

**Monday Notes (on Tuesday)
November 16, 2021**

Mass Schedule

5:00 p.m. Saturday
8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Sunday

The Masses for the rest of November will be live-streamed at 10:00 on Sundays and posted on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/StCronan/>

The Mass on December 4-5 will be recorded and available on our Website on Saturday afternoon. That Mass will be uploaded to our Website: <http://www.stcronan.org>

If anyone might be available to read on Thursday, December 2, at 9:30 a.m. for the recorded Mass, please contact Diane, diane@stcronan.org or (314) 941-4933.

USHERS: A big Thank-you to all of you who are stepping up for 10:00 Mass last Sunday. Please consider keeping it up! We still need several ushers at the 10:00 Mass to assist people to find socially distanced seating. You will need to be at Mass by 9:50 and plan to stay in the back of church until about 10:15 to assist late-comers to find seating. Contact Diane: diane@stcronan.org or (314) 941-4933 if you can help this Sunday. Usher instructions are attached. THANKS!

Masks are required for all Masses. This is to protect our unvaccinated children.

If you are attending Mass alone, please be aware of others who might need a place to sit, and move to the center of the pew, if possible. We can sit 3 single people in a pew and maintain social distance, but some have mentioned that people on the ends of pews are blocking possible seats for others who come later.

Gradual Re-opening: We are providing a section of pews for people who are vaccinated and don't mind sitting closer to one another. Be looking for the pews without ribbons in the next few weeks. We will have socially distanced pews available as well for those who prefer them.

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers: We need lectors for the 5:00 and 8:00 Masses, so if you attend either of these and can participate in these ministries, please contact Diane. Lector instructions are attached.

Daily Masses: Mass is available on Wednesdays at 8:00 am.

Mass Themes coming up:

November 21 – Feast of Christ the Healer – Anointing of the Sick
November 25 – Thanksgiving
November 28 – First Sunday of Advent,
Confirmation of Analise McKenna at 10:00 Mass

Advent Reflection Booklet: Thanks to all who have signed up to write an Advent Reflection. Please return your reflections to Diane, diane@stcronan.com or dianegoz1951@gmail.com as soon as possible. Advent is just 2 weeks away, and I need to compile the reflections as soon as they come in. Since more of us are in church, I will have some printed copies available, but if you can read them online, that will save paper. Depending on how fast I receive the reflections will determine if I publish them weekly or as an entire booklet. There may be some dates left. If so, I will put out a call on CronanTalk. Questions? Contact Diane: (314) 941-4933.

Poinsettia Sale: St. Cronan is again selling poinsettias as a fund raiser. These flowers are so much bigger and prettier than what you find in the box stores.

We are selling:

6" Pot (16" -17" tall 5-7 blooms) in Red or White = \$22

8" Pot (20" -22" tall 12-15 blooms) in Red or White = \$30

10" GIANT Pot (28" -30"+ tall 16-20 blooms) in Red Only = \$40

Each poinsettia includes a gold pot cover.

Orders may be placed until noon on Tuesday 11/30. All orders should be placed online if possible. Look for the online information on Cronantalk later this week. Customers may call the Office, (314) 289-9384, to place an order if they can't do it online, but must either provide a credit card so we could place the order online for them or pay via check. Customer Pickup at St. Cronan on Saturday 12/4 from 10 AM - 1 PM. People could pick up after Sunday Mass if necessary.

JustFaith presentation: Tom Ulrich will be speaking on A Spirituality for Social Justice Ministry in a Faith Community via zoom on Thursday, November 18, 7:00 EDT (6:00 our time). Please see the attached flyer for details and to register, or click here: <https://justfaith.org/november-18-webinar-with-tom-ulrich/>

Catholic Campaign for Human Development: On Sunday, November 21st, our diocese will take up the national collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), which is the domestic anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops. CCHD works to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ "*... to bring good news to the poor ... release to captives ... sight to the blind, and let the oppressed go free.*" (Luke 4:18) Please see the attached letter from the Archbishop for further details, and please be generous.

St. Cronan St. Vincent de Paul Adopt-A-Family As in past years, we hope to offer our neighbors in need some Christmas gifts for the holidays. If you would like to participate in adopting a family for Christmas this year, please sign up in the church vestibule, or call Kathleen Johnson, (314) 822-7517 or email johnsonkath2@gmail.com and let her know the size of family you prefer. She may be able to assign you a family or adult on the spot. If you are concerned about COVID, you can purchase gift cards and make arrangements to get them to the family, or you can shop for presents as before. Please respond if you would like to participate.

Month of Grace + Prayer: An Advent Retreat in Everyday Life Get ready for Christmas by praying on your own 20 minutes each day and meeting one-on-one with a spiritual companion one hour each week for four consecutive weeks. Starts November 21. All meetings will be virtual (Zoom or phone if you prefer). Weekly meeting times set around your schedule. This is an individually directed retreat tailored to your own deep desires. Committed couples also have the option to participate as a couple. This is an ecumenical ministry, with all adults are welcome regardless of denomination or affiliation. For more information, visit www.momentsofgraceandprayer.org and to register contact Clarence Heller at clarenceheller@gmail.com.

Marianist Retreat Center is holding an Advent Retreat. "Voices in the Wilderness: A Call to Re-Engage" Friday, December 10 through Sunday, December 12 at the Marianist Retreat Center. Please see the attached flyer for more details.

Black Lives Matter Vigil: The St. Cronan Social Justice Committee is hosting a Vigil as a way of atoning for past racism. It will be held every third Friday evening of the month - 5:00 -6:00 pm at the corner of Kingshighway and Manchester. We will be gathering Friday, November 19 . Please feel free to bring your own signs. If you have questions, please contact Trish Curtis: trishquita1952@gmail.com, or Kim Madden: kim.madden514@gmail.com

This is a new link, good for the next 10 meetings. I will also send the invitation on Saturday.

The readings today focus on Apocalyptic Literature which provided hope for the hopeless at times when all was lost, telling of a time when all will even out. We are programmed to worry about the future. When we are obsessed with the future, we destroy the present. Sometimes we have "monkey brain," when thoughts swing back and forth in our heads. One of the most dangerous future fears is to worry about what do I need to do to get to heaven? We don't need a to-do list to get to heaven. With Christ, Salvation is here. If we allow the monkey to stop swinging we could enjoy salvation now. Can we allow Christ to bring us peace? Can we allow the present to be with us? The name "Michael" means like God. We're all Michaels, made in God's image. Let's enjoy being like God, and enjoy others who are like God. (from Fr. Jack's homily)

God Bless!

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