

PASTORAL REFLECTION FOR PENTECOST SUNDAY, June 5, 2022

I want to share with you today a poem that I like very much because it highlights the feminine qualities of the Holy Spirit in a unique way. It was written by a Sister of St. Joseph friend.

PENTECOST PRAYER

By Eileen P. O'Hea, CSJ



O Holy Mother, be mother to us.
Feed us, suckle us with your milk.
Envelop us. Tell us a better story.
This one is too hard, too long, too
painful,
too much to bear.

Great Mother,
open our senses to your touch.
Womb us. Give eyes your sight.
Breathe us. Give ears your hearing.
Lead us. Give touch your compassion.
Kiss us. Slake our thirst.
Bathe us. Douse your fragrance,
your blessings upon us.
Soak us through and through.

Holy Mother, Jesus Sophia, Mother us--
Come, come. All is ready. We are ready.
Don't fail us in hints and promises
Splash into the ocean of our longing.
Wet nurse us.
Our feeding time is past.
Long past! Hear our cries!

Lean over us.
Draw us into You.
One us Your love.
Holy Mother, Mother us.
Come.

Humanity is poised --
standing on tip-toe
peering over the fence of life, vigilant--
wanting to see, to know
if now is the time, if here is where
You will appear.

Breath is baited, stomachs tight
Eyes are focused, ears alert.
Senses strain, pain with anticipation,
with cautious delight.

All is ready. Desire is ripe.
Hearts are thrown open
yearning, burning, for your kiss.

Come, come.
Breakthrough. Pour-out Yourself.
Sophia us. Mantle us in love.
Bend over, bend into our vacant spirits.
Subsume us.

*Reflection submitted by
Sr. Chabanel Mathison, O.S.U.*



St. Cronan Catholic Church The Feast of Pentecost June 4-5, 2022

Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesdays – 8:00 a.m.
Masks are suggested for all Masses

The Mass for Sunday, June 5 will be recorded and placed on our website:
<https://www.stcronan.org/> If anyone is available to serve as lector on Thursday, June 2 at
9:30, please contact Diane G. diane@stcronan.org

Live-streaming continues at the 10:00 am Mass. PLEASE BE ON TIME! Live-
streamed masses are available on our Facebook page any time after the 10:00 Mass,
<https://www.facebook.com/StCronan>



ALL THINGS NEW

Our leadership team is attending meetings of the Archdiocese and will keep us posted on
upcoming events as they are scheduled. If you would like further information, you can visit the
Archdiocese's website <https://allthingsnew.archstl.org/> or call our office at 314-289-9384. You
can also leave comments about the process at this website.



ACA Update: We have made our goal, and are just \$4,800 away from our challenge goal, and 1 new donor away from our new donor goal. Thank you for your generosity!

Are You Called to be a Sister? The Sisters of St. Joseph Vocation Team invites women interested in religious life to join them at a weekend event June 10-12, 2022. For more information contact vocation@csjlife.org or see the flyer in the Chapel.

Black Lives Matter Vigil, takes place the third Friday of the Month at the corner of Manchester and Kingshighway, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. The next vigil will take place on Friday, June 17. Please join us!

Marianist Retreat Center Summer Schedule: This summer, the Marianist Retreat and Conference Center, located in Eureka, MO, is offering three unique retreat opportunities, and you are cordially invited! These and all summer events can be found at: <https://marianistretreat.com/blog/summertime-events-2022/>

North City Deanery is holding a Revival for “A Synodal Church: That All May be One,” June 6 and 7 at 6:30 p.m. (praise and worship at 6:15) at St. Matthew the Apostle Church, 2715 N. Sarah, 63113, with Revivalist Rev. Canon A. Gerard Jordan. Sign up: <http://evite.me/XmAR1KfGp> Please see the flyer in the chapel for further information.

Transformational Journey: A Pilgrimage to the Edmund Pettus Bridge, the National Voting Rights Museum in Selma, the National Memorial for Peace & Justice and the Legacy Museum in Montgomery, Alabama is being planned for Thursday, October 20 – Sunday, October 23. Save the dates – more details will follow as they are finalized.

Archbishop’s Visit: Thanks to all who attended or watched the 10:00 Mass on Sunday. The Church was filled to capacity, and we couldn’t have had more Spirit if she had descended a week early! Hopefully, we made an excellent impression.

City Greens Market would like to partner with the St. Cronan Community in providing fresh, quality food to our neighbors. The Grove's neighborhood nonprofit grocery store, the market is located just up the street at 4260 Manchester. Our mission is to provide access to fresh, quality and affordable food to our neighbors; to promote healthy living in the community; to provide a safe and welcoming space for neighbors to interact; and to support local farmers as part of our extended community. We offer fresh fruits and vegetables, bulk grains and flours, staple goods like beans and pastas and soups, frozen foods, and a variety of quality and humanely raised meats, eggs, and dairy products. While anyone is welcome to shop with us, our members get a 30% discount on all food. And anyone - member or not - who purchases food with their EBT card at City Greens Market can take advantage of the Double Up Food Bucks program to increase their purchasing power - if they purchase at least \$25 of produce, they can get up to \$25 of produce for free. Fresh food, healthy choices, and a united and empowered community. That's our commitment. Please come check us out! www.stlcitygreens.org

Donations for Ukraine: If you would like to help, please give to the Ukrainian Children’s Aid and Relief Effort, Inc. or UCARE, Inc., which is a charity serving the needy and orphaned children of Ukraine. If anyone wants to financially help the Ukrainian situation, please consider this charity. The website is www.ucareinc.org. Bob Hoffman has worked with this group for years..

Day-Long Women’s Retreat: Mark your Calendars! Women's Day Long Retreat planned for Saturday, June 25, 2022. Tentative time from 8:30am to 4:30pm. In person and outdoors. Centrally located near Hampton and Hwy 44. Theme and details to follow. Donna Moromarco, Kim Madden, and Mary Middendorf are in the planning stages. Express your interest in attending by emailing mary.middendorf@gmail.com as soon as possible. Space is limited.

COFFEE AND DONUTS IS BACK. Please join us for Fellowship and community in the COFFEE AND DONUT ROOM after the 10:00 Mass on Sundays. Many thanks to Maggie Hart-Mahon and Dorothy Strathman-Lucy for organizing. People mentioned that they missed having it last week - If you are interested in taking one weekend a month to host, or even the fifth weekend when it occurs, please contact Maggie: ofccomp17@gmail.com

Erastus Brown Historical Marker Unveiling Ceremony There is a group in our area who have been working on memorializing lynchings that occurred in Missouri. The next remembrance will take place in Union, Missouri, on Saturday, July 9 at 11:00 a.m. and will honor Mr. Erastus Brown. Please see the flyer in the Chapel for further information.

Prayers Please: Laurel Hayes; Laurel Hayes' parents, Jerry and Nancy; Rose; Robert Nathe's Mother, Eileen; Colleen Wallace's godson, Lachlan; Michelle Frank; Jennifer Lyle and Krista Rakers; Jessica; Nick Ambrose; Al Sprehe; Phil Milner; Leslie Conway; Mike’s grandson, Jack; Jim Gorman; Andrew Viraugh’s father,; Sharon Orlet’s sister, Betty; Nancy Buck’s daughter, Jeanne; Kathy Bayless; Tom Kuciejczyk-Kernan’s brother, Steve; Barry Buchek’s wife, Mary; Trish Curtis’ mother and brother; Gavin Barrett-Hayes; Barb Sopp’s cousin, Patty Struckhoff; Marie and Roland Martir’s granddaughter, Madie, and great-grandson; David Gaillardetz’ father, Richard; Fr. Gerry’s classmate, Fr. Pat O’Laughlin; Nick and Shirley Ambrose’s daughter, Brigid Costello; Shelly Kurtz; Varrietta Anthony; Teresa Sullivan’s friend, Caroline Bucci; Kathy Stock’s niece, Jill, Fr. Jack’s brother, Mike; Natalie Johnson and the Johnson Family; Nancy Buck; Nancy Buck’s daughter, Nancy Hall.

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