

**Monday Notes (on Tuesday)**  
**May 31, 2022**

**Mass Schedule**

5:00 p.m. Saturday

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

8:00 a.m. Wednesday

The Mass on June 5 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)

If anyone is available to lector for the recorded Mass on Thursday, June 2 at 9:30 a.m., please contact Diane [diane@stcronan.org](mailto:diane@stcronan.org)

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

Masks are suggested for all Masses.

**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.

**Archbishop's Visit:** Thanks to all who attended or watched the 10:00 Mass on Sunday. The Church was filled to capacity, and we couldn't have had more Spirit if she had descended a week early! Hopefully, we made an excellent impression.

**COFFEE AND DONUTS IS BACK.** Please join us for Fellowship and community in the COFFEE AND DONUT ROOM after the 10:00 Mass on Sundays. Many thanks to Maggie Hart-Mahon and Dorothy Strathman-Lucy for organizing. People mentioned that they missed having it last week - If you are interested in taking one weekend a month to host, or even the fifth weekend when it occurs, please contact Maggie: [ofccomp17@gmail.com](mailto:ofccomp17@gmail.com)

**Are You Called to be a Sister?** The Sisters of St. Joseph Vocation Team invites women interested in religious life to join them at a weekend event June 10-12, 2022. For more information contact [vocation@csjlife.org](mailto:vocation@csjlife.org) or see the flyer attached.

**North City Deanery** is holding a Revival for "A Synodal Church: That All May be One," June 6 and 7 at 6:30 p.m. (praise and worship at 6:15) at St. Matthew the Apostle Church, 2715 N. Sarah, 63113, with Revivalist Rev. Canon A. Gerard Jordan. Sign up: <http://evite.me/XmAR1KfFGp> Please see the attached flyer for further information.

**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 Moramarco, 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. We are in need of a tent to provide shade at the retreat. If any one has a tent we could borrow, please contact Mary.

**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, June 17. Please join us!

**Red Cross Volunteers:** The Red Cross is in need of volunteers in the St. Louis Area. Please see the flyer in the Chapel for more information.

**Marianist Retreat Center Summer Schedule:** This summer, the Marianist Retreat and Conference Center, located in Eureka, MO, is offering three unique retreat opportunities, and you are cordially invited! These and all summer events can be found at: <https://marianistretreat.com/blog/summertime-events-2022/>

**Transformational Journey:** A Pilgrimage to the Edmund Pettus Bridge, the National Voting Rights Museum in Selma, the National Memorial for Peace & Justice and the Legacy Museum in Montgomery, Alabama is being planned for Thursday, October 20 – Sunday, October 23. Save the dates – more details will follow as they are finalized.

**Mid-life Singles:** Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at King's House Retreat Center, Belleville, IL (20 min from downtown St. Louis), on June 3-5, 2022. Cost is \$215 including meals and a single room. Visit [www.ReflectRetreat.com](http://www.ReflectRetreat.com), e-mail [reflect.stlouis@gmail.com](mailto:reflect.stlouis@gmail.com), or call (314) 283-0044 for details.

**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>

**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 granddaughter, Madi, and great-grandson; David Gaillardetz' father, Richard; Fr. Gerry's classmate, Fr. Pat O'Laughlin; Nick and Shirley Ambrose's daughter, Brigid Costello; Shelly Kurtz; Dorothy Lucey's brother, Leo Strathman; Varrietta Anthony; Teresa Sullivan's friend, Caroline Bucci; Kathy Stock's niece, Jill; Fr. Jack's brother, Mike; Natalie Johnson and the Johnson family; Diane Calcaterra; Nancy Buck; Nancy Buck's daughter, Nancy Hall.

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.

### **Homily Reflection:**

Today is the Feast of the Ascension, and this is a mystery. Last year around this time, I came upon Salvador Dali's picture of the Ascension (see below, and attached). It's a mysterious picture. Salvador Dali had a tremendous way of dealing with perspectives. The focus of the

picture is the feet and they're dirty because Jesus walked the earth with the disciples. You don't know if he's going up or down – that's because it's probably both, he's there but here. So Dali gives us these questions: what is going on? The background is the nucleus of an atom, the building block of life, like Jesus. There is a triangle with those hands, and the hands are like "I don't know," there's a tenseness there. When I look at our world, I'd be tense, too. And at the top, there's a woman there, it's not Mary, it's Dali's wife, whom he adored. And beneath her is the Holy Spirit. He's put that Spirit in many of his paintings. So I think the Ascension should give us questions, not answers. We need not be rigid, but look at the questions of life – is he there, is he here, is he the foundation of life, or is he not? Here also is a sunflower, which always turns toward the sun. So as we pray today, may we always turn toward the Son of God. (From Fr. Jack's homily)



Ascension of Christ

By

Salvador Dali

It is wonderful to be able to celebrate this Feast of Jesus' Ascension into heaven. There's some parts of the readings, though, that really make me ponder, and that is I can't imagine that the disciples with great joy, welcomed the resurrected Jesus and yet were told that for 40 days he stayed on this earth after his resurrection but when he left them, we're told that they went back to Jerusalem with great joy. It seems ironic that they would have seen Jesus crucified, seen him risen, and then all of a sudden he disappears from their midst and they would still have great joy. We know what it's like when relatives or friends move to a different state, when we lose their physical presence, we would have that twinge of sadness at missing them. Yet, Luke tells us that the disciples went back with great joy. What is Luke really trying to say? I think there is a lot of theology that is read into this by St. Luke. He tells us that Jesus ascended after 40 days, and we know that in the Jewish faith, one would become a disciple after spending time with the Rabbi for 40 days. One would be considered a true follower who has learned a lot from the Rabbi in 40 days. So forty days the disciples had with the risen Jesus before he told them to go out and preach. Theologically, it is the mandate, after spending time with Jesus risen, that the disciples were ready to take on the mission of the Church, after those 40 days. Luke also adds that they went from there with great joy, and for Luke that is conveying the presence of Jesus in a different way. Certainly, the disciples were with him for his three years of public ministry, they witnessed his death, they saw him after Easter in his resurrection, and they knew

that Jesus would be present with them, perhaps not physically, but in a different way. Jesus said that he would need to leave, but unless he would leave them, they would not experience great joy. What was the joy that was given to the disciples and ultimately what was given to each one of us? That joy is realizing that the presence of Jesus which was confined to his body when he was in his public ministry is a presence that was unleashed when he goes to heaven. It's a presence that is unleashed throughout the world with the promise of the coming of the Holy Spirit. And so, while we would think on human terms that there would be sadness on Jesus leaving, Luke portrays Jesus' disciples as having great joy, because they know that Jesus would not be confined anymore, that indeed his presence would be unleashed on the world, as they went out to preach the Good News. There's a genius in our Easter readings, if we take note of it, and the genius is this. Right after Easter, we hear of the resurrection appearances of Jesus. As the readings progress, there is a shifting of responsibility to the disciples that Jesus gives to them in John's Gospel in the Farewell Discourse. We hear in the Acts of the Apostles how the Apostles were inspired, fears were overcome. They were ready to take on the mission of the Lord Jesus. We see that shift then, of Jesus in the Resurrection appearances to the Apostles as they take on that responsibility. We ourselves are called to take on that responsibility to be witnesses to the Lord Jesus here on earth. Luke wanted to convey, both in the Gospel and in the Acts of the Apostles, how that ministry of Jesus is connected to the Church. How we are all called to participate through our Baptism and our Confirmation in that ministry. How we are all called to witness to the power of Jesus alive in our world today. Luke also needed to address an expectation. There was an expectation of many of the early Christians that Jesus would return soon. Luke wanted to encourage the people of God, not to wait in expectation that it would happen soon, but to wait in an active way of building up the kingdom of God here on earth. So at this feast of the Ascension we celebrate Jesus' completion of his time amongst his disciples. We also celebrate that He has entrusted to us a great responsibility to carry on his ministry in a world that sorely needs that witness of love, as we so sadly have seen over these past weeks, both in Buffalo, NY, and Uvalde, TX. We know that Jesus' presence needs to be everywhere, especially where people are hurting. Jesus' presence comes to them through our presence, and being with them. May we who hear the words of Jesus to his apostles, take those words to heart, spoken personally to Jesus through us, so that in carrying on his mission here on earth, we may bring about the Lord's love to so many who are in need of that peace and healing grace. (From Archbishop Rozanski's homily)

Also attached is the Pastoral Reflection for the Feast of the Ascension from Fr. Jack.

Blessings!

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