

**Reflection**  
**October 20, 2024**  
**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Is 53:10-11**

*If he gives his life as an offering for sin....  
through his suffering, my servant shall justify  
many,*

*and their guilt he shall bear.*

**Heb 4:14-16**

*Brothers and sisters:*

*Since we have a great high priest who has  
passed through the heavens,*

*Jesus, the Son of God,*

*let us hold fast to our confession.*

*For we do not have a high priest*

*who is unable to sympathize with our weak-  
nesses,*

*but one who has similarly been tested in eve-  
ry way,*

*yet without sin.*

*So let us confidently approach the throne of  
grace*

*to receive mercy and to find grace for timely  
help.*

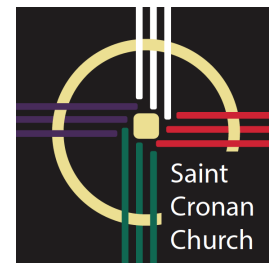
Ever since the time of Moses and Aaron, until the second temple's destruction in 70 C.E., the High Priest acted as mediator between God and the people of Israel. As intercessor, the High Priest stood as the people's representative before God, and in offering animal sacrifices produced the means of atonement.

Literally, the ritual looked like this: on the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) the High Priest entered the Holy of Holies in the Temple and symbolically cleansed the space by sprinkling the blood of sacrificial animals on

the mercy seat of the Ark of the Covenant. This sprinkling effectively "covered" the sins of the people. Coincidentally, only the High Priest was allowed to enter this most sacred space filled with God's presence, to perform this extremely sacred ritual. Today, even without this particular ritual, Yom Kippur is considered the holiest day of the year for practicing Jews. This act of atonement, of "covering" the sins, was considered a really big deal and the High Priest kind of an unapproachable (i.e., holier than thou).

The old covenant with its mandatory sacrifice is contrasted with the new law in Paul's letter to the Hebrews, written to encourage Jewish Christians to maintain their faith in Jesus Christ. In it, they were urged not to return to their former ways, when they were caught up in the Law and in guilt for never being quite good enough. Sound familiar? Paul speaks of Jesus as our High Priest, no longer the super holy "unapproachable," but empathetic with our human weakness, having been tempted and tested himself, just like us. Because of Jesus, having already entered "the throne of grace," by his death and resurrection, we can now approach the same throne with confidence. That is, we are free, in spite of our shortcomings and failures, to enter the Holy of Holies, confident of absolution due to his gift to us.

—Cathy Hartrich



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**Mass Information**

SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 am.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 pm.

Wednesdays – 8:00 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.

**Bulletin Deadline: Noon Wednesday**

**Special Collection Today:** On World Mission Sunday, we are reminded of the universal call of our Baptism to be Christ's witnesses to the world. As we gather at Mass, our prayers, sacrifices, and offerings to the Pontifical Society for the Propagation of the Faith support the Church's missions.

As we pray and respond on World Mission Sunday here at home, we share in those celebrations taking place in every parish throughout the world. Together, through our prayers, sacrifices and financial support, we support the life-giving presence of the Church in more than 1,100 mission dioceses. Learn more at [www.archstl.org/WMS](http://www.archstl.org/WMS).



**Coming Soon!** Watch the bulletin and Cronan Talk for the Kick-Off of our Winter Fundraiser. A poinsettia sale just in time for Christmas! Beautify your home for the holidays. Don't need a poinsettia for your own home? These make perfect gifts.

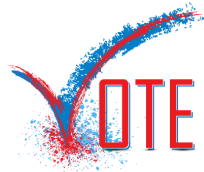


**2024 Sock Angel Campaign** The Knights Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary. Warm, clean socks are one of the most requested items for our homeless neighbors. The "Sock Angel" collection box for new socks will be in the back of church until Nov. 15. New this year: Amazon Purchases may be sent directly to: Sock Angels, 1040 Nobleman Drive, St. Louis MO 63146



**Prayers :** John Gozdziński, Tom and Madonna Kuciejczyk-Kernan, Joseph Kuciejczyk (brother of Madonna and Sr. Janet), Nick and Shirley Ambrose, Kathy Hunn's niece Lisa and her brother Jon, Mary Truetken, Pam (cousin of Donna Zuroweste), Laura Krueger's mother, Evelyn Puleo, Marie and Roland Martir's grandson, Camden and daughter, Carrie; Sr. Pauline's niece; Laura Rettke, Bob Barnicle, Sandra Ward's family and her friend; Anita, Sr. Mary Ellen (friend of Nick Ambrose), Jim Chapin (friend of Marty Spies), Bob Wiley, Pam Schaefer, Eileen Heidenheimer's friends, Joe and Laura; Brian and Susan Klinkhardt friends of Judith Santamaria; Andrew Moll's brother, Michael, Saralou Henderson, Kathy Bayless, Jesse Koenig; friend of Mary Solomon and former parishioner Sr. Louise Lears and her family, Fr. Gerry's young friend; Ben Zevely, Sheryl Renken's brother Dan Engelman, Colleen Wallace's cousin, Katy Rosolowski and friend, Kelsey MacBryde, Mary Solomon and Shelly Kutz's 4 year old nephew Louis Barricklow, Dan Stout. And Trish Curtis' brother, Skip Curtis.

**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, November 15. Please join us!



**Get out the Vote:** Members of the Social Justice Committee will have a table with voting information in various locations. If you would like to help, please contact Kim Madden, kim.madden514@gmail.com. A voting information sheet is in the Church foyer



**St. Cronan's Social Justice Book Discussion Group** meets the 2nd Sunday of each month in the Parish Center at 11:30 - 12:30 in a hybrid format: Zoom and in-person. Our upcoming book choices are: November: Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann; December: The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store by James McBride; January: The Whole Language by Greg Boyle. Contact Christine Lakey at christine.lakey@yahoo.com for the Zoom link or more information.

We love new members/readers!  
Chair, St. Cronan Church Council (407) 451-6850

**Rosary and Crucifix Collection** Kathy Hunn is collecting rosaries and crucifixes (4"-10" size) for The Marianist Retreat Center in Eureka for those on retreat who might not have either. If you have any tucked away in drawers, not being used, we would love them! There will be a box in the back of church during the month of October.

**Musician needed:** Are you interested in leading in song a small but dedicated group of Mass participants? 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, so you may want to consider it as an opportunity to gain experience.



**Memorial and Table of Saints:** We will celebrate our loved ones during the Month of November. Our candle memorial will take place on November 3. If you have close family members who have passed away in the last year and would like to have a candle lit and their name read at our memorial service, please email Diane: diane@stcronan.org by October 31. Other relatives and close friends will be honored on our Table of Saints starting November 3. Bring a picture of your deceased loved ones to place on the table or add their names to our memorial wall.



want to write a reflection, please email Diane and she will send you available dates and the corresponding readings. diane@stcronan.org

**Immigrant and Refugee Ministry.** St. Cronan is part of the coalition of parishes working on this initiative. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact IRM Coordinator Kevin Kuehl, 772-1525, ext 204, MigrantMinistrySTL@gmail.com, or visit our office at St. Pius V Rectory. Envelopes are in the back of church if you care to make a donation. Make checks payable to St. Pius V. The IRM has a newsletter that can be accessed here: <https://mailchi.mp/284456337e7a/celebrating-6-months-of-irm>

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