

**Monday Notes (on Tuesday)
February 28, 2022**

Mass Schedule

5:00 p.m. Saturday
8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Sunday
8:00 a.m. Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is March 2. Masses and the distribution of Ashes will take place at 8:00 a.m. and Noon.

The Mass on March 5-6 will be recorded and available on our Website on Saturday afternoon. That Mass will be uploaded to our Website: www.stcronan.org

The Masses for the rest of March will be live-streamed at 10:00 on Sundays and posted on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/StCronan/>
Masks are required for all Masses. This is to protect our unvaccinated children.

If anyone might be available to read on Thursday, March 3, at 9:30 a.m. for the recorded Mass, please contact Diane, diane@stcronan.org or (314) 941-4933.



All Things New: Instructions for completing the Archdiocesan Survey was sent out on Cronan Talk this afternoon. They are attached as well. The Surveys themselves will be available Wednesday, March 2. These surveys are very important to our Parish, so please complete it as soon as you can. Online is best, and if you require assistance you can make an appointment to complete it in the parish office. If you need a paper copy, they will be available in Church. If you would like further information, you can visit the Archdiocese's website <https://allthingsnew.archstl.org/>

CronanTalk: As we begin the journey for "All Things New," it is important that we are able to communicate with each other online. CronanTalk is our way of sharing information as a community. We understand that it can be overwhelming to have so many emails when people are commenting on prayer requests and other issues. **Please, if you feel the need to comment,** do so to the person who sent the request by using "reply" instead of "reply all." If I sent the request, send your reply to me (Diane) and I will forward to the person involved. This will cut down on needless email streams and keep CT for important business.

To be included in Cronan Talk, please email Mary, mary@stcronan.org.

If anyone knows of a better way for the community to communicate, please contact Diane, diane@stcronan.org We are always open to new ideas!

Preparing for Lent: Ash Wednesday begins on March 2. Masses will be offered at 8:00 and 12:00 noon. There will be a collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe that day. The reflection sheet for this week in Lent is attached, and can be found in Cronan Talk as well.

Help Me With Vital Statistics We are updating our data bases in the Parish Office and we need your help. We have noticed that many parishioners do not have a "joined date" entered in their profiles. If you remember the date you joined St. Cronan as an active parishioner, please shoot Mary a short email mary@stcronan.org or give her a call 314-289-9384. Even if it's just the year. That way we can update our data base. We don't know if we will need this important info for "All Things New" or not, but certainly, these vital statistics are needed for other purposes. Thank you so much for your assistance.

Do You Use Your Church Giving Envelopes? Thank you so much for your generous contributions to St. Cronan. We are conducting an audit of our giving envelope system. If you are no longer using your giving envelopes in the collection basket, or you are giving only on-line, please let Mary know. We can remove you from the paper envelope mailings and cut down on the paper use. Thank you.

Join Us!!! Bill Bommarito with St. Peter Catholic Church's Racial Unity team would like to invite you to join St. Peter and the Archdiocese of St. Louis at this very special Mass on Wednesday, March 16 at 7:00 p.m. The main celebrant for this Mass will be Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski. The Mass will take place at St. Peter, 243 W Argonne Dr, St. Louis, MO 63122. To view the live-stream, click one of these links: <https://stpeterkirkwood.org/todays-mass>
<https://www.youtube.com/stpeterkirkwood>
<https://www.facebook.com/STPKirkwood/live>

Human Trafficking Programs: St. Margaret of Scotland Living Justice Ministries and the Archdiocesan Office of Peace and Justice are hold a 2 night program on zoom on Human Trafficking focused on St. Louis. For further information and to register, please click on the QR code.

Action requested for Truth in Education: Please consider sending an email to the Missouri General Assembly and/or your state representative asking that they remove language from legislation that restricts the teaching of accurate history in our schools, especially regarding racism. A sample letter is attached, along with a QR code. If you click on the code with your phone, you should be taken to a site to voice your concern.

St. Joseph Housing Initiative is hosting an in-person, Spanish language Homebuyer Education class coming up at St. Cecilia's Church on March 1st at 6:30pm. 5418 Louisiana Ave, St. Louis, MO 63111. Registration link is here: <https://prosperityconnection.org/what-we-do/register-now/>

Listening Session for those who have left the Church: The Archdiocese is sponsoring a listening session designed to elicit meaningful feedback for the Church from people who have left the Church and/or feel left by the Church. This is part of Pope Francis' call for a Synod on Synodality; he wants to hear from everyone so the Church can learn how to better live its mission to the ends of the earth.

This listening session is scheduled for:
Saturday, March 12, 2022, 9:30-11:00
The Commons at Aquinas Institute
23 South Spring Avenue

(Here is a synopsis of Fr. Jack's homily. A transcript of the full homily is attached)

First Corinthians, Chapter 15: "Death is swallowed up in victory. O Death where is your victory, O Death where is your sting?"

Perhaps that is a prelude to this week, for we begin Lent. On Ash Wednesday, the ashes will be placed on the head, "remember you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Where is the sting of death?

Last week I talked about a book written by Fr. Gregory Boyle, "The Whole Language: The Power of Extravagant Tenderness. There is a chapter about Death. He was on an airplane and the pilot announced that they were making an emergency landing. Fr. Boyle turned to the two young men sitting next to him to console them and said "We're screwed!" One way to approach death.

There's no such thing as a dead person, there's only dead bodies, because we believe in the Communion of Saints. We believe that persons continue and they commune, not only with Christ and God but also with us. There's a union and communion that goes on. So maybe when we hear that death is swallowed up in victory, maybe some of the sting can come out of death if we hear the voices of the dead, because if they're in the communion of saints, then they're going to bring comfort, consolation and hope to us. So maybe, can you hear some of those voices?

Those voices can take the sting out of death. There's a message that's coming from the Communion of Saints.

Ukraine is in dire straits, with war and killing. I saw a video yesterday morning from Ukraine and it's an individual from the L'Arche Community, which are communities of those who are mentally challenged. This young man had a short video about life in Ukraine, done this week during the war, and he said, "There is no way to fight war without a stone in your heart. You can't kill without that coldness. I'm not going to die with a stone in my heart." He's not going to die with a wooden beam in his eye, like the Gospel. He may be dead now because of what's going on there.

There's a story about a little girl who attended Good Friday service with her mother. And she's trying to figure this out. She says, "Mom, did somebody die?" And her mom says, "Jesus." And she says, "Now what do we do?" The answer came to me from Johnny Cash. Johnny Cash wrote a song, First Corinthians 15, from his Album, "Ain't No Grave." His line in there, for this little girl and "What do we do now?" is "Lord, give me my task, and let me do it right, let me do it with all my might."

The question comes as we enter Lent, "What do we do now so that the sting of death is taken away?" This Lent, may we be close to the Communion of Saints, especially close to those who are suffering and dying in Ukraine. "What do we do now?" (from Fr. Jack's homily)

Kathy Stock's pastoral reflection is attached.

Blessings!
Diane

