

**Monday Notes (on Tuesday)**  
**April 12, 2022**

**Mass Schedule**

5:00 p.m. Saturday

8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Sunday

8:00 a.m. Wednesday

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

The Mass on May 1 will be recorded and available on our Website on Saturday afternoon. That Mass will be uploaded to our Website: [www.stcronan.org](http://www.stcronan.org)

Masks are suggested for all Masses.

**Holy Week Services:** Holy Thursday and Good Friday will begin at 7:00 p.m. The Easter Vigil will start at 7:30 p.m.

**Decorate for Holy Week:** We will decorate for Easter at 10:00 a.m. on Holy Saturday, April 16. Please join us if you can. We want a beautiful, community-created Church as we celebrate the Resurrection. There will be muffins!

**Participation for Holy Week:** Thanks to all who signed up. I'm sending readings today. We still need a "Male God Voice" for the Vigil, so if you will be there and would like to read, please contact me. We also need ushers, and people for the presentation of gifts. I'm attaching the sign up sheet so you know who is needed, and can remind yourself of what you are doing. Please email me, Diane, at [diane@stcronan.org](mailto:diane@stcronan.org) to volunteer, or sign up on the Google Doc at this link:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/17acxXpMaUqSFbOy4IVRyqjwK0YU6kSK7/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=103057187619177728911&rtpof=true&sd=true>.

**Collection for Priest's Retirement:** This second collection will take place on Easter Sunday and benefits our own Fr. Gerry and all the retired priests who have served throughout the years. Please be generous.

**Rice Bowls:** Please return your rice bowls for Catholic Relief Services to one of the Triduum services, or on Easter Sunday. Thank you for your generosity.

**First Communion** will take place Sunday, May 1 at 1:30 p.m. in Church. It is for the children and their families, and will be live-streamed for the Community to join us. We will have cards available April 24 for you to sign to support our First Communicants with your prayers.

**Live Meetings:** We are opening up for live meetings. If your committee or organization would like to meet live in the Coffee and Donut room or conference room at the Parish Center, please contact Mary, [mary@stcronan.org](mailto:mary@stcronan.org) to schedule your date and time.

**Lenten Journey:** "Embracing God's Abundance." Deepest thanks to our Lenten planning committee, which was a combination of Liturgy and Social Justice Committee folks. The Committee included Al Sprehe, Madonna Kucieczyk-Kernan, Trish Curtis, David Dickey, Fr. Jack, and Diane G. We would like to know what you thought, and how the theme worked for you. Please email your evaluation of our Lenten theme to [diane@stcronan.org](mailto:diane@stcronan.org) or talk to one of

the committee members. Some in the community have expressed an interest in creating a small group support each other in living simply. If you are interested, contact Diane.d

**Stations of the Cross in Atonement for Abuse and for the Healing of All** is online on our website and Facebook.

**All Things New:** Thanks to all who completed the All Things New Disciple Maker Survey. As part of the All Things New strategic pastoral planning initiative, now you are encouraged to share your input about Catholic Education in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. The survey is open to all current/former/prospective parents, alumni, faculty, staff, administrators, donors, volunteers, and community members of both Catholic Schools and Parish-based Religious Education programs. The survey is available to be completed from April 5 through May 2 and can be accessed here: [www.surveymonkey.com/r/EDUCATIONSURVEY2022](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/EDUCATIONSURVEY2022). For any questions, email [allthingsnew@archstl.org](mailto:allthingsnew@archstl.org). 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 would like further information, you can visit the Archdiocese's website <https://allthingsnew.archstl.org/>, or email any of the people on our leadership team listed here:

The Five Key Parish Leaders appointed by the Parish Council:

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The Point of Contact Person (Coordinator) appointed by Fr. Jack:

Sister Chabanel Mathison, O.S.U. - [chabanelm@gmail.com](mailto:chabanelm@gmail.com)

You can voice your concerns to any of the team listed above, or email your comments to the All Things New Commission on their website <https://allthingsnew.archstl.org/>.

**Hidden Mercy: A Discussion and Book Signing with Michael O'Loughlin**, St. Francis Xavier College Church, April 21, 7:00 p.m. Michael will speak about the way the Catholic Church compassionately ministered to the LGBTQ Community most impacted by the AIDS epidemic. For more information, please see the attached flyer.

**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](mailto:mary.middendorf@gmail.com) as soon as possible. Space is limited.

**The Gardening Committee**, who take care of the Church grounds, are in need of pots for thinning plants. You can leave them on the side of the rectory.

**Donations for Ukraine:** The Ukrainian Children's Aid and Relief Effort, Inc. or UCARE, Inc., 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](http://www.ucareinc.org). Bob Hoffman has worked with this group for years. For further information, please contact the office. You can give to Catholic Relief Services as well: <https://support.crs.org/donate/>

**Metropolitan Congregations United** has invited congregations to participate in Earth Day by representing St. Cronan at their booth, and several additional places to be involved this Spring. Please see the attached flyer to volunteer.

MCU has shared this invitation with us: CRC is hosting a Community Seder on Tuesday, April 26 to share our Passover traditions with partners across our region. We would love for you to be our guest, and you are welcome to invite others from MCU staff or congregations to join you. A flyer is attached with more information. Here is the link for registration: <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=t5ti5ocbb&oeidk=a07ej3166kn17ebcd74>

**Retrouvaille-St. Louis weekend, August 19 – 21, 2022 - Healing Your Marriage--**  
**Retrouvaille** (French for “Rediscovery”) is a 3-phase program designed to give you the tools to restore your marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. For more information or to register, call **314.453.0110** or visit website: [www.HelpOurMarriage.org](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.org) Fully Confidential and affordable. Space is limited with Covid-19 precautions. Register early. Questions: Tom & Kerry Marsh 314.753.2022

**Compassionate St. Louis:** St. Cronan has become a member of this movement to help make our city a more compassionate place. You will be seeing their logo on our bulletins and signs. For further information, please visit their website: <https://www.compassionate-stl.org/about-us>

**Catholic Racial Justice Collaborative:** Be the change you wish to see. As Catholics, it is our spiritual duty to combat the sin of personal and institutional racism. Could you use additional resources to understand and identify what it means to be anti-racist in your life? Follow the @Catholic Racial Justice Collaborative on Facebook at Catholic Racial Justice Collaborative or visit our website at [www.catholicracialjusticestl.](http://www.catholicracialjusticestl.)

**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. We will be gathering Friday, April 15. Please feel free to bring your own signs. If you have questions, please contact Trish Curtis: [trishquita1952@gmail.com](mailto:trishquita1952@gmail.com), or Kim Madden: [kim.madden514@gmail.com](mailto:kim.madden514@gmail.com)

**Wills:** Please remember Saint Cronan’s in your will. Title is St. Cronan’s Catholic Church-1202 South Boyle Ave.- St. Louis, MO 63110. Our Federal I.D.# 43-0653457

**Prayers Please:** Laurel Hayes; Laurel Hayes' parents Jerry and Nancy; Robert Nathe's Mother, Eileen; Colleen Wallace's godson, Lachlan; Michelle Frank; Jennifer Lyle and Krista Rakers; Jessica; Nick Ambrose; Al Sprehe; Phil Milner; 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 granddaughters, Maggie and Madi; David Gaillardetz’ father, Richard; Fr. Gerry’s classmate, Fr. Pat O’Laughlin; Nick and Shirley Ambrose’s daughter, Brigid Costello.

If you know of anyone who is feeling disconnected from our Community or has left, please let me know by clicking here: [diane@stcronan.org](mailto:diane@stcronan.org). Please do not reply to this email, because we don't want the names going to everyone. We will reach out to them.

**COFFEE AND DONUTS IS BACK;** however, we will not have Coffee and Donuts on Easter Sunday. Please join us for Fellowship and community in the COFFEE AND DONUT ROOM after the 10:00 Mass next Sunday. Many thanks to Maggie Hart-Mahon and Dorothy Strathman-Lucy for organizing. If you are interested in taking one weekend a month to host, please contact Maggie: [ofccomp17@gmail.com](mailto:ofccomp17@gmail.com)

### **Homily Reflection:**

It is Palm Sunday, the beginning of the holiest week of the year, when we are asked to walk with Jesus during his passion, death and resurrection. So we come today, hearing the Gospel of the Passion. The Gospel that identifies God as Suffering Love. He's not distant, but rather he wanted to walk with those crucified. he wanted to be able to reveal that their plight was his plight, and so God is Suffering Love. That brings us here. The non-religious example I thought of is how Volomydyr Zelenskyy, the President of Ukraine, chose, chose to stay. When other leaders' countries are besieged, they left, they would operate from a distance. He stayed and look what that has done to his people the courage and complete devotion to defend their country, because he chose to stay and suffer with them. Religiously speaking, I thought of Archbishop Oscar Romero, in El Salvador, who chose to stay in the Capital, despite numerous death threats, without any security, and was shot as he said Mass, and martyred. That rallied the Salvadorians even more and they came out in droves, and he lives in the hearts of the people of El Salvador. I think that's what happened with Jesus. Once the people recognized what had happened, who he was, the solidarity became enormous and kept flowing to the rapid growth of the followers of Jesus. Let's follow that Jesus during this holiest of weeks as we remember His Passion, Death and Resurrection. May we recognize God's suffering love and have faith in the midst of those crucified. (From Fr. Jack's homily)

Also attached is Sr. Chabanel's Pastoral Reflection.

Blessings!

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