



CHURCH OF
Saint Louis
 KING OF FRANCE The Little French Church

SUNDAY MASSES

7:00 a.m.
 9:15 a.m.
 11:00 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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MEDITATION

Sunday, December 22, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mary...entered the house of Zechariah. (Luke 1:39, 40)

When you think of the Visitation of Mary, which is described in today's Gospel reading, you normally think she's going to see Elizabeth—and she is. But Zechariah was probably there as well, even though he would have been a silent presence. Just think how his inability to speak might have heightened his perception of what was going on around him. While we have no record of Zechariah's experience, we can imagine what his visit might have been like for him.

When Zechariah first saw Mary, worn from the journey but alive with excitement and hope, perhaps his heart leaped for joy just as his son did. Imagine his tired face and furrowed brow softening into a warm smile as he welcomed their surprise visitor!

When he heard Elizabeth call their young cousin "the mother of my Lord" (Luke 1:43), Zechariah could tell that something remarkable was going on. Any shock or doubt he might have felt at hearing his wife give Mary such a title would have dissolved as he remembered the angel's promise that his son would "go before" the Lord and prepare his way (1:17).

When Elizabeth praised Mary for believing what the Lord said to her (Luke 1:45), Zechariah's own faith might have been buoyed up and his anticipation kindled. Any regret at his own response to his heavenly messenger likely faded when he observed Mary's wholehearted surrender to the Lord's will.

Today, just a few days before Christmas, place yourself in the scene of the Visitation as a silent presence like Zechariah. Take some time to slow down your thoughts. Imagine Mary entering *your* house carrying Jesus in her womb. How does your heart respond to the sound of her greeting? Do you recognize Jesus in her? Can you praise God for Mary's faithful response to his word to her?

"Lord, help me to listen to what you're saying to me today."

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CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, that we, who are gladdened by participation in the feast of our Redeemer's Nativity, may through an honorable way of life become worthy of union with him. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

POPE FRANCIS' MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

For Pilgrims of Hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

TODAY'S MUSIC

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #182

Kyrie #1

Gloria #5

OFFERTORY HYMN:

People, Look East #191

Sanctus #16

Agnus Dei #98

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

Soon and Very Soon #188

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 23

Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24; Psalm 25:4-5b, 8-10, 14; Luke 1:57-66

Tuesday, December 24

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Psalm 89:2-5, 27, 29;

Luke 1:67-69

Tuesday, December 24 Vigil

Isaiah 61:1-5; Psalm 89:4-5, 16-17, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25;

Matthew 1:1-25

Wednesday, December 25 Dawn

Isaiah 62:11-12; Psalm 97:1,6, 11-12;

Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:15-20

Wednesday, December 25 Day

Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98:1-6; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18

Thursday, December 26

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Psalm 31:3c-4, 6, 8a, 16b-17;

Matthew 10:17-22

Friday, December 27

I John 1:1-4; Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; John 20:1a, 2-8

Saturday, December 28

I John 1:5-2:2; Psalm 124:2-5, 7b-8; Matthew 2:13-18

Sunday, December 29

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Psalm 128:1-5; Colossians 3:12-21;

Luke 2:41-52

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, Hugh Atkinson, Mary Atkinson, Laris Berggren, Bill, Christy, Odella Conlon, Monty Denniston, Jenny Dufner, Elzbieta, Greg Ennis, Dorothy Ernster, Harry Frazier, Anne Hallgren, Mia Hasouris, Margaret Ann and Mary Ellen Hennen, Mark Hennen, Austin Hogan, Patty Huiras, Gloria Iverson, Judy, Brian Junker, Ernie Jurgens, Marilyn Krass, John D. Lamey, Bonida & Caroline Lanford, Steve Launiger, Lowell, Henry Lyons, Jennifer McMaster, Tom Miller, Shirley Milliman, Cathy Mullaney, Tim Mullaney, Ruth Murray, Gretchen Naegeli, Tom Nutter, Joe Oden, Karen Olson, Zachary Redland, Jacob and Jaxson Rivera, John Schleck, Mamie Singleton, Maureen Sullivan, Robert Tereau, Robert Tesch, Allyson Tracy, Robert VanGuilder, Jr, Michael Virnig, Brian Walstad, Jennifer Washington, and Justin Woessner.

RING OUT, O BELLS . . .

DATE	REQUEST FOR	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
Wednesday, December 25	Dory and Tom Spence	Wedding Anniversary (December 26)	Tom and Dory Spence
Thursday, December 26	Lee Larson and Sheryl Ramstad	Happy Anniversary (December 27)	Nancy and Bruce Lindberg
Friday, December 27	Mac Lacy	Happy Birthday	Fred Lenertz, Jr.
Sunday, December 29	John D. Lamey, Jr.	Happy Birthday	John D. Lamey, Jr.

OPEN BELL DATES: The following dates are open in December and January for anyone wishing to have the bells rung in memory or in honor of a loved one: December 23, 24, 29; January 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31. Please call the rectory during office hours to make arrangements. Some dates listed as open may not be due to the normal lag in printing time.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 23 *Advent Weekday; Saint John of Kanty*
 6:45 †Frank and †Claire Lynch
 12:10 †Raymond Vipond

Tuesday, December 24 *Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord*
 5:00 Living and Deceased Parishioners
 of St. Louis Church
 7:00 Living and Deceased Parishioners
 of St. Louis Church

Wednesday, December 25 *The Nativity of Our Lord*
 7:00 Living and Deceased Parishioners
 of St. Louis Church
 10:00 Living and Deceased Parishioners
 of St. Louis Church
 12:30 Living and Deceased Parishioners
 of St. Louis Church

Thursday, December 26 *Saint Stephen*
 6:45 Virginia Doyle
 12:10 †Teresa Paquette

Friday, December 27 *Saint John the Apostle*
 6:45 Mac Lacy
 12:10 †Al and †Connie Matt

Saturday, December 28 *The Holy Innocents*
 6:45 †Dr. Julian Plante
 5:00 †Fr. Stephen Adrian

Sunday, December 29 *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*
 7:00 Living and Deceased Parishioners and
 Friends of St. Louis Church
 10:00 †Philip Haas and John D. Lamey
 12:30 †Leonard Jacobsen

PARISH CALENDAR

Endowment Fund Collection Weekend Dec 21 and 22
 Rosary Recited Monday, December 23 11:40 AM
 Miraculous Medal Novena ... Monday, December 23 12:00 PM
 Rosary Recited Thursday, December 26 11:40 AM
 Rosary Recited Friday, December 27 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.

Reminder: Going forward the 9:15am Sunday Mass and the 11:00am Sunday Mass have been combined into one Mass at 10:00am with music.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

The priests and staff of Saint Louis Church wish all of our parishioners and friends and their families a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24
 5:00 PM Mass with Cantor
 7:00 PM Mass **IN FRENCH** with French Carols
No scheduled Confessions on Christmas Eve Day
 Christmas Day, December 25
 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
 5:00 PM Mass Saturday, December 28
 Sunday, December 29
 7:00 AM Mass
 10:00 AM Mass with Cantor
 12:30 PM Mass
 New Year's Eve Day, Tuesday, December 31
 6:45 AM Mass
 12:10 PM Mass
No scheduled Confessions
NEW YEAR'S DAY
 The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
 Holy Day of Obligation
 6:45 AM Mass
 12:10 PM Mass
No scheduled Confessions

CHRISTMAS FLOWER ENVELOPES

A Christmas Flower Donation can be given in honor or in memory of a loved one. Please clearly write the names on the envelope. The envelopes are located at the back of the church. Many thanks.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

There will be a second collection this weekend for the Fr. Paul F. Morrissey in Memory of John Nasseff Endowment Fund. Your continued generosity and support is very much appreciated.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will close on Tuesday, December 24th at 12 PM and will be closed on Christmas Day, December 25th, 2024.

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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;
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 1 Corinthians 12:4-7*

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