

**Pastoral Reflection
Third Sunday of Lent
March 20, 2022**

As the Archdiocese embarks upon its Strategic Plan called All Things New, the Pope is inviting every Catholic in the world to participate in the "Synod on Synodality". The word Synod is from the Greek and it means "walking together". Through this Synodal process the Pope is inviting every Catholic to prayerfully reflect and learn together about how God is calling us to be the Church in the third millennium. He wants the Church to be more "grassroots". He wants to hear from the people and not just the bishops. The Synod on Synodality will take place in Rome, in October of 2023.

Here is how you can participate. Go to the Archdiocesan website and click on the "Synod" link. You can read about the Synod and then click on the link "Answer Synod Questions". There are three questions.

1. Based on your personal experience, what about the Catholic Church fills your heart?
2. Based on your personal experience, what about the Catholic Church breaks your heart?
3. How can the Church better listen to people who are marginalized or socially excluded, but not limited to, cultural-ethnic groups, women, those living with disabilities, those experiencing poverty, and those identifying as LGBTQIA+?

I encourage your involvement in the synodal process. The Pope is for real! He wants the institutional church to be of the people and for the people and not "religion for religion's sake. "True reform comes from spiritual outbursts" (Rohr). Let's help change our church with our outburst.

Be safe and be blessed,

Fr. Jack (he/him)



**St. Cronan Catholic Church
Second Sunday of Lent
March 19-20, 2022**

Mass Information

SUNDAY – 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
SATURDAY VIGIL – 5:00 p.m.
Wednesdays – 8:00 a.m.
Masks are required for all Masses

Live-streaming continues at the 10:00 am Mass. PLEASE BE ON TIME! Live-streamed masses are available on our Facebook page any time after the 10:00 Mass, <https://www.facebook.com/StCronan>



Archdiocesan Survey: Instructions for completing the Archdiocesan Survey were sent out on Cronan Talk and are available in the Chapel. The Surveys themselves became available Wednesday, March 2. These surveys are very important to our Parish, so please complete it as soon as you can and encourage others to do so. Online is best, and if you require assistance you can make an appointment to complete it in the parish office. The link is: <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/y2xk8y> If you need a paper copy, they will be available in Church. If you would like further information, you can visit the Archdiocese's website <https://allthingsnew.archstl.org/> or call our office at 314-289-9384. You can also leave comments about the process at this website.



LGBTQIA+ Listening Session: The Pope Francis Synod Committee will hold a listening session for the LGBTQIA+ Community at St. Cronan's on Sunday, March 27, 1:00-2:30 p.m. Nancy Werner, Chancellor of the Archdiocese, will attend. Registration is required: [LGBTQIA+ Listening Session](#). You can use initials or first name when registering – we only need numbers.

Preparing for Lent: This week's theme is Time. In preparation for Lent, please pick up the reflection sheet for this week on the tables near the Bulletins, take it home, and prayerfully consider some of the suggested actions. It is available online as well. If you would like to share some of your reflections or actions with the Community, please write them on the index cards and place them in the basket. I will see that they are attached to the wall. If you have reflections and are not attending Church, email them to me at diane@stcronan.org and I will share them with the community.

Memorial Prayer Service for those who have been affected by COVID will be held at St. Cronan on Monday, March 21, at 6:30 p.m. It will also be live-streamed on our Facebook Page. Please join us as we pray for the suffering endured by us all in the last two years.

Religious Articles: the St. Mary Recycle Mission Group will be here next week to collect used religious articles. They refurbish them and give them to parishes in need. These include rosaries, crucifixes, statues, missals Holy medals, Holy cards, etc. Please place in the bin in the Chapel, or bring to the Church office during the week.

Coffee and Donuts is back! Please join us in the Hospitality Room in the Parish Center after the 10:00 Mass.

Help Me With Vital Statistics We are updating our data bases in the Parish Office and we need your help. We have noticed that many parishioners do not have a "joined date" entered in their profiles. If you remember the date you joined St. Cronan as an active parishioner, please shoot Mary a short email mary@stcronan.org or give her a call 314-289-9384. Even if it's just the year. That way we can update our data base. We don't know if we will need this important info for "All Things New" or not, but certainly, these vital statistics are needed for other purposes. Thank you so much for your assistance.

Do You Use Your Church Giving Envelopes? Thank you so much for your generous contributions to St. Cronan. We are conducting an audit of our giving envelope system. If you are no longer using your giving envelopes in the collection basket, or you are giving only on-line, please let Mary know. We can remove you from the paper envelope mailings and cut down on the paper use. Thank you.

The Gardening Committee, who take care of the Church grounds, are in need of pots for thinning plants. You can leave them on the side of the rectory.

Voter Engagement: Judy Gallagher has some packets of postcards from the League Of Women Voters, encouraging people to vote in the upcoming local elections. Each packet includes 25 postcards, stamps, a list of addresses, and a sample message, basically reminding people that local elections are important! If you would like a packet, contact Judy: judithmgallagher@gmail.com

Bill Barret's Service: Bill's Funeral Service will take place on Saturday, April 2, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Cronan Church. We are having a lunch reception in the Hospitality Room following the service. I am glad that we can gather as a community to celebrate Bill and share a meal with Laurel and Gavin and his family and friends. Please let me know if you can bring a dish/dessert to share. I would also appreciate a couple people to serve and clean up after the reception. Contact Maggie at: ofccomp17@gmail.com

Welcome Migrants On Monday March 21st from noon-1pm Archbishop Rozanski and other faith leaders are hosting a webinar on ways to welcome migrants and refugees to our region. There will be short presentations by 10 different organizations on volunteer/donation/family sponsorship opportunities in the St Louis metro area. The webinar is being sponsored by the Archdiocese of St Louis and the Interfaith Partnership of Greater St Louis. For further information, please see the flyer in the chapel.

Registration at: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CM47INm5SEWc4_yP5V0IFg

Live Meetings: We are opening up for live meetings. If your committee or organization would like to meet live in the Coffee and Donut room or conference room at the Parish Center, please contact Mary, mary@stcronan.org to schedule your date and time.

Donations for Ukraine: Ukrainian Children's Aid and Relief Effort, Inc. or UCARE, Inc., is a charity serving the needy and orphaned children of Ukraine. If anyone wants to financially help the Ukrainian situation, please consider this charity. The website is www.ucareinc.org. Bob Hoffman has worked with this group for years. There will be a second collection for Ukraine on March 27, which will go to Catholic Relief Services.

Compassionate St. Louis: St. Cronan has become a member of this movement to help make our city a more compassionate place. You will be seeing their logo on our bulletins and signs. For further information, please visit their website: <https://www.compassionate-stl.org/about-us>

CronanTalk: As we begin the journey for "All Things New," it is important that we are able to communicate with each other online. CronanTalk is our way of sharing information as a community. We understand that it can be overwhelming to have so many emails when people are commenting on prayer requests and other issues. Please, if you feel the need to comment, do so to the person who sent the request by using "reply" instead of "reply all." If I sent the request, send your reply to me (Diane) and I will forward to the person involved. This will cut down on needless email streams and keep CT for important business.

To be included in Cronan Talk, please email Mary, mary@stcronan.org

Prayers Please: Laurel Hayes; Laurel Hayes' parents, Jerry and Nancy; Bill's brother in law, Dave Rose; Robert Nathe's Mother, Eileen; Colleen Wallace's godson, Lachlan; Michelle Frank; Jennifer Lyle and Krista Rakers; Jessica; Nick Ambrose; Al Sprehe; Phil Milner; Leslie Conway; Mike's grandson, Jack; Jim Gorman; Andrew Virough's Father.; Sharon Orlet's sister, Betty; Nancy Buck's daughter, Jeanne; Kathy Bayless; Tom Kuciejczyk-Kernan's brother, Steve; Barry Buchek's wife, Mary; Trish Curtis' mother and brother; Gaven Hayes-Barrett; Barb Sopp's cousin, Patty Struckhoff; Marie and Roland Martir's granddaughter, Maggie; David Gaillardetz' father, Richard; Fr. Gerry's classmate, Fr. Pat O'Laughlin.