



St. Cronan Catholic Church

28th Sunday, Ordinary Time

October 16-17, 2021

Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 p.m. Wednesdays – 8:00 a.m. Masks are required for all Masses to keep our unvaccinated children safe

Note: There is no 8:00 am Mass this Wednesday, Oct. 19 – Fr. Jack is out of town.

Live-streaming continues at the 10:00 am Mass the other Sundays of the month. PLEASE BE ON TIME! Masses will be live streamed at 10:00. Live-streamed masses are available on our Facebook page any time after the 10:00 Mass,

<https://www.facebook.com/StCronan>

Recorded Mass will take place the first Sunday of each month and will be available November .6. It can be accessed on our website:

<http://www.stcronan.org/>

Prayers Please

Bill Barrett, Mary Truetken, Laurel Hayes, Laurel Hayes' parents, Jerry and Nancy, Bill's brother in law, Dave Rose, Bill's friend, Jim Forest, Robert Nathe's Mother, Eileen, Colleen Wallace's godson, Lachlan, Michelle Frank, Martha Stegmaier, Diane Calcaterra, Jennifer Lyle and Krista Rakers, Marilyn Leong, Jessica, Nick Ambrose, Isabelle Boyer

World Mission Sunday: Next weekend, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious, and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Mass Themes coming up:

October 16-17 – Brief Finance Committee report and stewardship information.

October 23-24 – World Mission Sunday

October 30-31 – All Saints Memorial of those who passed this year

November 6-7 – Catholic Racial Justice Sunday

Mass Counts: Every year, the Archdiocese requires us to count the number of people attending Masses on the weekends of Oct. 2-3, 9-10, 16-17. In light of the Strategic Plan, it is important that we have as accurate a count as possible. Please come or watch!

Coffee and Donuts has been suspended due to increased Corona virus threats. It continues on Zoom and is a great time to catch up with the community. The meeting ID is 899 1284 7699, password – cronan.

Black Lives Matter Vigil: The St. Cronan Social Justice Committee is hosting a Vigil as a way of atoning for past racism. It will be held every third Friday evening of the month - 5:00 -6:00 pm at the corner of Kingshighway and Manchester. Next month's will be Friday, November 19. Please feel free to bring your own signs. If you have questions, please contact Trish Curtis: trishquita1952@gmail.com

Parish Council: The Parish Council will be looking for new members starting in January. If you are interested in joining this august group, please look at the biographies in the booklet in the back of church, and consider talking to a current Parish Council Member. You can also observe a meeting via Zoom, if you like.

Ecumenical Prayer – Care for Creation Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski, Archdiocese of St. Louis and Bishop Susan Candea, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America will co-preside an outdoor ecumenical prayer emphasizing our shared commitment to care for the Earth and acknowledging the damage done to vulnerable communities by neglect of our common home. Our hosts for the prayer request that all attendees be vaccinated. Masking & social distancing required. WHEN: 3PM Sunday Oct 24

WHERE: The Garden at Our Lady of the Holy Cross
8115 Church Road

St. Louis, MO 63147

For more Information:

Call James Fowlkes-Comninellis 314-792-7177

East St. Louis Race Wars: Fr. Joseph Brown will talk about the East St. Louis Race War Massacre at St. Alphonsus Rock Church on Sunday, November 7, 12-1 p.m.

Wills: Please remember Saint Cronan's in your will. Title is St. Cronan's Catholic Church- 1202 South Boyle Ave St. Louis, MO 63138. Our Federal ID.#43-0653457

Pastoral Reflection
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I love this middle section of Mark's gospel from which comes our gospel reading for today. Starting back in chapter 8 of Mark, Jesus queries his disciples on who it is that they think he is. He's at the stage of his journey where he is just about to turn his face toward Jerusalem and he knows what fate awaits him there. In asking his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?", what he's trying to ascertain is whether they "get it", whether they understand all that he has been preaching and practicing. To make it crystal clear to them, lest they miss the point, three times he predicts his passion to them, each time getting more and more graphic about just what kind of suffering and humiliation await him at the end of this road. Despite this, his disciples don't, in fact, really get it. Today's gospel demonstrates one of those occasions.

When earlier in this section Peter proclaims Jesus Messiah, he's proclaiming Jesus as the next David, a new warrior-king sent to chase out the Romans, return the people to the ways of God, and set up his own rule over Israel. That was the hope for a Messiah that many loyal Jews held. And this concept of Messiah was cultivated even amongst his own disciples, regardless of Jesus's own announcement of the suffering and death that awaited him.

So when James and John come to Jesus asking to "sit at his left and right hand" when he comes in glory, this was no act of sacrifice on their part; on the contrary, it was pure self-aggrandizement. They were jockeying for positions in the "presidential cabinet" they believed Jesus would set up once they routed the Romans and retook Jerusalem. They were aiming for vice-president and secretary of state in a sense. That's why the other disciples were so "indignant" at them—both angry at the naked lobbying for positions of power and probably upset that they hadn't asked first.

Jesus tries to turn their eyes back to the image of the "suffering servant" we hear in the first reading, another attempt to get it through their thick heads that his "Messiahship" has more in common with that suffering servant than with David's warrior-king. Their own discipleship should bear that in mind: that the only kind of power worth anything in Jesus's reign is the power to serve others.

It's a conundrum which most of the Church in the Global North—like here in the U.S.—are still mystified by. The desire to sit at Jesus's right and left hands means to court and endure the suffering that comes with taking on those who wield political, economic, religious and cultural power; and the only legitimate authority within our Church is found in the exercise of service and the giving of one's life for our sisters and brothers.

~ Johnny Zokovitch