

Pastoral Reflection
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 20, 2023

Isaiah:

“The foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, ministering to him, loving the name of the LORD, and becoming his servants—all who keep the sabbath free from profanation and hold to my covenant, them I will bring to my holy mountain and make joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.”

Romans:

“I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I glory in my ministry in order to make my race jealous and thus save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable. Just as you once disobeyed God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now disobeyed in order that, by virtue of the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God delivered all to disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all.”

Matthew's Gospel:

"I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."
But the woman came and did Jesus hom-

age, saying, "Lord, help me."
He said in reply,
"It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs."

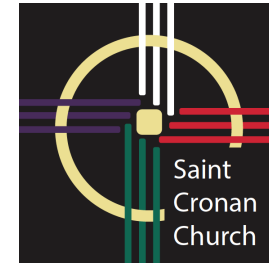
If we all could be the Canaanite woman of today's gospel! To have such a strong faith and hunger for God. And to devote ourselves completely as disciples of Jesus. The other readings serve as the backdrop to Jesus' merciful welcome to this Gentile woman.

The Covenant, that Isaiah speaks of, was at one time reserved only for the Chosen people of God, the actual descendants of Abraham and Sarah and those converts to Judaism. And Paul's letter to the Roman Gentiles suggests the same initially. But that, in the end, it was all God's intention to bring *everyone into the fold, in spite of their disobedience.*

The Canaanite woman believed, beyond her traditional faith's boundaries, that Jesus represented God's will on earth, and begged Jesus to heal her precious daughter. She threw it all in, banking solely on Jesus as her new-found savior, when she said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." To which Jesus replied, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. This Gospel makes clear that Jesus, as God, has opened the tent up wide to *anyone who wants the Way, the Truth and the Life.*

May all of us too, in spite of our flaws and ongoing disobedience, believe in a completely merciful God, expressed through Jesus, who wants us to continually seek and call on for absolution and a bountiful life.

—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.

Black Lives Matter Vigil, takes place the third Friday of the Month at the corner of Manchester and Kingshighway, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. The next vigil will take place on Friday, August 18. Please join us!



The yearly Administrator's Wish List Thank you to all who have given to the Administrator's Wish List. It's not too late to take part. The Wish List will be out until the end of August. Please feel free to reach out to Mary with any questions. 314-289-9384 or mary@stcronan.org If you wish to make a donation toward any of the items on my Wish List, please note on your check or envelope that your gift is for the "Wish List". If you would like your gift to go towards any item specifically, please note that, as well. Just drop in the collection basket or mail to the church office. See the poster in the back of church for more info, and donation envelopes. *No funds collected for the Wish List will go to the Archdiocese...everything collected will go directly to purchasing items on the list.*

New Website: Check out our new St. Cronan Website. The online directory for all registered at St. Cronan is located at the bottom of each page. www.stcronan.org



Parish Ministries: If you would like to add your talents to any of our ministries, and meet a great bunch of people, please call the church office or visit our website www.stcronan.org for information. *You are always welcome!*



Prayers Please: Kathy Bayless; Trish Curtis' brother; David Gaillardetz' father, Richard; Nick and Shirley Ambrose's daughter, Brigid Costello; Varrietta Anthony; Fr. Jack's brother, Mike; Diane Calcaterra; Sr. Lynne's friend, Jan Berberich, SSND; Barb Sopp's friend, Joe Sinibaldi; Bob Barnicle; Paul Schmitt; Tim and Else Hirzel's great nephew, Cameron Russell; Kathy Hunn's niece, Lisa; Sr. Cathy's friends, Inga Casillo, Don Costello, and newborn baby, Giovanni Christopher Centerino; Judy Gallagher; Mary Truetkin; Marie and Roland Martir's daughter, Carrie, and granddaughter, Madi; John Gozdziwski; Michael Mason, former SVDP hauler; Michael Peterson; Linda and Jeff Caul's daughter, Kelly; Joe Connolly; Sam Vitale, friend of Father Jack and Mary Ward; John Derr, son-in-law of Alice Adcock; Bill Blow's daughter, Meg Shugarts; Roger Bailey, friend of Dom and Marcy Soda; Philip Anala; Bonnie Wimmer; Jon Ebner, nephew of Rocky Sieben and Ruth Hasser; the Krueger family; Nick Ambrose; Betty Newberry; Marty Spies; Judith Santamaria; Rocky Sieben's father; Nick Ambrose's friend, John; Tom Farace, Brother-in-law of Mary and Dave Solomon; Theresa Jones, sister of Dave Solomon; Gary Johnson, brother-in-law to Madonna and Tom Kuciejczyk-Kernan and Sr. Janet Kuciejczyk; Janice Fairless; Leslie Conway and Mary Middendorf. *If your loved one should be removed from the prayer list, please let the church office know.*

David Bolesta's mother passed away last Friday. Please keep her family in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

August Ministry of the Month: The Contemplative Prayer Group We meet as a zoom group, we begin by briefly catching up socially as friends. We bring to the group intentions that we want to hold in our hearts as we pray, and then we do two quiet sitting prayer periods, sharing a little with each other when we finish each one. We did some instruction when we first began, and now each of us does the silent, meditative prayer in whatever way he or she prefers. Anyone is welcome to join us in this peaceful gathering simply by letting co-leaders Sister Chabanel or Loren Nash Barnes know to include you in the sending of the zoom link for the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month from 7:30 to 8:30 P.M. Few of us manage to attend every group, but we look forward to being there when we can, and we have met faithfully since COVID first brought us together almost three years ago.



Coffee and Donuts Help needed! We are in need of a hospitality team for the fourth Sunday of the month, as Henry and Kay Schmitt, who have done such a great job, need to retire. We thank them for their tireless work. You would sign up for a week or to help another team set up, serve, and/or clean up before or after mass. Give 15 minutes or a few hours. Maggie Hart-Mahon leads this Ministry and will be glad to give you details. Contact Maggie at ofccomp17@gmail.com.



Midtown Community Services news: Midtown is hosting a hot-dog night at Steve's Hot Dogs, 3145 S. Grand Blvd, on August 29, 4-9 p.m. 15% of all sales will be donated to Midtown. The Midtown Lip-Sync Battle will take place Friday, Oct. 13, 7-9 p.m. at the Schlafly Tap Room, 2100 Locust. For more information, visit <https://www.midtownstl.org/>

Wills: Please remember Saint Cronan in your will. Title is St. Cronan Catholic Church-1202 South Boyle Ave.- St. Louis, MO 63110. Our Federal I.D.# 43-0653457

Cronan Talk has a new feature...you can opt into receiving what they call a "Daily Digest". The Daily Digest is one email per day with any and all Cronan Talk messages in one email. If you wish to opt into this or have any questions, please let me know. Otherwise, you will remain receiving each email as it goes out. If you are not on Cronan Talk you could be missing important Cronan News. Contact the church office to be added to Cronan Talk.

Immigrant and Refugee Ministry "Welcome!" This one word is the heart of our new Immigrant & Refugee Ministry. We strive to be a welcoming Church, a Church that Jesus would recognize. As we begin this ministry, consider how God might be calling you to get involved. Can you volunteer your time and talent? Can you donate? Can you serve as a bridge to other resources? Can you be the welcoming arms of Christ to those who are seeking to make our community their home? As Pope Francis tells us, "A Church which 'goes forth' is a Church whose doors are open." (*Evangelii Gaudium, 46*), *so let us open our doors and hearts to our refugee and immigrant sisters and brothers. To find out more about the Immigrant & Refugee Ministry, contact IRM Coordinator Kevin Kuehl, 772-1525 ext. 204, MigrantMinistrySTL@gmail.com, or visit our office at St. Pius V Rectory.*



Eucharistic Ministers As we institute Communion of the Most Precious Blood, we are in need of Eucharistic Ministers, especially at the 5:00 and 8:00 Masses. Please

contact me if you would be willing to serve as Eucharistic Minister. Instructions and training are available.

A GREAT BIG **THANK YOU** to Dede Coughlin and Diane Gozdziwski for covering the church office while Mary was on an vacation!

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