

**Pastoral Reflection**  
Second Sunday of Easter  
*April 7, 2024*

This year as I read today's Gospel, what stands out to me most is not the relatability of Thomas's doubt and his need for concrete proof of the Resurrection. Although Thomas's need for something he can *touch* is still incredibly familiar and poignant, my attention is drawn elsewhere.

Instead, I am struck by this passage's intimations of what the Resurrection truly means: Jesus, newly resurrected and transformed, still has his wounds.

In Resurrection, Jesus' wounds are not washed away as if they had never happened, but on the contrary remain ever with him. Yet I do not believe that they are still causing him pain. After all, he invites Thomas to put his hand *into* them.

This suggests that Jesus has not entered into a new reality in which suffering and evil never happened, but one in which even suffering and evil are transformed.

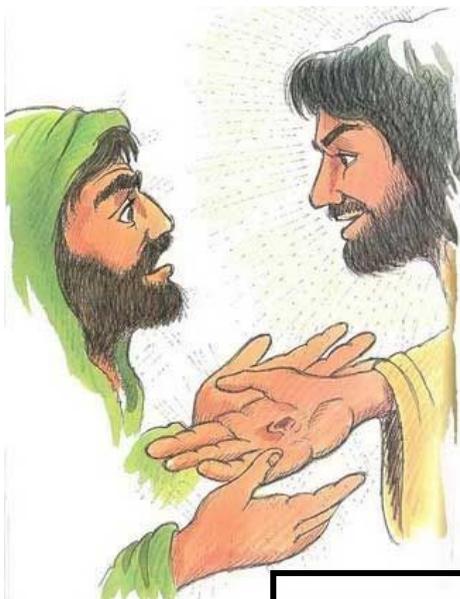
I am reminded of a passage from a letter my late father-in-law sent to me in the

wake of his terminal cancer diagnosis. He wrote:

"No one, not even God, can compensate for suffering; suffering is simply not a fungible reality and to imagine God even attempting to *compensate* for the horrific suffering of so many would be obscene.

... I believe that God promises us an eschatological future when the inevitable wounds and sorrows of this life will not just be held in balance with joy, but will be transformed into a joy that can carry the wounds of past sorrow without being burdened by them."

—Loren Gaillardetz



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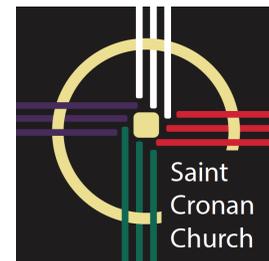
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**Bulletin Deadline: WED 12 noon**



**St. Cronan Catholic Church**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**April 7, 2024**

**Mass Information**

SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 pm.

Wednesdays – 8:00 am.

Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.

**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!



**Rice Bowls** If you haven't turned in your Rice Bowl money, please do so this week. You can bring in your loose change or write a check to St. Cronan with "Rice Bowl" written on the memo line. Thanks so much for participating.

**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.



**Mark Your Calendars!**  
**Fr. Jack's 50th Anniversary Celebration**  
**May 19, 10am Mass, reception to follow**



**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) Sr. Mary Ellen (friend of Nick Ambrose).

**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!

**TASTE OF CARONDELET**

Thursday, May 2, 2024

5:30PM - 8:00PM

Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet Motherhouse. <https://csjsl.org/events/taste-of-carondelet-2024>

**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.



**St. Anthony Indoor Flea Market** 3133 Meramec At Michigan, Saturday, April 13, 2024  
8am to 2pm Disability Accessible - Concessions on site

March 2024 contributions	
General Fund	\$21, 336.00
Building Repair Fund	\$325.00
Rice Bowl	\$195.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$1383.00
Food Pantry	\$1090.00
Retired Priests	\$1461.00
Holy Land	\$234.00
Special Collection Eddy & Roger	\$1100.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$415.00
Uganda	\$55.00
Misc. Gifts	\$1000.00
Fundraiser-Baseball	165.00

**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

**The Peace and Justice Commission** of the Archdiocese will have a bus leaving from the Rigali Center at 4pm on April 9th and expect to return to St Louis by 8pm. For further information on the case and Brian Dorsey, please refer to Diane's blurb in Monday notes. Please let Marie Kenyon know if you would like to join us on the bus. Thank you for all you do to uphold the dignity of all lives. Marie Kenyon, [mariekenyon@archstl.org](mailto:mariekenyon@archstl.org)

**Annual Easter Collection Supports our Retired Priests** If you missed the retirement collection, please place your donation in the regular church collection. Please mark "retired priests" on the envelope or memo line of the check. This is a beautiful opportunity for to honor the vibrant legacy of priests who have dedicated their lives to serve us.

**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*

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

**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>