



# CHURCH OF Saint Louis KING OF FRANCE

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## 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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## MEDITATION

Sunday, December 8, 2024

Second Sunday of Advent

*God has commanded that every lofty mountain  
be made low, and that the age-old depths  
and gorges be filled. (Baruch 5:7)*

Today's first reading contains a prophecy of what God would accomplish for the Jewish people as they languished in exile in Babylon. Baruch, scribe to the prophet Jeremiah, proclaims that "every lofty mountain" will be flattened and that "the age-old depths and gorges" will be filled in. So much so that the exiles would have a direct route, straight through the desert, back home (Baruch 5:7)

This was such good news! The only established road between Babylon and Jerusalem took travelers in a long northwesterly arc through the fertile land that surrounded the Syrian desert. But God was so eager to bring his people back to him that he promised to pave a new road directly through the wasteland. And even more amazing, he promised to join them on the journey, "leading Israel in joy...with his mercy and justice for company" (Baruch 5:9)!

What a perfect way to describe the miracle of Christmas! God didn't wait for us to stumble through the wilderness of sin that separated us from him. He didn't stand on the border of the Promised Land and command us to make the treacherous journey on our own. He crossed that vast expanse to come to us. He entered this fallen world to offer us his "mercy and justice." Visiting the land of our exile, he now extends his hand and promises to lead us into his heavenly home.

Baruch tells us that God has "commanded" the mountains to flatten out and the chasms to be filled in (5:7). And when God speaks, creation obeys! No amount of pride or selfishness, no matter how tall, can withstand his command. No sin, no matter how grave, can carve a ravine too deep for him to fill. Jesus has paved a "new and living way" so that we can finally come home (Hebrews 10:20)!

*"All praise to you, Lord, for coming to our rescue!"*

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## 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.

## PRAYER INTENTION

For our parish community: That we may continue to support the Church through our prayers, resources, and active participation. Let us pray to the Lord.

## TODAY'S MUSIC

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

*People. Look East* #191

Kyrie #1

Gloria #5

OFFERTORY HYMN:

*One Bread, One Body* #347

Sanctus #16

Agnus Dei #30

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy  
which comes to you from God.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

*Soon and Very Soon* #188

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 9

Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Psalm 98:1-4; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12;  
Luke 1:26-38

Tuesday, December 10

Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Matthew 18:12-14  
Wednesday, December 11

Isaiah 40:25-31; Psalm 103:1-4, 8, 10; Matthew 11:28-30

Thursday, December 12

Zechariah 2: 14-17; Psalm Judith 13:18b-19; Luke 1:26-38

Friday, December 13

Isaiah 48:17-19; Psalm 1:1-4, 6; Matthew 11:16-19

Saturday, December 14

Sirach 48:1-4, 9-11; Psalm 80:ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19;  
Matthew 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday, December 15

Zephaniah 3:14-18a; Psalm Isaiah 12:2-6; Philippians 4:4-7;  
Luke 3:10-18

**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](mailto: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, Odelia 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 Mulaney, 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
December 9	Lauren Lindberg	Happy Birthday	Nancy and Bruce Lindberg
December 10	Kelly O'Rourke	Happy Birthday	Nancy and Bruce Lindberg
December 11	†Arnold Pederson	Anniversary of Death	Nancy and Bruce Lindberg
December 12	Tommy and Jade Billion	Happy Anniversary	Nancy and Bruce Lindberg
December 13	†Joseph Gubash	Birthday Memorial	His Children
December 15	Cathy Halloran	Happy Birthday	Nancy and Bruce Lindberg

**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. December 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 28, 29, 30 and 31. 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 9 *The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

6:45 †Mother Theresa Gertrude, LSP

12:10 †Arthur Schoen

Tuesday, December 10 *Our Lady of Loreto*

6:45 †Mary Kaye McGough

12:10 †Edward Stewart

Wednesday, December 11 *Saint Damasus I*

6:45 †Evelyn Pagel

12:10 †Rene Ernster

Thursday, December 12 *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

6:45 Mary Breault

12:10 †Tracy Stewart

Friday, December 13 *Saint Lucy*

6:45 †Joyce Hirsch

12:10 †James Rosemark

Saturday, December 14 *Saint John of the Cross*

6:45 †Barbara Kaess

5:00 †Richard E. Johnson

Sunday, December 15

7:00 *Living and Deceased Parishioners and Friends of St. Louis Church*

10:00 †Dennis R. Johnson and †Lee Bakewell

12:30 †Clayton Montpetit

### Parish Calendar

Bake Sale.....Weekend December 7 and 8

Coffee and Doughnuts .....December 8 After All Masses

Fuel and Heat Collection .....Weekend December 7 and 8

Immaculate Conception Masses .....6:45 AM; 12:10 PM

Rosary Recited ..... Monday, December 9 11:35 AM

Miraculous Medal Novena. Monday, December 9 12:00 PM

Rosary Recited ..... Tuesday, December 29 11:35 AM

Tuesday Lunchtime Concert ..... Tuesday, Dec. 10 12:35 PM

Eucharistic Exposition..... Wed, Dec. 11 11:00AM-12:00 PM

Rosary Recited ..... Thursday, December 12 11:35 AM

Rosary Recited ..... Friday, December 13 11:35 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.

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### TUESDAY LUNCHTIME CONCERT SERIES

This Tuesday, December 10, immediately after the 12:10 PM Mass, the Tuesday Lunchtime Concert Series will feature Ju Young Lee, Organist at Christ Presbyterian Church in Edina, MN, and Adjunct Assistant Professor, Bethel University, Saint Paul, MN.

### BAKE SALE

This weekend is our annual bake sale after all Masses and while supplies last. All proceeds will go to the Franciscan Brothers of Peace. Many thanks to all who brought in baked goods.

**Coffee and Doughnuts will be in conjunction with the bake sale. All are welcome!**

### FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is this Monday, December 9, 2024, a Holy Day of Obligation. Archbishop Hebda has granted a dispensation from the obligation of attending Mass this year. Masses are at 6:45 AM and 12:10 PM.

### SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

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

### RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Support those who have given a lifetime of dedicating their lives to service, usually for little or no pay. The Retirement Fund for Religious helps religious communities with pressing retirement needs, health care and daily needs for senior women and men religious, who are most grateful for your generosity and support. Envelopes are located in the back of the church. Please drop them in the regular collection basket. Thank you.

### VOLUNTEERS APPRECIATED!

Do you like to sing? I invite you to sing in our volunteer choir! We rehearse on Sundays at 9 AM in the music room above the parish hall. We generally take the last Sunday of each month off. Please or text me at 612-360-1027 to let me know of your interest. Thanks!

Larry Martin, Choir Director and Organist

### MASS AND BELL REQUESTS

Mass Intentions and Bell Requests for 2025 will be scheduled starting on December 1, 2024. Please call the parish office at 224-3379 or email your requests to [ramonadasilvawoessner@gmail.com](mailto:ramonadasilvawoessner@gmail.com). Thank you.

### DAILY REFLECTION BOOKLETS

There are Advent and Christmas Reflection Booklets available at the back of the church. They are a wonderful guide to use for prayer and reflection during the Advent and Christmas seasons. All are welcome to take a copy.

## WHAT IS A 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  
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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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