

**Reflection**  
**November 3, 2024**  
**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*

Jesus replies to the scribe's question, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" with the **Shema**, the passage from Deuteronomy in our first reading. Jesus adds the second commandment about loving your neighbor.

The **Shema Yisrael** is the Jewish sacred profession of faith, prayed several times a day, individually and communally. It expresses belief in the singularity of God, that is, in God's oneness and incomparability. Jewish martyrs have often prayed the Shema as their final profession of faith. For Jesus this was an integral part of his spirituality. The prayer focused on the deep love between God and the Jewish people: "I will be your God, and you will be my people." (Jer: 33). Jesus drew on that love tradition when he preached during his lifetime. Early Christians continued that tradition in their preaching. We continue it today.

At this time we need to hold fast to that tradition and live it each day. Who is my neighbor? Jesus answered that question too. In our highly polarized country and world, this can be highly challenging on a day-by-day basis. Listening and being respectful will be needed even more after Nov. 5. We will also need a strong witness to counter those claiming hate, unbridled power, and violence are the core of the Christian message.

We are called to work together with other religious traditions who profess a God who loves

humanity, who loves all creation, for unity and communion in our country and world. We are called to stand with and support those facing hostility, bigotry, fear and injustice. We, the community at St. Cronan's, will continue to respond wholeheartedly to those who need our companionship in this difficult time. Each will do what she or he can, and we will respond also as a community of love.

What we may need to do now is set aside some time in our lives filled with many commitments and concerns. We will need to squeeze out time each day to be still, to listen to God's voice addressing each of us and all of us. We will need to be clear in our focus and our belief.

*Hear; (fill in your name/name of your community)! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*

—Lynne Schmidt, SSND

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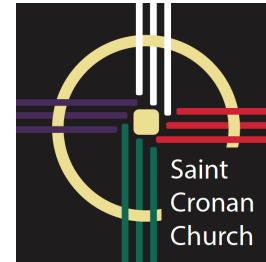
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**Mass Information**

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 Wednesday**



**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

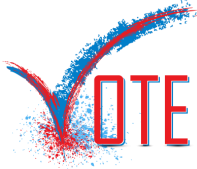
**Blessing Bags:** In a crate in the vestibule are blessing bags given to us by Breakthru Bev, thanks to Mike Ward (Mary's husband). There are just a few left, but Mike will be bringing more. Please feel free to take some, put them in your car, and distribute to the homeless you meet throughout your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

**Retirement Fund for Religious: TODAY,** all parishes in the Archdiocese will be taking up special collections for our retired religious. Please be generous. Numerous Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests past the age of 70 benefit from the Retirement Fund for Religious collection. Donations to the special collection provide funding that helps religious communities care for their aging members.



**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

**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

**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.



**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. mary@stcronan.org.

**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.



**Advent Reflection Booklet Calendar:** Thanks to all who are writing a reflection for our Advent Reflection Book. All the posts are taken. If you happen to lose your post-it, you can find the readings for your date at <https://bible.usccb.org/readings/calendar>. Please write your reflection and return it to Diane by November 10 [diane@stcronan.org](mailto:diane@stcronan.org). These will be compiled into the Reflection Book that will be available during Advent.

**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>



**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.

**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: October: *Solito* by Javier Zamora; 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](mailto:christine.lakey@yahoo.com) for the Zoom link or more information. We love new members/readers!



**Congratulations to our newly Baptized:**

Abraham Ramirez Salinas  
Francesca Marie Dolan-Dominguez