

Monday Notes
December 13, 2021

Mass Schedule

5:00 p.m. Saturday
8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Sunday
Daily Mass: 8:00 a.m. Wednesdays



The Masses for the rest of December will be live-streamed at 10:00 on Sundays and posted on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/StCronan/>

The Mass on January 1-2 will be recorded and available on our Website on Saturday afternoon. That Mass will be uploaded to our Website: <http://www.stcronan.org>

If anyone might be available to read on Thursday, December 30, at 9:30 a.m. for the recorded Mass, please contact Diane, diane@stcronan.org or (314) 941-4933.

Masks are required for all Masses. This is to protect our unvaccinated children.

If you are attending Mass alone, please be aware of others who might need a place to sit, and move to the center of the pew, if possible. We can sit 3 single people in a pew and maintain social distance, but some have mentioned that people on the ends of pews are blocking possible seats for others who come later.

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

Gradual Re-opening: We are providing a section of pews for people who are vaccinated and don't mind sitting closer to one another. Be looking for the pews without ribbons in the next few weeks. We will have socially distanced pews available as well for those who prefer them.

Organizations may begin to meet downstairs in the coffee and donut room, safely distanced and masked. Please call the office to schedule: (314) 289-9384.

Baked Bread for Masses: The medical advisory panel has approved re-instituting the baked bread for our Sunday Masses. I have attached the recipe to give you a preview of what it entails. One batch of unleavened bread loaves provide enough bread for a month of 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 We had enough

people that we only baked bread once per year, so it is not a big time commitment if we get enough volunteers.

Advent Theme: This year we are focusing on Our Lady, Undoer of Knots as our Advent theme. Information will be available in Church and is attached. As a community, we recognize the many knots in our society that need to be undone: the knots of Climate Change, Clericalism, Prejudice, and within the Family. We implore our Blessed Mother Mary, undoer of knots, to raise our awareness and actions around these issues.

Advent Reflection Booklet: Thanks to all who have signed up to write an Advent Reflection. Since more of us are in church, I will have some printed copies available, but if you can read them online, that will save paper. I am publishing the booklet weekly on CronanTalk and on our website under "Updates and Reflections. Questions? Contact Diane: (314) 941-4933.

St. Cronan St. Vincent de Paul Sponsor-A-Family As in past years, we hope to offer our neighbors in need some Christmas gifts for the holidays. If you would like to participate in sponsoring a family for Christmas this year, please sign up in the church vestibule, or call Kathleen Johnson, (314) 822-7517 or email johnsonkath2@gmail.com and let her know the size of family you prefer. She may be able to assign you a family or adult on the spot. If you are concerned about COVID, you can purchase gift cards and make arrangements to get them to the family, or you can shop for presents as before. Please respond if you would like to participate.

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.

Administrator's Wish List: Would you like to contribute to the administrator's annual **WISH LIST**? See the poster in back of church for a list of items and instruction on how to participate. The list is also attached. You can donate for a specified item, or just to the "Wish List" in general and we will apply your donation where needed most. Place your donation in the envelope provided and notate which item you would like to support. Or simply state "WISH LIST". You can place your envelope in the collection basket on Sunday, mail it in or drop it by the office any weekday between 9am and 3pm. You can also donate to the Wish List through our online contribution button on the church website. Click the "[we share](#)" link then scroll down to SPECIAL and notate "WISH LIST" in the comment section.

Food Pantry Volunteer Opportunities: Driver for Food Pick up at St. Gerard Majella, Kirkwood on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 11:00 am. Food is delivered to St. Cronan and unloaded by volunteers and driver. We have another driver so each driver picks up 6 Sundays a year. You can use your own vehicle but would need a larger SUV or can use the St. Cronan truck. Time involved is approx. 1 hour.

Volunteers to help unload vehicle of food from St. Gerard Majella Church on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 11:30 am. We are in need of 2-3 volunteers. Time involved is about 10-15 minutes depending on the number of volunteers we have.

Volunteers needed to help with our Homebound Food Delivery on the 3rd Sunday of each month after the 10 am Mass. Each volunteer delivers to 2 households. We are looking for 2 regular volunteers plus 2 standby volunteers. Time involved is about 15-25 minutes depending on where the clients live. We really appreciate your consideration of these needs!

Kathy Hunn, Director~St. Cronan Church Food Pantry~314-704-9934 or kathyfoodpantry@gmail.com.

Moors. In 1521, Hernan Cortez, a native of Extremadura, conquered the Aztecs in Mexico. Even though his people were liberated from the Moors, he went on to occupy the Aztec land. In 1531, a Native Aztec, whose people were devastated by Cortez, was visited by Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico and brought the message that he and his people had dignity. After several tries, Juan finally was believed by the Bishop when Our Lady imprinted her image on Juan's tilma. Later on, the Mexican government discriminated against Catholics. One of the most maligned people through the centuries has been the Jews, who were persecuted throughout time, the most devastating in the Holocaust. Yet, they were liberated and Israel has been established. Now, they are persecuting the Palestinians. Prejudice begets prejudice. In our own country, those who came to find civil and religious freedom, persecuted the Native American Indians, and enslaved countless people. Again, prejudice begets prejudice. Each wave of immigrants experience prejudice from people who have been liberated.

John the Baptist calls on us to prepare. We prepare by asking God, "What should we do?" We rejoice and send that joy to others, whomever they may be. We don't retaliate when people are unjust to us, but resist when necessary.

Advent Blessings!

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