGES

Arrangements should be made at
least six months in advance for those
who have been registered, supportive
parishioners for at least one year.
Contact the Parish Office for a meeting
with the Pastor.

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Pastor

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MEDITATION

Sunday, December 14, 2025

Third Sunday of Advent
Gaudete Sunday

... *more than a prophet.* (Matthew 11:9)

John the Baptist was pivotal figure in the history of Israel. It had been five hundred long years since Malachi had issued his momentous prophecy concerning “the day of the Lord” (Matthew 3:23). And when John came on the scene, many people recognized him as a prophet, a voice of hope—and perhaps even the fulfillment of that hope! They were so excited that they flocked to the desert to hear him and receive his baptism of repentance.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus makes it clear that John is even “more than a prophet” (Matthew 11:9). He is the final messenger, “Elijah,” the one who would return and prepare the way of the Lord (Malachi 3:1).

John’s appearance signaled a turning of the ages, the dawn of the long-awaited Messiah. We, too, are in our own turning of the ages as we await the coming of Jesus, our Messiah. So how can we make our hearts ready for him to come, both at Christmas and at the end of time?

One way, of course, is to confess our sins. But just as John was *more than a prophet*, God wants to do *more* for us than cleanse us of sin. He wants to go deeper into our hearts and heal our inner wounds and any attitudes that might be keeping us from fully welcoming Jesus.

For example, perhaps your life hasn’t turned out the way you envisioned, and you feel disappointed with God’s plan. Or you may blame the Lord for something bad that has happened in your life or for not answering a heartfelt prayer. Perhaps the burdens of life have weighed you down, and you’ve allowed yourself to become satisfied with superficial or rote prayer.

Whatever is burdening you, now is the time to cry out to the Lord for healing! He wants you to live in freedom, not under a cloud of grief or resentment or complacency. Remember John’s message: “The kingdom of God is at hand” (Matthew 3:2). God’s grace is a hand for you—today!

“Lord, search my heart and set me free!”

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THE FOUR THEMES OF ADVENT

The Advent theme of **joy** is celebrated on the Third Sunday of Advent, known as *Gaudete* Sunday, a Latin term meaning “rejoice.”

Lighting the pink candle for joy symbolizes a break from the season’s penitential tone, inviting us to celebrate the blessings of Christ’s coming. Advent joy calls us to pause and appreciate the presence of God in our lives, looking forward to the fullness of joy that Christmas brings. It’s an invitation to reflect this joy through kindness, gratitude, and worship, radiating the light of Christ to those around us.

POPE LEO’S PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war and conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

TODAY’S MUSIC

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:
Amazing Grace #287

Kyrie #1

OFFERTORY HYMN:
O Come, Divine Messiah #187

Sanctus #16

Agnus Dei #30

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear,
Behold; our God will come,
and he will save us.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN:
Soon and Very Soon #188

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 15

Numbers 24:2-7, 15-17a
Psalm 25:4-5b, 6, 7bc, 8-9
Matthew 21:23-27

Tuesday, December 16

Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13
Psalm 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23
Matthew 21:28-32

Wednesday, December 17

Genesis 49:2, 8-10
Psalm 71:1-4b, 7-8, 17
Matthew 1:1-17

Thursday, December 18

Jeremiah 23:5-8
Psalm 72:1-2, 13, 18-19
Matthew 1:18-25

Friday, December 19

Judges 13:2-7, 24-25a
Psalm 71:3-4a, 5-6b, 16-17
Luke 1:5-25

Saturday, December 20

Isaiah 7:10-14
Psalm 24:1-6
Luke 1:26-38

Sunday, December 21

Isaiah 7:7-10
Psalm 24:1-6
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-24

Prayer Requests: If you or someone you know is in need of prayers, please call or email the parish office and we will add their names to our ongoing parishioners and friends list of intentions: omannstlouis@gmail.com or call 651-224-3379.

We ask that you kindly let us know when the names of people should be removed. Many, many thanks.

Please pray for our parishioners and friends of St. Louis Church who are sick: Raymond Acesor, Paul Anderson, Peggy Anfang, Margie Atkinson, Mary Atkinson, Laris Berggren, Mike Campion, Odelia Conlon, Monty Denniston, Gretchen Dertz, Jenny Dufner, Elzbieta, Greg Ennis, Harry Frazier, Anne Hallgren, Mia Hasouris, Margaret Ann Hennen, Mary Ellen Hennen, Mark Hennen, Austin Hogan, Patty Huiras, Doria Johnson, John Johnson, Brian Junker, Ernie Jurgens, Marilyn Krass, John D. Lamey, Bonida Lanford, Caroline Lanford, Steve Lauinger, Lowell, Henry Lyons, Jennifer McMaster, Tom Miller, Dick Mogren, Cathy Mullaney, Tim Mullaney, Ruth Murray, Gretchen Naegeli, Tom Nutter, Joe Oden, Karen Olson, Zachary Redland, Jacob Revera, Jaxson Rivera, Mamie Singleton, Maureen Sullivan, Robert Tereau, Robert Tesch, Allyson Tracy, Robert VanGuilder, Jr, Brian Walstad, Jennifer Washington and Justin Woessner.

DATE	REQUEST FOR	RING OUT, O BELLS . . . INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
December 17	†My Parents	Anniversary of Death	Elzbieta Pawlowska
OPEN BELL DATES: The following dates are open in December for anyone wishing to have the bells rung in memory or in honor of a loved one: 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 28. Please call the rectory during office hours to make arrangements. Some dates listed as open may not be available due to the normal lag in printing time.			

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 15 *Advent Weekday*
6:45 †Dennis Johnson
12:10 †Joseph and †Lorraine Merkl

Tuesday, December 16 *Advent Weekday*
6:45 Greg Schiffer
12:10 †Mary Katynski

Wednesday, December 17 *Advent Weekday*
6:45 Bill Bobick
12:10 †Evelyn Pagel

Thursday, December 18 *Advent Weekday*
6:45 †John Schleck
12:10 †Joan Morris

Friday, December 19 *Advent Weekday*
6:45 Mike Bonino
12:10 †Tim Jakobic

Saturday, December 20 *Advent Weekday*
6:45 Ellie Sophia Speltz
5:00 †Jacquelyn Smith

Sunday, December 21 *Fourth Sunday of Advent*
7:00 Living and Deceased Parishioners
of Saint Louis Church
10:00 Charles Belland
12:30 †Dr. John Hess

PARISH CALENDAR

December 14.....Second Collection All Masses
December 15Rosary Recited 11:40 AM
December 15Novena Miraculous Medal 12:00 PM
December 15.....Synod Scripture Group 6:30 PM
December 16Rosary Recited 11:40 AM
December 17.....Eucharistic Adoration 11-12 PM
December 18.....Rosary Recited 11:40 AM
December 19.....Rosary Recited 11:40 AM

Mass Intentions

We ask that for any Mass Intention that you kindly fill out the envelope in its entirety and so that the envelope is readable. Sadly, we occasionally receive intentions that are unreadable and have no phone number to call for clarification on the spelling of the name(s). Your Mass Intention Envelope can be dropped in any collection basket or mailed to the parish office. Please *call or email* the parish office to schedule Bell Ringing. The suggested stipend for a Mass is \$10 and \$25 for Bells.

ELECTRONIC DONATION
You can now make an electronic donation to St. Louis Church by scanning the QR code to the right. The code is linked to our online giving page on the website.



Prayer for Lighting the Third Candle – Joy
“Gracious God, as we light the Advent Candle of Joy, may the joy of your salvation fill us with gladness. Help us to share this joy with others, especially those in need. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.”

TUESDAY LUNCHTIME ORGAN CONCERT

There will be no Lunchtime Concert until Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2026.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I extend a very hearty thank you to everyone who worked so hard on the bake sale this year: Jen Brodt, who coordinated the event; Nancy Hafner, Susan Wageman, Maryanne Charley and Karen Dion, the people who contacted parishioners and friends of the parish asking for donated baked goods; Mary Bakewell and Amy Etten who worked the event, and last but not least, to all the bakers who donated baked good items. We also thank all the people who purchased items from the bake sale. The fruits of everyone’s labor netted the parish \$1,787.00. Your support of the “*Little French Church*” is indeed very much appreciated.

Gratefully,
Fr. Joe Hurtuk, SM, Pastor

SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a second collection this weekend for the Fuel and Heat Fund. Your continued generosity and support is greatly appreciated and much needed.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPE

A Christmas Flower Donation can be given in honor or in memory or in honor of a loved. Please clearly write your name and the names of persons being remembered on the envelope. Envelopes are located at the back of the church. Also, envelopes were included in your envelope packet this year,

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Support those who have given a lifetime of dedicating their lives to service, usually for little or no pay. The Religious Retirement Fund helps the retirement needs, health care and much more. Envelopes are located at the back of the church. Please drop them in the regular collection basket. Many thanks.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, December 24, Christmas Eve
5:00 PM Mass with Cantor and Volunteer Choir
7:00 PM Mass **IN FRENCH**

No scheduled Confessions on Christmas Eve Day

Thursday, December 25, Christmas Day
7:00 AM Mass
10:00 AM Mass with Cantor
12:30 PM Mass

No scheduled Confessions on Christmas Day

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
Saturday, December 28 5:00 PM Vigil Mass
Sunday, December 29
7:00 AM Mass
10:00 AM Mass with Cantor
12:30 PM Mass

NEW YEAR’S DAY

Thursday, January 1, 2026
The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Holy Day of Obligation
6:45 AM and 12:10 PM

No scheduled Confessions on New Year’s Day

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CHURCH
BULLETIN?**

EVERY SUNDAY THE VAST MAJORITY OF CATHOLIC CHURCHES PLACE A WEEKLY BULLETIN OR NEWSLETTER IN THE HANDS OF EVERY PERSON ATTENDING A SUNDAY MASS. EACH BULLETIN IS UNIQUE TO THE SPECIFIC CHURCH AND GENERALLY CONTAINS A PASTORAL LETTER, A SCHEDULE OF MASSES AND CURRENT EVENTS. IT IS A MINI-MUST READ FOR PARISHIONERS, FRIENDS AND VISITORS WHO WISH TO STAY CURRENT WITH THE LIFE AND PEOPLE OF THE PARISH.

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*There are different kinds of spiritual gifts
but the same Spirit;
there are different forms of service
but the same Lord;
there are different workings but the same God
who produces all of them in everyone.
To each individual the manifestation of
the Spirit is given for some benefit.
1 Corinthians 12:4-7*

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