

# Pastoral Reflection

## Palm Sunday

What would this bedraggled gathering of folks from the countryside look like to the towns people? One guy's on an ass and others are starting to pull down palm leaves to celebrate and walk before him. They are even throwing their cloaks on the ground before him. I have a sense the women who spent untold hours weaving those precious pieces of cloth weren't too happy about that and yet, there was a sense of excitement and joy in the coming together. We all know where this is leading but the folks involved in the moment had no clue. "Who is this?" they ask. Don't we keep asking that same question over and over again, not only on Palm Sunday?

Jesus was somewhat identified as a prophet by a few here and there. He was seen as someone who spoke the truth in a very consistent manner to whomever would listen. Isaiah spoke to the weary and saw a face looking forward like flint without knowing shame. I think of the many people today who still struggle with their identities in the larger world and long to be honored and loved for who they are, not shamed or judged. Some of us have been so buried in the right and wrong approach to life that we have lost the ability to love first and grant mercy to ourselves and all who touch our lives.

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**Data Base Updates:** Be sure to let Mary in the office know if you have had any changes to your address, email, mailing address or phone number. You can email any changes to [mary@stcronan.org](mailto:mary@stcronan.org).

The rest of the week for Jesus is a tough road and by our human standards doesn't end so well. But by the mystery of incarnation, death and resurrection hope continues to nudge us forward and calls us again and again to love. Let's raise our palms today and rejoice that we know one who loved with his entire being, even unto death.

—Kathy Stock

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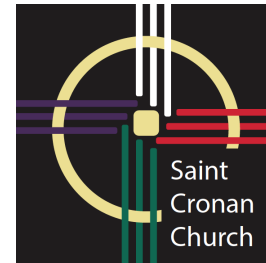
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## St. Cronan Catholic Church

### Palm Sunday

### April 2, 2021

#### Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 pm.

Wednesdays – 8:00 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment

**The Masses for April** will be live-streamed at 10aam on Sundays and posted on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/StCronan/>



**Grand Slam Baseball Raffle** St. Cronan is once again participating in the Grand Slam Baseball Raffle with St. John's Church. The raffle tickets are \$25 for a chance to win weekly prizes for 17 weeks. St. Cronan had several big winners for the Football Raffle. This is the last weekend to get your raffle tickets. If writing a check, please make it out to ST. JOHN CHURCH. Call the church office on Monday if you would like to purchase by Credit/Debit Card...and extra \$1.00 per card to cover our fees.

**St. Cronan Men's Retreat** The St. Cronan Men's Retreat will be live and in person this year. The retreat will be held April 28 - 30 (Friday evening to Sunday noon) at the Griesedieck farm, which is about 75 miles north of mid-town St. Louis. All men of the parish are invited. Please contact Rocky Sieben by e-mail if you are interested or have questions. [rockysieben@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rockysieben@sbcglobal.net) More information will be forthcoming in the coming weeks.

**St. Cronan Women's Retreat** The 2023 Women's Retreat at the Griesedieck Farm will take place April 21-23. There will be a minimal cost and ride shares will be arranged through the sign-up (coming soon). More to come soon!



**Church Office Closed:** The Church Office will be closed on Good Friday, April 7.



**Prayers Please:** Kathy Bayless; Trish Curtis' brother; David Gaillardetz' father, Richard; Nick and Shirley Ambrose's daughter, Brigid Costello; Varrietta Anthony; Fr. Jack's brother, Mike; Natalie Johnson and the Johnson family; Diane Calcaterra; Sr. Lynne's friend, Jan Berberich, SSND; Barb Sopp's friend, Joe Sinibaldi; Bob Barnicle; Paul Schmitt; Tim and Else Hirzel's great nephew, Cameron Russell; Kathy Hunn's niece, Lisa; Sr. Cathy's friends, Inga Casillo, Don Costello, Mike Bowen, Michelle O'Rourke, Kate Genovese, and newborn baby, Giovanni Christopher Centerino; Judy Gallagher; Barry Buchek's friends, Jim Bruno and Jim's daughter Courtney; Mary Truetkin; Marie and Roland Martir's daughter, Carrie, and granddaughter, Maddie; Janice Shayne's cousin, Jane Torretta; Jacob Whitworth; John Gozdziwski; Wilma Hunt and family, friends of Sandra Ward; Michael Mason; former SVDP hauler; Michael Peterson; Linda and Jeff Caul's daughter, Kelly; Al Sprehe's wife, Maggie; Joe Connolly; Sam Vitale, friend of Father Jack and Mary Ward, John Derr; son-in-law of Alice Adcock; Mr. Charles; Bill Blow's daughter, Meg Shugarts; Sr. Cathy's friend, Jenni. *Please let the office staff know if your loved one should be removed from the prayer list.*



**Holy Week Celebrations:** Sign-up sheets are available in church on Sunday for readers, eucharistic ministers and other participants for the Triduum. If you would like to sign up, but will not be at Church, please e-mail Diane at [Diane.diane@stcronan.org](mailto:Diane.diane@stcronan.org)

**Bulletin:** Please submit all items for the weekly bulletin to [mary@stcronan.org](mailto:mary@stcronan.org). you want your blurb in Monday Notes, too, please copy [diane@stcronan.org](mailto:diane@stcronan.org). Bulletin deadline is Wednesday by noon.

## Holy Week Services

Holy Thursday: 7pm

Good Friday: 7pm

Easter Vigil/Holy Saturday: 7:30pm

Easter Sunday: 8am and 10am



**Tenebrae Service:** A service of Tenebrae, meaning “darkness” or “shadows” will be held Wednesday, April 5 at 7pm. at St. Justin Martyr Catholic Church. 11910 Eddie and Park Rd. Sunset Hills. The purpose of the service is to recreate the betrayal, abandonment, and agony of the last hours of Christ's life, and it is left unfinished, because the story isn't over until Easter Day. This service consists of scripture, songs and psalms and begins in the fully lit church and ends in total darkness.



**Rice Bowls** will be available in church beginning this weekend. Please take one, put in your Lenten Alms and return them during Holy Week. If you prefer to make a donation with a check, please notate “Rice Bowl” in memo line.

**Immigration Task Force DACA Gala** will be held on Sunday, April 16, 3-5 p.m. at the Cardinal Rigali Center. Tickets are \$25 (free for those under 16. Refreshments and Music are provided. RSVP: [bit.ly/DACAgala](http://bit.ly/DACAgala) For further information, see the flyer in the vestibule, or contact Marie Kenyon – [mariekenyon@archstl.org](mailto:mariekenyon@archstl.org)

**Easter Prayer Service, Sunday, April 16.** Join the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 16 at the Carondelet Motherhouse for their Easter prayer service Radiating Joy. Celebrate the resurrection of our Lord with our community. All are welcome! The prayer service is free, but registration is required by April 9. Register at <https://www.csjstl.org/events/easter-prayer-service>.

**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, April 21. Please join us!

**Black History Bus Tour** Fr. Gerry will leading another Black History Bus Tour on Saturday, April 22, leaving St. Cronan, at 10am and returning at 1pm for the cost of \$7. Those who bring a brown bag lunch will stay longer to eat together and process the experience. Please sign up at church after Mass or contact Nick Ambrose 314-326-2216 or Glenn Eckert 314-849-1000 [glenneckert@gmail.com](mailto:glenneckert@gmail.com)

