

**Reflection**  
**November 17, 2024**  
**33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

It seems fitting that in the wake of the recent U.S. election we should find ourselves reading today from Mark's "little apocalypse" (generally understood as the whole of Mark 13). Apocalyptic language in scripture is often employed by distressed or oppressed communities to address, in acoded way, political and social realities that are both threatening and dangerous. Apocalyptic is the genre of the oppressed living under constant threat of capricious and malignant power, and it is meant to give hope to people for whom hope has withered and faded.

In breaking open what this word from Mark means for us in this day and age, author, activist and biblical scholar Ched Myers suggests we start by asking: "What does it mean for us to discern the signs of the times today, and to retain hope in the face of so much violence and discouragement?"

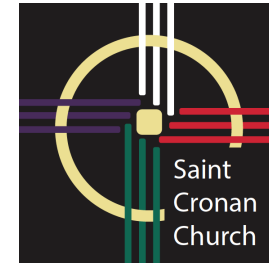
The results of this election and the goals of the incoming administration seem directly opposed to every aspect of the hope we as followers of Jesus have for a world that is more just, peaceful, inclusive, compassionate and sustainable. As Mark outlines in the beginning of today's reading, it appears that things will only get darker, will only get worse. And it is tempting to feel powerless, to despair, to become numb, withdraw and to live in denial, to close our eyes.

In unpacking this section of Mark, Myers sees

an invitation for us to enter deeply into the bleakness, the pain and sadness of this dark moment as part and parcel of the agony of Jesus on the cross, to not turn our faces away but to face the brokenness of our world and to move through it. In moving through it, we remember and learn that our hope has never been in the "powers and principalities" of this world, but in the promise of the hidden seed of the reign of God that even now is toiling upward toward life in the deep darkness underground. We are called to foster that hidden seed, even when we do not see it actively blooming and bearing fruit in this moment in history in which we live. Despite not knowing "that day or hour" when the promised spiritual, social and political transformation of the reign of God will come, we are called to practice a "revolutionary patience" in the dark night of history; to not give up, but to dig down, to root ourselves ever more resolutely in the good news of Jesus.

~Johnny Zokovitch

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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.



**Poinsettia Fund Raiser!** Just in time in decorate your home or office for the Christmas Season! Poinsettia sales will take place in the back of church after each mass until Dec. 1. Or you can order online until noon on Dec. 2 by using this link to our website.

<https://stcronan.org/news-events/announcements>

Delivery will take place after all the masses on Dec. 8. See the flyer in back of church for more details. All proceeds benefit the programs of St. Cronan. Don't need any poinsettias for your home? No worries...you can purchase a flower for church. Just notate that on your order sheet. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Thanks so much for your support!

**Help Wanted!**



**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.

**Sunday Sexton Needed:** St. Cronan is looking for a Sunday Sexton to work 2 hours every Sunday morning to help with clean up and various other duties. Please contact Mary in the church office for a job description and requirements.



**Prayers :** John Gozdziwski; 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); Pam Schaefer; Joe and Janice Fairless; Eileen Heidenheimer's friends, Joe and Laura; Brian Klinkhardt and his mother, Susan Klinkhardt, friends of Judith Santamaria; Andrew Moll's brother, Michael; Saralou Hendrickson; Mary Solomon's friend, Jesse Koenig; former parishioner Sr. Louis Lears and her family; Shelly Kurtz's Great-Great Nephew, Louis Barricklow; Fr. Gerry's little buddy, Ben Zevely; Colleen Wallace's cousin, Katy Rosolowski; Sheryl Renken's brother, Dan Engelman; Mary Solomon; Dan Stout; Trish Curtis' brother, Skip Curtis; Kathleen Absts' grandson, Matthew Peters, Fr. Jack , Gavin Barrett-Hayes.

**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>

**Catholic Worker Events:**

Monday November 18th at 6pm: Round Table discussion on Pope Francis's teachings on the economy (see our website [stlcatholicworker.org](http://stlcatholicworker.org) for readings)

- Weekly vigil and sign holding at Boeing in St. Charles (Unless it's raining or snowing-- meet at Hardees on Tuesdays at 6:45am: 2701 MO-94 St. Charles MO 63301)
- Last Sunday of the month potluck (this month 11/24 at 5pm). All are welcome to come and bring their own dish or beverage to share.
- Burrito Volunteers needed Tuesday evenings at 4:30pm & Saturday Mornings at 10am-12pm. We make burritos to distribute to unhoused encampments around the city.

Feel free to text or call Lindsey with any questions: 702-769-3937.

All Events at 8617 Mora Ln St. Louis MO 63147 (unless otherwise specified).

**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 22. Please join us!



**MARK YOUR CALENDERS: Dec. 7 is Midtown's Holiday Gala. See flyer in the vestibule of church. Watch the bulletin and Monday Notes for details.**




**Decorate for Advent:** We will decorate for Advent after the 10:00 Mass on Sunday, November 24. If you can stay to help, please do – we need to raise the Advent Wreath in the middle of Church, which requires the tall ladder.

**Second Collection Today: Campaign for Human Development:** Today there will be a second collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Nearly 38 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities, which will be even more important in the time ahead for our country. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd)



**Advent Lessons and Carols:** The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet invite you to join us for a guided meditation and a reflective journey as we prepare ourselves for the birth of our Lord. Sunday, Dec. 8 at 2 p.m. CT Carondelet Motherhouse (6400 Minnesota Ave., St. Louis, MO 63111) The event is free. Learn more and register online by Nov. 24 at [csj.org/events](http://csj.org/events)

**Surrounding our community with love:** When one member of the Body suffers, we all suffer. With the events occurring this week and the perceived repercussions, the St. Cronan Community would like to be pro-active in understanding and addressing the



*To Our New Members:*

**Meghan & Duane York**

**James & Lisa Fister and family**

pain and fear that is prevalent right now in our community and in our country. As a result, we are gathering people to discuss the actions we might take as a community to ease some of the fear addressing the issues that have come forward this week, especially the threat to Creation and climate change, the dangers implicated for migrants, and the inherent trauma that will be suffered by our LBGTQIA+ siblings and their families. If you are interested in addressing these issues please sign up on the sheets in the church vestibule.