



St. Cronan Catholic Church Second Sunday, Ordinary Time January 15-16, 2022

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

Live-streaming continues at the 10:00 am Mass. 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 February 5. It can be accessed on our website: <http://www.stcronan.org/>

Administrators Wish List: Please see the list in the Chapel and thanks for your generosity!

St. Martha's Drop-in Center: Opening January 3, Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., no appointment necessary. All services free of charge. Advocates will be available during the drop-in hours to provide services and support to anyone impacted by domestic violence. Please see the information in the Chapel for details.

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, Jennifer Lyle and Krista Rakers, Marilyn Leong, Jessica, Nick Ambrose, Al Sprehe, Phil Milner, Leslie Conway, Mike's grandson, Jack, Madonna Kuciejczyk-Kernan, Jim Gorman, Andrew Viraugh's Father, Sharon Orlet's sister, Betty, Nancy Buck, Nancy Buck's daughter, Jeanne, Kathy Bayless, Tom Kuciejczyk-Kernan's brother, Steve, Tom and Madonna's grandchildren, Matteo and Eleanora, Barry Buchek's wife, Mary.

Coffee and Donuts continues on Zoom and is a great time to catch up with the community. The meeting ID is 810 7478 0423, 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, January 21. Please feel free to bring your own signs. If you have questions, please contact Trish Curtis: trishquita1952@gmail.com

Letter Writing: Please join us in writing letters to let Archbishop Rozanski and Fr. Ken Brown know how disappointed we are in how the Archdiocese handled a personnel issue for a parish. For details and talking points, please contact Diane, diane@stcronan.org, (314) 941-4933

Thank you from St. Vincent de Paul Society: All of us in SVDP Society, want to thank all of you who have contributed to our two Christmas fundraisers. We are totally blown away by your continued support to our mission. Due to these difficult times, our neighbors needs are greater than usual and your generosity will enable us to continue helping them. So thank you again and may you have a blessed and healthy new year.

Ignatian Spirituality and Antiracism: A Call to Conversion: The path we follow on the journey of racial justice is illuminated and strengthened through the gifts of Ignatian Spirituality. Join us as we learn from some of the most knowledgeable and engaging speakers who will share their perspectives and experiences with grounding the work of racial justice in Ignatian Spirituality. February 9, 16 and 23, 7:30-9:00 p.m. This three-session virtual series of consequential and thought-provoking presentations will include opportunity for discussion and reflection. Sponsored by College Church. Register at: bit.ly/ignatian-antiracism Please see the flyer in the Chapel for further information.

Pastoral Reflection
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

A couple weeks ago while I was doing a routine visit on the cardiac floor at the hospital where I work as a chaplain, I had an unforgettable moment in an exchange of words with a patient. This was a young man who had already been in the hospital for several weeks, and who was facing even more weeks hospitalized, while having antibiotic treatment for an infection that had gone to his heart. In the middle of several questions that I was asking him about his well-being and sharing about pastoral care services, he stopped and said, "Can I ask *you* a question?" And then he asked me... "Are you always this happy?" This question was not at all what I expected, and both in the room with him and for many days later I poured over this query and have found myself contemplating this unexpected perception that was reflected back to me. He was able to share with me that in contrast to what he had been experiencing, he welcomed having someone visit who expressed interest in getting to know him, was trying to help identify his needs and who did not seem worn out. Whether my happiness stood out simply in contrast to others or was identified as my natural, usual state of being – having a stranger identify something that I was unaware I was exhibiting had me rejoicing in ways that God shows up in my own spirit, unexpectedly.

A theme that can be taken from today's readings is of God rejoicing in us and us, in turn, rejoicing in the glory of God. It can often be through the unexpected that God reveals God's glory to us. We are living in an unusual time. How at this time is God's glory being revealed to you? Is it easier for you to delight in God or to imagine God delighting in you? In the first reading we hear Isaiah speak of the land of Jerusalem as no longer being desolate or forsaken but delighted and rejoiced in, as well as called by a new name and held in God's own hand. Who among us is not longing right now to be taken from a time and place of desolation and in need of trusting God to move us into a place of rejoicing with others and with our God?

How might God's glory be revealed to us? Paul speaks of the manifestation of the Spirit being revealed by each of us through the gifts of the spirit. We are told that each of us is given an expression of the Spirit for "some benefit." At times we may trust that God's Spirit is alive in us and that we are given what we need to bring the Spirit of God to life in our world. Many times, though, we need help...we need others to help us to see what God is doing in our lives and where God's spirit might need to be nudged within us. "Happiness" is not listed as one of the gifts of the Spirit, but "healing" is, and I imagine that one of the reasons that gentleman's comment was so meaningful to me is that I could interpret that his experience of me being happy with him was healing. What experiences can you draw upon that help you identify the gifts of the Spirit within you (wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, mighty deeds, prophecy, discernment, variety of tongues, interpretation of tongues), in the myriad of ways they may be manifesting themselves in your lives?

In the Gospel, Jesus revealed his glory to the wedding guests at Cana by turning water into wine. The headwaiter has such great surprise that the good wine seemed to be reserved for later in the celebration, an unusual practice. Are we reserving our good wine, our spiritual gifts, for a particular time? Perhaps surprising others, ourselves, and God with the recognition and use of our gifts might be the best way for God to delight in us and for us to reveal and sing God's glory.

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