

Third Sunday of

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Advent

Church of the Annunziata

Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday (Vigil Mass) 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 7:00, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m.
Monday - Saturday 7:00 a.m.

**All Masses are streamed at
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Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.

Holy Communion for Homebound Parishioners

Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Baptism

By appointment, usually on Sunday at 12:15 p.m.
Please call the Rectory for more information.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please call the Rectory for information.

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*Our warm WELCOME to all!
If you wish to join our Parish Family, please contact the Parish Office.*

FROM OUR PASTOR



ADVENT IS OPPORTUNITY TO GET OFF PEDESTAL OF SUPERIORITY

Pope Francis challenges all Christians to embrace the Season of Advent as a time of Grace to help believers stop being presumptuous and pretending to be self-sufficient. There is only one way to begin a new life: “the way of humility—to be purified from the sense of superiority, from formalism and hypocrisy.”

People need to see themselves “as sinners, and to see Jesus as the Savior who comes for us, not for the others, for us, just as we are, with our poverty, misery and failings, above all with our need to be raised up, forgiven and saved.”

St. John the Baptist gives a sharp rebuke to those who are known for their duplicity and presumption, and his urgent appeal to repent. John tells us to “produce good fruit as evidence of our repentance.” This is the cry of love, like the cry of a father who sees his son ruining himself and says to him, “Don’t throw your life away.”

If people presume they always are right, they will fail to welcome the loving invitation and miss an opportunity to begin a new life. In essence, hypocrisy is the greatest danger, because it can even ruin the most sacred realities. Hypocrisy is a serious danger!

It is important to welcome God with humility, not bravura: “We’re strong; we are great people.” Each of us needs to confess our own sins, our own failings, our own hypocrisy. It requires getting off the pedestal and being immersed in the water of repentance.

Advent is a moment of grace to take off our masks—every one of us has them—and line up with those who are humble, to be liberated from the presumption of the belief of being self-sufficient, to go to confess our sins, the hidden ones, and to welcome God’s pardon, to ask forgiveness from those whom we have offended. This is how to begin a new life!

CONFESSIONS DURING ADVENT

The Sacrament of God’s Great Love and Forgiveness is offered on:

Saturdays, December 10th, 17th, (not the 24th) from 3:30 to 4:45 p.m.

Sundays, December 11th, 18th after all the Masses.

and

Monday, December 19th from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

when Msgrs Ramacciotti and Leykam will be available.

December 11, 2022

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Annunziata Christmas Giving Tree

Something Special for this Year's Giving Tree

**GIFTS FOR MARYGROVE ARE DUE
DECEMBER 11th**

Our 8th grade confirmation class has spent the past several weeks learning about the loving heart of Jesus and the importance of following His example by helping those in need. After being visited by a representative from Marygrove, a Catholic Charities agency in Florissant that helps neglected, abandoned, oftentimes abused, youth find hope and healing. Our 8th graders felt moved to grant Christmas wishes to the residents of Marygrove through our parish giving tree!

This year's giving tree has been covered with wishes received from residents and youth served at Marygrove. Our 8th graders have been busy organizing everything.



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CHRISTMAS AS "CHRIST'S MASS" THE MANGER AND THE EUCHARIST

Dr. Michael Barber

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Christmas 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I wish you, your families, and your loved ones joyful greetings at this special time of year!

This past year has been a year of consultation and unceasing prayer as we continue in this journey to make All Things New in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. This strategic pastoral planning process is about revitalizing our parishes and ministries, and providing a more vibrant future for Catholic communities throughout the Archdiocese.

This Christmas, I ask you to pray for vocations and for all our priests and seminarians. I also ask you to be generous in your donation to the Christmas collection at your parish, which helps ensure that our seminarians receive the education and formation they need to grow closer to Christ each day. Your support is a source of inspiration for the seminarians and helps to build up the Church in St. Louis. Together, we can encourage our future priests to walk the path of holiness as they seek to configure their hearts to the Heart of Jesus Christ.

I look forward to celebrating the joy of the Christmas season with all of the faithful of the Archdiocese. Please be assured of my prayers for you during the season of Christmas.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mitchell T. Rozanski".

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Archbishop of St. Louis



CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS

***Christmas Eve masses will be at 7 am, 5 pm & 10 pm.
Christmas Day masses will be at 7, 9 & 11 am.***

***New Year's Eve masses will be at 7 am and 5 pm.
New Year's Day masses will be at 7, 9 and 11 am.***



***Please pray
for all who have served or are
serving in the U.S. Military,
First Responders, Health Care Workers
and everyone impacted by the coronavirus.***

Cadet William Boldt ,USMA, West Point
Captain Winston Boldt, U.S. Army
Lt. Col Michael Butler, Chaplain U.S. Army
Lt. Col. Eric Carlson, U.S. Army
Major Courtney Collins, U.S. Army
LCDR Michael Collins, U.S. Navy
Captain Molly Collins, U.S. Army
2nd LT Norman Benedict (Buddy) Conley IV, U.S.
Army
Major Patrick M. Cronin, U.S. Army
William Donovan, U.S. Airforce
Martin Drakes, U.S. Marine Corps
John R. Driscoll, U.S. Navy
Soosan Good, U.S. Army
Lt. Charles Horn, M.D., U.S. Navy

Clare Lane, U.S. Airforce
1Lt. Robert Mandel, U.S. Army
Col. John M. Oberkirsch, U.S. Army
James Peterson, *retired* U.S. Marine Corps
GSgt. Ryan Rittenhouse, U.S. Marine Corps
Master Sgt. Patricia Roddy, U.S. Marine Corps
Maj. Rommel L. Romero, U.S. Air Force
Chelsea Schaffer, U.S. Army
Frankie Schaffer, U.S. Army
Sgt. Eric Secrease, U.S. Army
SSgt. Anthony J. Smith, U.S. Army
PFC. Nicholas Spangler, U.S. Army
Captain August B. Valentine, U.S. Marine Corps
Sgt. Michael White, U.S. Army Rangers
Cpl. Robert Wigginton, U.S. Marine Corps

Please let us know if there has been a change of rank or active military service, so we can keep this prayer list up-to-date. Please call the rectory to add the name of a loved one who is serving in the military.



MASS REQUESTS — You may have a Mass offered for a person who is living or deceased or for a specific intention. (The suggested Mass Stipend in the Archdiocese of St. Louis is \$10.)

If you want a Mass be said on a particular date, Masses requests are now being scheduled for 2023. Canon Law requires that all requested Mass intentions be satisfied within one year of the date the request is made; therefore, we are not able to accept Mass intention requests for a specific date beyond 2023. If you request a specific date which is not available at Annunziata in 2023, we are still able to have the Mass celebrated on your specified date with the help of our Retired and Missionary Priests. Please remember the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is sacred, and prayers reach God no matter where they are offered.

If you have a question, wish to request a Mass to be celebrated or to request a Mass Card, please contact: Linda at the Parish Office 314-993-4422.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Zec 2:14-17 or
Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19;
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47,
or any readings from the Common of the
Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13;
Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23;
Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25;
Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10;
Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b;
Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8;
Jn 5:33-36

Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17;
Mt 1:1-17

Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7;
Mt 1:18-24

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 10

7:00 a.m. Clarence A. Sweets
5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, December 11

7:00 a.m. Celebrant's Intention
9:00 a.m. Mary Beth Chik
11:00 a.m. Sally Landy

Monday, December 12

7:00 a.m. Ed. O'Brien

Tuesday, December 13

7:00 a.m. William Stock

Wednesday, December 14

7:00 a.m. Doug Jones

Thursday, December 15

7:00 a.m. Ivel Reed

Friday, December 16

7:00 a.m. Tim Carroll

Saturday, December 17

7:00 a.m. Natalie Menendez
5:00 p.m. People of the Parish

Sunday, December 18

7:00 a.m. C. James Good
9:00 a.m. James P. Hannon, Sr.
11:00 a.m. Celebrant's Intention

From Death to New Life



Letitia A. Cassin	December 11, 1988
Helen Grace Catanzaro	December 11, 2013
Sheila O. Griesedieck	December 11, 1999
David A. Blanton, Jr.	December 12, 1985
Gracie Reynolds	December 13, 2017
Robert O'Brien	December 14, 1997
Thomas Paul Gleeson, Jr.	December 15, 2006
Vincent Hennessy Jones	December 15, 1988
James P. Kennedy	December 15, 1996
Faye Beth O'Byrne	December 15, 2015
Bruce B. Selkirk, Jr.	December 15, 1998
Douglas Albert Jones	December 15, 2020
Sharon Reilly Condie	December 15, 2021
Irene Sullivan Ewing	December 16, 2011
Anna M. Nooney	December 16, 1995
Delphine Polk Gatch	December 17, 2007



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Pray the Rosary
Monday through Saturday
Immediately after the
7:00 a.m. Mass