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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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MUSIC MINISTRY
8:15—Malcolm Speed
11:00—Danny duMaine

REDEMPTORISTS IN RESIDENCE
Rev. Tom Donaldson, C.Ss.R.
Rev. Dave Polek, C.Ss.R.
Rev. Peter Schavitz, C.Ss.R.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
(Call for Appointment)

SUNDAY MASSES:
8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

DAILY MASSES:
Monday  5:30 p.m.
(W, Th & F.)  11:30 a.m.
Tuesdays:  11:30 a.m.
Saturdays:  9:30 a.m.

MONDAY:
Eucharistic Adoration
4:30 p.m.—5:15 p.m.

TUESDAYS:
Exposition & Benediction:
10:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. (1st — Tuesday) followed by our Perpetual Help Novena & Mass
Today we are celebrating the feast of Christ the King. It is the last Sunday in Ordinary Time. Next week we will celebrate the 1st Sunday of Advent. On this feast today, we celebrate the fact that Jesus Christ is the king of heaven and earth. When we think of a king, we think of someone who lives in a very ornate and expensive palace and rules his kingdom from afar, but in this feast today we see the king of kings as the one who leaves his elegant palace in heaven and chooses to come among us, his people. That is the thing that is so fascinating. Jesus, who is an infinite king, decided to leave heaven, a place of infinite value, and come to live among us. That would be saying enough, but when he comes, he comes in the most humble and obscure way, and suffers, from his people, a most cruel death. Oh, how much we owe to this king of kings. May we never cease to praise his name for all he has done for us.

As you know, this is Black Catholic History Month. It has been very informative for me reading in the bulletin every week about some of the prominent black Catholics who have gone before us and how they handled adversity in their lives. It seems that they used their catholic faith to sustain them through difficult times. I don’t know about you, but I am very inspired when I read these stories. I don’t know too much about Fr. Augustus Tolton, but I am thinking about getting his biography and reading it. These types of stories should inspire us, not just to be a better person, but also as a catholic.

One of the things that are most alarming to me about our catholic faith tradition is that we do not pass the rich legacy of our faith. Fifty years ago and more when we had nuns in the catholic schools, our catholic heritage was handed on to us and you got your ear pulled if you did not know the answer. Today, there are no nuns to remind us of the faith, and so I implore all of us to continue to pass on the faith to our young. Fr. Tolton, Mary Lou Williams, Lena Edwards, Llewellyn Scott, and others should be an inspiration to us. We must never give up our longing for the knowledge of God. Remember, God has created us. There is a longing deep inside all of us that can only be satisfied when we unite ourselves to God; this can and should happen for us when we experience the liturgy or read sacred scripture or a catholic book. We owe it to the people gone before us to pass this tradition on to those who come behind us. It is imperative, especially today when so many seem to be losing their faith. I want to be like Fr. Tolton, who stood up for his faith during persecution and was a model disciple of Christ. Have a great week.
INTENTIONS 11/12/19
Ambus, Ruby
Cloyd, Cori
Cloyd, Kalonda
George, Darrion
Hill Family
Jackson, Tamica
Parran, Kristin
Pickett, Gerald & Family
Pickett, DaShaun
Reedy, Judy
Reedy, Sid
Smith, Paulette

INTENTIONS 11/19/19
Cummings, Alice
George, Roberta
Miller, Jr., Antonio
Sanders, Sharron & Family
Schneider, Terri

SICKNESS 11/19/19
Atherton, Vertibe
Banks, Anita
Calhoun, Debi
Caprese, Brittny
Chapman, Bonnie
Clancy, Jimmy
Cummings, Cleophes
Haine, (Bill) Wm
Harris, Tobey
Herron, David
Hood, Rosalind
Howard, Yvonne
Laberta, Steve
Lane, Joan
Latham, Jean
Lettermann, Annette
Moore, Brenda
Pointer, Patti
Remsberg, Cory Sgt.
Schneider, Jeanne
Schneider, Roy
Schnelle, Laverne
Serio, Jessica
Smith, Melba
Thompson, Mary Ann
Weaver, Stephen
Vet, Alphonso

HOSPITAL 11/19/19
Ambus, Larry
Bell, Gilbert
Duncan, Patricia
Reedy, Christian

SHUT-IN’s
Atherton, Andrew
Bohannon, Ida
Brack, Dorothy
Clay, Irving
Lee, Rosemary
McCoy, Bernice
McCoy, Carolyn
Peters, Mae
Thomas, Bernice
Turner, Hortense

NOTE: Names will remain listed for 2 weeks in your prayers.

Lwanga Center’s Bible Study group has resumed. Please join us on Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. We are located at 4746 Carter Ave., St. Louis, MO 63115.

We are praying with and exploring the Book of Psalms. Please bring a Bible (New American Edition is preferred). There is no charge for the sessions. Free will offerings are always welcome.

Call the Center for more information if needed at (314) 367-7929.

"THANK YOU ALL!"

If you bought or sold Grand Raffle tickets, donated or ended up with a Silent Auction item(s), bought or sold an ad(s), volunteered for any of the many tasks, including kitchen and/or clean-up duty, donated food, attendance prizes or anything else, or attended the Fall Festival/Card Party/Bingo.

THANK YOU! The event was a success thanks to the support of our parishioners and friends.

Financial results will be reported in January

Card Party Committee

Pray for the Deceased

Pray for the repose of the soul of Terrance Sanders, son of Sharron Sanders, nephew of Richard Buckley and cousin of Melyney Hill

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

For more dates, times and locations or to register, visit www.catholicfaithstl.com/catholic-faith-stl-adults.
BAPTISM GUIDELINES:

Newborn – 6 years old. A parent or legal guardian and godparent(s) must attend a Baptism preparation class, instruction materials are provided.

Ages 7 – 10: The child must attend special Baptism preparation classes and the parent(s) or legal guardian and godparent(s) must attend a Baptism preparation session prior to the ceremony.

Ages 11 – 17: The young person must enroll in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC) program.

Age 18 and Older: The Candidate must enroll in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program.

MATRIMONY – Engaged couples, seeking to be married at the Rock Church, must meet with the Pastor before setting a date.

RCIA/RCIC – ARE YOU SOMEONE OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO...

• Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?

• Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?

• Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a group to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of the Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. There are separate sessions for children and youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting.

For information on requesting any of the above Sacraments and/or to register for classes, please contact the Director of Religious Education, Sharon Cooney-Smith at 314-533-0304 ext. 1001, or via e-mail @ scooney smith@stalphonsusrock.org.

LITURGY NOTES...

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King.

Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925... with his encyclical Quas primas (“In the first”) to respond to growing nationalism and secularism. He recognized that these related societal ills would breed increasing hostility against the Church. Today reminds us that while governments and ideologies come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

During the early twentieth century, in Mexico, Russia, and in many parts of Europe, atheistic regimes threatened not just the Catholic Church and its faithful but civilization itself. Pope Pius XI’s encyclical gave Catholics hope and—while governments around them crumbled—the assurance that Christ the King shall reign forever. Pope Pius XI said that Christ “reign[s] ‘in the hearts of men,’ both by reason of the keenness of his intellect and the extent of his knowledge, and also because he is very truth, and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind” (Quas primas, 6).

Quas primas continues to ring true. In recent years, aggressive secularist campaigns have sought to marginalize the Church and other religious institutions. In response to the alienation and loss of solidarity which have accompanied these secularist assaults, racist movements have become more influential in the United States. Now, as always, we must turn and gaze on the face of Christ, who is Lord over all nations.

(www.usccb.org)
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming Bulletin Announcement Deadlines

All items must be in the office, faxed or emailed no later than 12 noon on the dates listed below:

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Baptism -- Sacramental Preparation classes for children ages 7 through 10 seeking Baptism will begin on Sunday, November 24, 2019 at 1:30 pm, in Room 113 of the Parish Hall. ALL PARENTS and STUDENTS are expected to attend the first class.

The remaining classes are as follows:

- Sunday 11/24/19 1:30 pm Room 113
- Sunday 12/01/19 1:30 pm Room 113
- Sunday 12/08/19 1:30 pm Room 113
- Sunday 12/15/19 1:30 pm Room 113
- Sunday 12/22/19 1:30 pm Room 113
- Saturday 01/11/20 11:00 am Rehearsal

Classes will last approximately two (2) hours. Ms. Bonita Cornute will serve as teacher/catechist for the Sacramental Preparation classes for children’s Baptism.

Baptism will take place during the 11:00 am Liturgy on Sunday, January 12, 2020, the “Baptism of the Lord.”

Please complete the Baptism Request Form on the Usher’s table and place it in the locked box or hand-deliver to the office, no later than 11/20/2019.

VOSA Christmas Concert
“O Come Let Us Adore Him” with Special Guest Cote Brilliante Men’s Chorus Ignited for Christ LLIM and The North City Deanery Choir Sunday, December 8th at 4 p.m. at the Rock Church

Eucharistic Adoration
Mondays
4:30 p.m.—5:15 p.m.

What a beautiful thing to be able to sit quietly with the Lord. This will be followed by mass at 5:30 p.m. I hope you can make time for Jesus.

Please use the entrance off the parking lot to enter the Church.

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In order for everyone to enjoy The Most Wonderful Time of the Year, please take an ornament or two from The Giving Tree so that others can enjoy A Merry Little Christmas. Too busy to shop, stop in the back of church and purchase a Gift Card.

Return all gifts by December 8th
Please return ornament with gift
Financial Corner...

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Stewardship Prayer…
That we may serve Jesus, Our King, with love and gratitude, generously offering our gifts to help build up the kingdom of God here on earth.

“….giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light.”
(Colossians 1:12)

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can’t do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or spend most of our time trying to acquire “things.” Instead, try putting God first in all things. Ask Him how He wants you to use your gifts.

Dynamic Catholic, Alive! – Universal Kingship
Jesus’ messianic anointing—sealed by the descent of the Holy Spirit upon Him during His baptism in the Jordan—was no mere formality. It was an event that reached across all of time and space. Jesus wasn’t just anointed Priest, Prophet, and King of Israel. Rather, His Kingship is of the universe! And when we are anointed with Holy Chrism at our Baptism, we share in this exalted office as members of His Mystical Body. Do something special to mark this royal feast day. (CCC 783-786)

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Dynamic Catholic started with a dream: to help ordinary people discover the genius of Catholicism.
This is an organization where you can go to find many resources for free.
Visit archstl.org/dynamic to view all the resources available to you!

Congratulations!
Our November 2019 Winner is

Ben & Denise Phillips

Jean Anthony
Elizabeth Boykin
Ruby Brown
Virginia Brown
Richard Buckley
James Buford
Susan Buford
James Butler
Cheryl Carr
Anne Marie Clarke
Damon Clay
Mike & Cherina Coffman
Anne Conte
Willie & Bessie Cunningham
Esther Darris
Jackie Day
Janice Englander
Kurt Englander
Maudelle Fite
Paul & Shirley Foster
Wanda Garner
Gregory Glore
Alonzo Green
Angela Harris
Carl Harris
Kalyn Harris
Sharon Hawthorne
LaMarr Huddleston
Monica Huddleston
Pat Jackson
Donald and Joyce Jones
Mark & Linda Kamp
Yetta Kilgore
Helene Laberta
C.C. Lee
Pamela Leong
Sharon Lyons
Brenda Mahr
Brenda McDonnell
Sylvester & Karen Mozee
Earnest Nashville
Jean Nashville
Leo & Linda Peoples
Ben & Denise Phillips
Linda Brown Reed
Betty Sullivan
Adlean Thomas
Kim Thomas
Monica Tyler
Monica Tyler
Eugene Wallace
Jocelyn Woodson-Reed

Move to the Right is coming!
You will hear more about this in the coming weeks
In preparation for our stewardship campaign we ask that you reflect on the following:

Prayer for Generosity

Lord Jesus,
Teach me to be generous;
To give and not to count the cost,
To fight and not to heed the wounds,
To toil and not to seek for rest,
To labor and not to seek reward,
Except that of knowing that I do your will.

Amen
OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP PRAYER MEMORIALS

Tillie Mae Alexander, Hortense Anderson, Elizabeth Henckler Aton, Lillian Barnes
Mother Dorothy Granberry Bennett, Deacon Morris E. Bohannon, Willie Steve Bowens, Dorothy Brady
Theodore Branch, Jr., Irma King Brown, Kenita Bush, Anna Chopin, Betty Jean Colbert
Charmaine Davenport, Walterene Dougherty, Roger Downs, Sr., Sr. Antona Ebo, FSM, Jerome Fields
Ossie R. Foster, Queen E. Dunlap Fowler, Craig Franklin, Willie Goss, Ann Marie Hatchett
Cherry Ophelia Jackson, Mark Jones, Mother Ruth Jones, Eldwyn Lewis, Barbara McCalebb
Drenea Sanders, Eugene Sanders, Christine Slaughter, Irma Steen, Susan Colbert Threats
Ralph Tyler, Robert Joseph Valle, Juanita West, Marlene Williams, Richard Williams, Clarence Zacher

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RCIA/RCIC
Children’s Liturgy of the Word
Baptism
First Reconciliation
First Communion
Confirmation
Matrimony

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Community Women Against Hardship (CWAH)
(314) 289-7523
HIV/AIDS: 314 531-0304 Ext. 1502

ATTENTION
If your telephone number or address has changed, please contact the office at 533-0304. You may also put your updated information in the locked multipurpose box located on the north-side entrance ushers’ table.

Bulletin announcements must be in the office by 12 noon Tuesdays. Please fax items to 314 533-4260 or e-mail to parish130@archstl.org

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.