“THIS TEMPLE OF GOD, THIS HOUSE OF PRAYER AND GATE OF HEAVEN STANDS AS THE CENTRAL POINT OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, AND FROM THIS PLACE ALL DISTANCES ARE MEASURED. HERE CHRIST DWELLS IN YOUR MIDST, PRESENT IN WORD AND SACRAMENT, MAKING THIS A PLACE OF GRACE AND BLESSING FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF GOD.”

SAINT JOHN PAUL II
Welcome to the Cathedral-Basilica of St. Louis King of France...

On behalf of our Archbishop, Most Rev. Gregory M. Aymond, our parishioners, deacons, and priests, I welcome you to St. Louis Cathedral and hope that your visit will be a memorable one.

I invite you to consider the Cathedral your parish away from home. It is my prayer that your time here will be a spiritually uplifting experience. I appreciate your generosity in the support of our Cathedral. It is with your help that we are able to maintain its beautiful state, that we may continue to worship God within these walls as has been done since 1718. May God enrich you with many graces and blessings.

First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2020

Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come.
— Mark 13:33

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

First Reading — We are the clay and you, O Lord, are the potter: we are the work of your hands (Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

Psalm — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

Second Reading — God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).

Gospel — Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).


READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent
Monday: St. Andrew, Apostle
Tuesday: World AIDS Awareness Day
Thursday: St. Francis Xavier
Friday: St. John Damascene
Friday: First Friday
Saturday: First Saturday
MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, November 29, 2020
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas E. Werling+
John Fresho+
Hannah Gilpin+
Claire Gioe+
Mary George Bouligny+
Thelma Rita Thompson+
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For the People of the Archdiocese

MONDAY, November 30, 2020
12:05PM Cynthia Thompson+

TUESDAY, December 1, 2020
12:05PM Mary George Bouligny+

WEDNESDAY, December 2, 2020
12:05PM Msgr. Crosby W. Kern+

THURSDAY, December 3, 2020
12:05PM Thelma Audler Delpidio+

FRIDAY, December 4, 2020
12:05PM Philip and Carmen Salvaggio+

SATURDAY, December 5, 2020
Ernest J. Bouligny.+
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Mildred Huval Desormeaux+
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Cynthia Machatas+
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PRAYER INTENTIONS


If you are ill or know of someone who is ill and should be included in our prayers, please contact the parish office.
First Sunday of Advent  
November 29, 2020

MARK’S JESUS
Mark’s Gospel is the shortest and tersest of all four. The discourses of Jesus tend to be terser as well. Mark’s portrayal of Jesus has none of the poetry of the Sermon on the Mount or the Sermon on the Plain as in Matthew or Luke, nor the extensive, reflective “I Am” discourses as in John. Mark’s Jesus “cuts to the chase,” we would say today. This is reflected quite well in today’s passage.

It is no accident that the dialogue of Jesus at this point in the Gospel according to Mark—the concluding words about the end of the world—immediately before his passion, is riddled with exclamation points and an overall sense of urgency.

We would do well to re-tool our own way of living this Advent, for we live in a world urgently in need of hearing the message of Jesus proclaimed. It’s time for us to “wake up!” and get out into the world to do it.

2021 MASS BOOK
Mass intentions are now being taken for the 2021 calendar year. Individual intentions are available for the daily 12:05 p.m. Masses and multiple intentions are accepted for the weekend Masses. The donation for Mass intentions is $5.00. Please contact the parish office or complete a form found on the Cathedral website under “Mass Schedule”. Intentions are assigned on the first-come, first-serve basis.

Remember your loved ones in a special way this Christmas by donating funds in their name toward the purchase of the flowers that will adorn the Cathedral for the celebration of Christmas. Envelopes for this purpose may be found in the pews and donations may be placed in the collection baskets at the weekend Masses. A list of donors and memorials will be published in the bulletin of December 20. Your generosity as always is greatly appreciated.

Cathedral Sanctuary Lamp
Our Sanctuary Lamp burns this week in memory of Manuel Lopez

Archbishop Aymond’s Prayer  
(when faced with fears of Coronavirus)
Loving and faithful God, the coronavirus reminds us that we have no power and we are dependent on You. We place ourselves in Your loving hands. Please give eternal rest to all who have died from the virus. Please put Your healing hand on those who are ill, and give Your protection to us in this time of fear and uncertainty. Please, calm our fears and help us to trust You as our faithful God. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Our Lady of Prompt Succor, pray for us in this time of need.

Cathedral Mass Schedule Update
We regret to inform you that due to lack of attendance, as of Nov. 15, 2020, we have again suspended the 5:00pm Vigil Mass until further notice. Unfortunately, these “Covid times” have created financial hardship for our Cathedral operations and we are unable to sustain the costs involved in providing electricity, security, facility staff and musicians needed to offer Mass at that time.
Mass will continue to be offered at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. We thank you for your understanding of this matter and look forward to the day when we will be able to resume our regular Cathedral Mass schedule.

Please consider being a donor to this year’s campaign. See page 5 of this bulletin for details concerning how to access the Cathedral’s profile page and appeals for the December 1, Giving Tuesday.
POPE FRANCIS’ PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

Artificial Intelligence
We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

REMINDERS
For the health and safety of all during this pandemic we remind you of the following mandates and ask that you observe all during your visit to the Cathedral:
- Please be seated in a pew marked reserved and be seated by a cross, Families may be seated together.
- Masks covering nose and mouth are required.
- Social distancing of 6 feet must be practiced at all times, including while standing in line for Communion.
- It is requested that Communion be received in the hand.

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