

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time January 19, 2025

The Bible is rife with spousal imagery, as in the first reading, and it's no coincidence that Jesus' first miracle happens at a wedding. The miracle at Cana underscores the sublime relationality of the divine wedding feast to which we are called. So, too, does Jesus' interaction with Mary when she lets him know the wine has run out.

In preparing to write this reflection, I did enough reading of various commentaries to feel assuaged that both Jesus's calling His mother "woman" and His asking "How does your concern affect me?" are not nearly the rebuke that they sound like in translation, but rather common colloquialisms of the time. Upon closer reading, something much more interesting than a mere rebuke is going on.

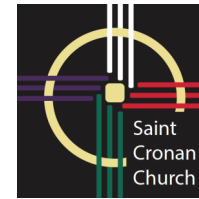
Here we have Mary—the same Mary of the Magnificat, who understands full well Who her Son is and what His task is—inviting Jesus to perform his first miracle. She is well aware of what she is asking him to do. This is why Jesus responds that His "hour has not yet come"—they both know that she is inviting Him to begin his messianic mission. And it is at Mary's invitation that Jesus does, in fact, begin to

reveal Himself.

In reading the passage this way, I cannot help but think of the Annunciation. Gabriel does not simply reveal to Mary her role in God's plan and then vanish—Mary first gives her *fiat*, her yes. Only then does Gabriel leave.

In both scenes, Mary, as our representative in Scripture, exemplifies the importance with which God holds our consent and our desire. God, as our loving Spouse, never forces Godself upon us, but instead awaits our "yes"—or better yet, our invitation.

—Loren Gaillardetz



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Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 pm.

Wednesdays – 8:00 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.

Bulletin Deadline: Noon Tuesday



Jubilee Year of Hope: As we begin the new year, let us open our doors to the hope of a better future. Let us resolve to work collectively to welcome our migrant neighbors and LBGQTIA+ siblings. In the vestibule, you will notice the door marked with the Papal Seal, the Holy Family as migrants and refugees, and the "Welcome All" logo. Let us face 2025 with a firm commitment to follow Pope Francis' declaration.

Blessing Bags: In a crate in the vestibule are blessing bags given to us by Breakthru Bev, thanks to Mike Ward (Mary's husband). Please feel free to take some, put them in your car, and distribute to the homeless you meet throughout your day.

St. Louis Review: If you are receiving the STL Review, January is the time of year that the Archdiocese requests a \$35 subscription fee be paid to cover the cost of circulation. Please send in your payments to St. Cronan, include REVIEW on the memo line of your check. If you no longer wish to receive The Review, please contact the church office by sending and email to mary@stcronan.org.

Envelope Users: In your January packet of envelopes there is an envelope marked "First Offering". This envelop is used to offer a contribution to help defray the cost to the church for the printing and mailing of the envelopes. A suggested donation would be \$3.00. Please consider making this small donation to help with our costs.



Parish Center Offices

Mon-Fri 9am-3pm

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Sunday Sexton: Open Position





Prayers Please: Fr. Jack Schuler, Nick and Shirley Ambrose.

Several times a year the prayer list gets purged due to space and changes in circumstances of those needing prayers. If you would like your loved one to be added back onto the prayer list, please contact Mary in the church office. mary@stcronan.org


Our new banner is now up! Check it out on the Boyle side of the church building. Please see this week's *Monday Notes* for more about **Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope** and some ways you can help out the Immigrant & Refugee Ministry.




Prayer for Christian Unity: Join Christians from our local St. Louis communities in prayer for Christian unity as we reflect on the Gospel story of Lazarus' resurrection. Sun., Jan. 26, 2025 @ 7-8pm St. Monica Catholic Church, 12140 Olive Blvd. Creve Coeur, MO 63141. Archbishop Rozanski presiding, Rev. Michael Arbanas, St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church, preaching. Reception following Mass. RSVP: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScwj3OaLw3ESs0PRI7v1YWZZYqmtgiGcloygKr2XZrFRk4lg/viewform>.

Caroline Leibman, Spiritual Enrichment through Movement: Caroline offers instruction in Spiritual Movement on Tuesday afternoons, Feb. 11th and 25th and then March 11th and 25th at 12pm, 1pm, 2pm and 3pm. To register for a session, please use this link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904084BAFAF23A0F49-52556820-spiritual> Instructions to sign up: Click "sign up" at the bottom of the list of slots, click "save and continue" (this might be under the "cookies" notice. You will need to close that to see it). On "Sign me up" page, enter your name and email if it is not displayed. Click "sign up now." Click "back to sign up – your name should appear in your selected slot. Questions? Contact Caroline at carolineleiberman@gmail.com or Diane at diane@stcronan.org

Help Wanted!

Musician needed: Are you interested in leading a small but dedicated group of Mass participants in song? Our Musician  for 5:00 Mass, Red Dorsey, is looking to move on to spend more time with his grandkids, so we would like to find someone with musical experience who might want to bring music to the dedicated 5:00 Mass participants. This is a volunteer position.

EMAIL HELP!!!! The St. Cronan Church Office is looking for some help to migrate our emails to a GOOGLE email or other simpler-to-use format. If you have expertise in this area and can give of your time and talent to get us set up, it would be much appreciated. Please contact Mary in the office. 314-289-9384 or mary@stcronan.org



To Our New Member:
Emily Donald

Black Lives Matter Vigil, takes place the third Friday of the Month at the corner of Manchester and Kingshighway, 4:30-5:30 p.m. The next vigil will take place on Friday, February 21. Please join us!

Immigrant Accompaniment Program

The Immigrant & Refugee Ministry will be taking on a new immigrant accompaniment program, an initiative which provides a way to walk with our immigrant sisters and brothers and show support as they go through their immigration process. To deepen your commitment to IRM efforts, contact IRM coordinator, Kevin Kuehl at 314) 772-1525 ext 204 or www.stpiusv.org/migrant ministry, or contact Trish Curtis, your rep on the IRM Board. Please contact the church office if you would like some "Know Your Rights" cards. See info below:

Immigrant Accompaniment Program

Volunteer Training!

January 13, 7:00-8:00pm
or
January 25, 12:30-1:30pm
St. Pius V Catholic Church, Singler Hall

-What is accompaniment? Why is it important?
-How can I walk in solidarity with my immigrant neighbors in times of fear and anxiety?

For more information contact:
Kevin Kuehl, IRM Coordinator
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Dec. 2024 Contributions Thank You!	
General Fund	\$52,492
Building Repair Fund	\$1420
Food Pantry	\$12,180
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1565
Uganda	\$55
Fundraising-Poinsettia	\$882
Mission Sunday	\$100
STL Review	\$35
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First Offering	\$5
Solemnity of Mary	\$20