



St. Cronan Catholic Church 3rd Sunday of Advent December 11-12, 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

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 January 2. It can be accessed on our website: <http://www.stcronan.org/>

Christmas Information

We will decorate for Christmas on Sunday, December 19, after 10:00 Mass. All are welcome!

Mass Times

Christmas Eve (Friday, 12/24)
10:00 Carols, 10:30 Mass

Christmas Day (Saturday, 12/25)
8:00 Mass
10:00 Mass

Feast of the Holy Family (Sunday, 12/26)
8:00 Mass
10:00 Mass

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, Barry Buchek's wife, Mary.

Margaret Brewer, Carolyn Coyne's mother passed away this week. Please keep her, Carolyn and their family in your prayers.

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, December 16. Please feel free to bring your own signs. If you have questions, please contact Trish Curtis: trishquita1952@gmail.com

Advent Reflections for the First , Second and Third Weeks of Advent are available online on CronanTalk, and on the Website. If you would like a paper copy, some are available in the Chapel. We still need reflections for the 4th week of Advent, so if you signed up, please send them to Diane ASAP. Thanks!

Baked Bread for Masses: If you were previously a part of this ministry, or enjoy baking and would like to be part of the ministry, please contact Bill Barrett, barrettb@webster.edu or Diane, (314) 941-4933, diane@stcronan.org

Food Pantry Volunteer Opportunities: **Driver** for food pick up at St. Gerard Majella, Kirkwood, on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 11:00 a.m. **Volunteers** to unload the food when it arrives at St. Cronan at 11:30 a.m. **Volunteers** to help with Homebound food delivery the 3rd Sunday of each month after the 10:00 Mass. We really appreciate your consideration of these needs. Kathy Hunn, Director~St. Cronan Church Food Pantry~314-704-9934 or kathyfoodpantry@gmail.com

SVdP Giving Tree: St. Cronan St. Vincent de Paul Society has their tree in the Church Chapel with envelopes attached for monetary donations to support their work throughout the year. This is one of SVdP's major fund raisers. If you would like to give online, you can through our website and the "donate" button. Just indicate that your donation is for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Thank you for your generosity.

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

Pastoral Reflection
December 12, 2021

This Advent we are lifting up Mary the Undoer of Knots to ask her to intercede in our personal knots (obstacles to grace) and the social knots of Climate Change, Clericalism, Prejudice and Family Knots. This week we are challenged to examine the biases in our lives lest they morph into prejudice. In order to assist us in the effort I offer the example of another Lady, Our lady of Guadalupe whose feast is this Sunday. She aided the Aztecs in resisting the prejudice of the conquistadors and the Catholic missionary clergy. She is the "brown-skinned" mother! And she wanted the Aztecs to be treated with dignity. Not only were hundreds of thousands of the indigenous people slaughtered by the Spanish but over in Spain the theologians were debating whether the Indians had souls. The Lady helped Juan Diego to face the Spanish bishop to help him recognize that the Aztecs were also created in God's image. On Juan Diego's final visit before Bishop Zumarraga as he opened his tilma (an outer cloak) the picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared (that tilma is still in the basilica in Mexico City). And as he opened his tilma, flowers fell to the floor. For the Aztecs flowers meant truth (for us they mean love and/or beauty). So, Juan Diego "spoke truth to power". The bishop then agreed to recognize Juan Diego's people as God's children and proceeded to build the chapel that Our Lady wanted on Aztec holy ground.

Folks, let's gather the flowers (as symbols of truth) and lay them before the powers that oppress, displace and/or demean. Too many lie and disparage people of color, the migrants, the refugees, the physical and/or mentally challenged, the LGBTQ individuals, the homeless, the incarcerated etc. And let's also come to grips with our own biases (which we all have) lest they grip us and we try to make light of God's image in others.

Our nation, our church, our local community are all knotted by prejudice. Let us help people to rejoice in and learn from our differences. May Our Lady Undoer of Knots assist us in undoing prejudice and may Our Lady of Guadalupe give us the courage to lay the flowers of truth.

Here are the messages that Our Lady of Guadalupe delivered to Juan Diego:

My little ones, my sons, my daughters, I am here.
Me, your Mother.
Do not be afraid.
I am Mother of all who dwell in this land.
Do not let your heart be troubled by anything.
Are you not under my protections?
You are in the crease of my cloak, the fold of my arms.
Do you need anything else?
Am I not the fountain of joy?
Do not fear any sickness or anguish. Am I not your health?
Put this in your heart. Do not lose faith.
You are under my care. I am your mother.
You need to know that the world welcomes you.
You need to believe that the arms of life embrace you.
You need to remember, always, that you are loved.



Fr. Jack (he/his)