

Pastoral Reflection

*Easter Sunday
March 31, 2024*

There are truly a treasure trove of readings to ponder this past week. Jesus rides into Jerusalem to praise from the people, only to have those people betray him and end up in a scam trial and his crucifixion. Jesus, the Master, washes the feet of his disciples and advises them to do the same with each other, then institutes the Holy Eucharist to sustain us all. We venerate his cross and again hear the words of his Passion according to John. At the Easter Vigil, we review our history through the Old Testament readings and learn of God's great love for us even before Jesus came to redeem us. Finally, we learn, as all the disciples do, that Jesus has conquered death through his Resurrection.

What does all of this mean for us? Jesus laid down his life for us, to demonstrate for us the lengths we all need to attain with our brothers and sisters. It's not enough to give your coat and shirt, you need to give your life to Jesus' way. We are to be leader-servants, to see to it that our lives reflect God's love and obey Jesus' commandments. Jesus redeemed us from death – we only need to believe to have our sins forgiven and to know that death is not the end, but the beginning of our new life in God.

On Easter day, Paul tells the people of Corinth that we need to rise in Jesus, "not with the old yeast of malice and wicked-

ness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." Will we ever get it right? We look at this world we live in and can readily see the "malice and wickedness," but where does sincerity and truth reign? In sincerity and truth, we write letters to Governor Parsons to end the death penalty. In sincerity and truth, we do what we can to raise awareness of the injustices perpetrated on our LGBTQ+ siblings as well as migrants and refugees. Why don't people just respect each other to begin with? Then perhaps we would see sincerity and truth much more than malice and wickedness in our world.

Let's celebrate Christ's resurrection by renewing ourselves to be better stewards of the world we have been given, to treat each other with respect and dignity, and to pray for the day of Jesus' reign on earth. Alleluia!

—*Diane Gozdzialski*

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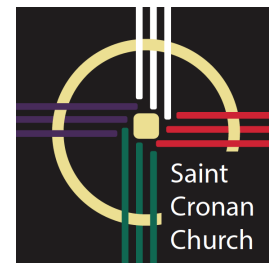
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St. Cronan Catholic Church
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Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 am.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 pm.

Wednesdays – 8:00 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.

Mark Your Calendars!

Fr. Jack's 50th Anniversary Celebration

May 19, 10 mass, reception to follow

Synodal Listening Session: The Synod has sent two questions as a follow-up to the Synod on Synodality:

- Where have I seen or experienced successes -- and distresses within the church's structure(s), leadership, organization /life that encourage or hinder the mission?
- How can the structures and organization of the church help all the baptized to respond to the call to proclaim the Gospel and to live as a community of love and mercy in Christ?

We will meet to discuss these questions and to formulate community responses on April 7 after the 10:00 Mass as part of our Issues and Inspirations series. All are welcome!

Annual Easter Collection Supports our Retired Priests

The annual Archbishop's Collection for Retired Priests is traditionally held on Easter Sunday. This is a beautiful opportunity for to honor the vibrant legacy of priests who have dedicated their lives to serve us. Your support helps assure our priests receive the essential care they need, including physician services, hospitalization, nursing home care, vision care and disability, now and for years to come.

You can make your gift through the designated envelope, or any envelope marked Retired Priests, on or after Easter weekend. You can also give at any time at archstl.org/retiredpriests



Prayers : Nancy Buck; John Gozdziński, Tom and Madonna Kuciejczyk-Kernan, Joseph Kuciejczyk (brother of Madonna and Sr. Janet), Nick Ambrose, Kathy Hunn's niece Lisa and her brother Jon, Mary Truetken, Kathy Bayless, Pam (cousin of Donna Zuroweste), Laura Krueger's mother, Evelyn Puleo, Joe Sinibaldi (friend of Barb Sopp), Gary W. Johnson (brother-in-law of Madonna, Tom, and Sr. Janet Kuciejczyk) and Marie and Roland Martir's grandson, Camden and daughter, Carrie; Sr. Cathy Doherty's friend, Steve, Sr. Pauline's niece; Laura Rettke, John Nauhm, Bob Barnicle, Amy Diemer, Sandra Ward, Daimeyn Ward (Sandra's son) and Dianne Anderson (Sandra Ward's sister).

Danny Orlet's mother, Eileen, passed away last week. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

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, April 19. Please join us!



Rice Bowls Please turn in your Rice Bowl money to the church office if not already turned in. If you prefer to make a donation with a check, please notate "Rice Bowl" in memo line.

Radiating Joy: An Easter Prayer Service, Sunday, April 16, 2:00 p.m. Sisters of St. Joseph Carondelet Motherhouse, 6400 Minnesota Ave., St. Louis, MO 63111. Event is free, but registration is required: csjls.org/events

Pancake
Breakfast



St. Vincent de Paul Annual Pancake Breakfast will take place Sunday, April 21 with live Music from Susan Marting and Company, aka "The Cat's Away." Come anytime between 8:30 and 12:30 for Breakfast, Entertainment and Fellowship in the Hospitality Room.



You asked for it! And we are delivering! The St. Cronan Spring Shirt Sale is officially launched. Our store closes March 31, so order yours today! Use the link below to shop for various styles and Spring colors. <https://store.kickprint.com/StCronanChurch.../shop/home> You can also scan the QR code or visit <https://stcronan.org/news-events/announcements>.



Social Justice Actions: Please consider writing a letter to Governor Parsons, asking him to commute the sentence of Brian Dorsey, who is scheduled to be executed on April 9. Fr. Jack's information from Mr. Dorsey's lawyers with Governor Parsons' contact information is below

Governor Mike Parson Contact info:

Phone: 573.751.3222 Fax: 573.751.1495

<https://governor.mo.gov/contact-us>

Address: Office of Governor Michael L. Parson P.O. Box 720 Jefferson City, MO 65102

Place: "Brian Dorsey" in the subject line

If our letters don't work, the Peace and Justice Commission of the Archdiocese will have a bus leaving from the Cardinal Rigali Center at 4:00pm on April 9th and expect to return to St Louis by 8:00pm. There is no cost to attend. I have attached a copy of the most relevant parts of the clemency petition Brian's lawyers are submitting to Governor Parson for further information about Brian and his case. Please let Marie Kenyon know if you would like to join us on the bus and feel free to forward this to anyone else you think may be interested. Thank you for all you do to uphold the dignity of all lives. Marie Kenyon, mariekenyon@archstl.org

STL Black History Tours are planned for April 20 and May 11. The procedure to sign-up is to send tour date, the name, email, and phone number to Paul Loida: paul.loida@bayer.com The group will meet at St Cronan Catholic Church at 9:45 AM and bus will return to St Cronan at 1 PM. There will be an optional brown bag lunch and discussion following, for those interested. To register, please contact Paul.

LGBTQ+ Persons & the Church: Our Journey Together ~ A Panel Discussion

Panelists:

Ms. Julia Erdlen, *MDiv, Campus Minister., St. Louis University*

Dr. Michael Meehan, PhD, *Clinical Psychologist., Chief Care Officer, Catholic Charities*

Fr. Charles Bouchard, *OP, STD, Aquinas Institute of Theology*

Ms. Barbara Buzzacco, *Parishioner, All Saints Parish*

Grow in understanding of:

- Catholic Theology
- Spirituality
- Sexuality
- Lived Experiences of LGBTQ+ Persons
- Need for Acceptance & Outreach

Hosted by St. Cletus Peace & Justice Ministry

To register: Use the QR code or <https://forms.gle/r7rbE3dUhRQPPqHU7>



April 16, 2024, at 6:30 pm
St. Cletus Parish Hall