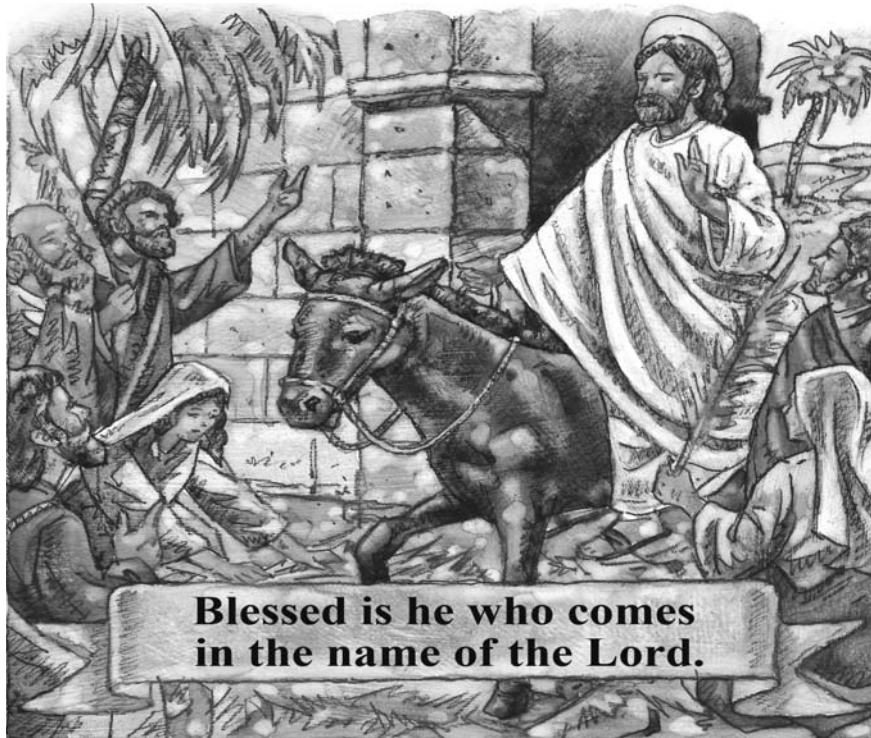


April 9, 2017
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA ST. LUCY

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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday - 8:30am
Word Service with Communion, Thursday, 8:30am

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Morning - 9:00am
Saturday Evening - 5:00pm
Sunday Morning - 8:30 & 10:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday at 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM; or by appointment.

Baptisms

Baptism of infants and young children is celebrated on the 2nd and 3rd weekends of the month. Parents are asked to attend a Baptism preparation session/class prior to the ceremony. Please call the rectory to register for the preparation and set a baptismal date.

Thoughts From Our Pastor



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday, also known as Passion Sunday. On this Sunday, we celebrate our Lord's entry into the holy city Jerusalem, a week before his death and resurrection. Today also marks the beginning of one of the holiest seasons of our liturgical calendar, the final week of Lent that concludes with Easter Sunday. When our Lord entered the city of Jerusalem, the crowd greeted him by waving palm branches. The palm branch was a symbol of triumph and victory in the Greco-Roman culture. In ancient Egyptian religion, the palm was carried in funeral procession and represented eternal life. The palm branch later became a symbol of Christian martyrs and their spiritual victory or triumph over death. The Catholic Church considers the blessed palms to be sacramentals (sacred signs, distinguished from the seven sacraments); and the vestments worn this Sunday are red, the color of blood indicating Christ's supreme redemptive sacrifice he was entering the city to fulfill: his passion and resurrection in Jerusalem. The death of our Lord reminds us his love for us as he told his disciples so often during his life: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13). Jesus' death on the cross invites us to do what he told his disciples to do so often during his life: "Love one another as I love you" (John 15:12).

Jesus came to teach us by his example; he was very humble from the beginning of his ministry until he died on the cross. In today's second reading, St. Paul writing to the Philippian community tells them "Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God...rather he emptied himself taking the form of a slave. He humbled himself becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:6-11). Christ, the Son of God, did not consider his Godly status and authority something to be grasped for his own personal benefit. He understood their value, but was willing to sacrifice them in the service of a higher value, namely the salvation of humankind. Christ was eternally in the form of God, and because of the love for us, he emptied himself of Godliness and become ordinary human being for our sake. Christ becoming one of us is not like a very rich politician, leaving his luxurious house and going to live in the housing projects for one day to experience what the poor people go through. Christ literally became one of us and assumed our lowly nature, to teach us how we should live in this world and to show us the road or the path to salvation. Christ did not abandon us; he was and still remains our good shepherd, and when he calls us, we recognize his voice and we follow him. That is what makes Christianity unique over the past 2000 years. I pray that the Holy Spirit may guide and transform us as we enter the sacred season of Holy Week.

May God bless you always.

Rev. George O. Omwando

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

WE THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA-ST. LUCY PARISH, SEEK TO DEEPEN OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH GOD AND TO CELEBRATE GOD'S PRESENCE IN WORD AND SACRAMENT. BY ACCEPTING ALL INTO OUR FAMILY WE SEEK UNITY IN CHRIST AND SEEK TO PROCLAIM HIS GOOD NEWS IN THE DISCIPLESHIP OF OUR LIVES.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

Parish Pastoral Council
Madonna Sloan and Joyce Wade,
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Parish Finance Council
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Connie Rakitan
Liturgy Committee:
Cantors: Gail Rohmann
Celebration Choir: Gail Rohmann
Praise Choir: Julius White
Greeters & Ushers: Jim Lewis

Ministers of the Eucharist:

Jeanne Visteen
Ministers of the Word:
Jeanne Visteen

Servers: TBA

Ministers of Care: Shelby Boblick
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Fr. George O. Omwando
Women's Ministry: Shelby Boblick

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Collection Counters: Carol Kallok
Facilities Committee: Fr. George Omwando, Amanda Pomareda
Fundraising Committee:
Pat Nelson / Cynthia Weaver

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Weddings - Please contact a parish priest to set a wedding date. Allow at least 6 months for preparation.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a sacramental process, celebrated in the midst of this Faith Community. This process assists adults, as well as children over the age of 7, in learning about the Catholic Faith. Through its witness, worship, service, and teaching our Faith Community offers the invitation and support necessary for initiation into the Catholic Church.

Ministry to the Sick, Hospitalized and Shut—Ins

Please notify the Parish Office so that we can visit and minister to your confined loved-ones.

Newcomers

Please fill out a registration form after Mass, or come by the Rectory Office during the week.


**Mass Intentions
for the Week**
Mon. April 10

8:30 † **Mary White**
By: Patricia Nelson

Tue. April 11

8:30 † **Peter Leipus**
By: Ministry of Care

Wed. April 12

8:30 † **Marlene Polasek**
By: Evie Stockinger

Thur. April 13—Holy Thursday

7:00 PM **Mass of the Lord Supper**

Fri. April 14—Good Friday

7:00 PM **Liturgy of the Lord's Passion**

Sat. April 15—Holy Saturday

7:00 PM **Easter Vigil of the Holy Night**

Sun. April 16—Easter Sunday

8:30 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS****APRIL 16, 2017****7:00 PM (4/15)****8:30 AM****10:30 AM****Altar Servers**

TBA

Miles Jackson
Walter Washington

Grace McGuire
Michelle and
Leslie Agbefe

Ministers of the Word

R. Smith-Quinn
Valerie Jennings
Bro. J. Kilikevici
Debra Lomax
McLane Lomax
Paul Koko
Patricia Long

Erin Schifeling
Peter Barber

TBA

Ministers of the Eucharist

TBA

Claudia Zinanni
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Gordon Bell
Kathy Mortell
Ginny Jones

Jeanne Visteen
Kim McGuire
Bern Wheel
Marie Wheel
Scarlett Evans
Jan Kieckhefer



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Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34;
Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42

Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;

e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;

f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;

g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;

h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Mt 28:1-10

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

Today's Readings**Gospel at the Procession with Palms** — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-11).**First Reading** — In spite of my sufferings I am not disgraced. I am not put to shame (Isaiah 50:4-7).**Psalm** — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? (Psalm 22)**Second Reading** — Christ emptied himself, and God filled this emptiness with exaltation (Philippians 2:6-11).**Gospel** — The account of Christ's passion according to Matthew (Matthew 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass.
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School News

- ..# **Easter Break:** *The school will be closed on Good Friday, April 14, and the week following Easter, April 17-21.*
- ..# Progress Reports go home next week. There will be no conferences this trimester, unless requested by the teacher.
- ..# Aspire Tests, the standardized tests for Grades 3-8, will be administered the week of Tuesday, April 25 through Friday, April 28. It is crucial that students are on-time for school, are well-rested, and have a good breakfast in the morning.

1st & 2nd Readings for the Upcoming Sunday are offered. Their sole purpose is to help us all of us "receive" and "hear" the word of God.

**APRIL 16, 2017 -
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE
RESURRECTION OF THE
LORD**

First Reading: Acts 10: 34, 37-43
The Apostle Peter was originally skeptical about preaching the Gospel to non-Jews. But one day, the Holy Spirit summoned him to preach to a Gentile—the pagan army officer Cornelius and his household. Today's Passage is a portion of Peter's sermon, which summarizes the life and ministry of Jesus.

Second Reading: Col. 3:1-4
The letter to the Colossians depicts Christ as the only mediator between God and the world. A previous passage of the letter presented baptism as the way we are united with Christ. The author will today remind us of the heights to which Christ has raised us, and then call upon us to live up to this.



**Bible Study -
Tuesdays 9:30 AM**

Please consider in joining us every Tuesday at 9:30 AM only for Bible Study at the Rectory. If you are trying to find answers to your daily life questions, or are willing to have an hour of peace and knowledge about our religion, please come. It is totally free.

**Communion &
Anointing of the Sick**

Please call the Rectory at 708-386-8077 to let us know if you or a member of your family is in need of the sacrament of anointing of the sick or would like to have Holy Communion brought to your house or nursing home or both.



**Praying for the
Sick In Our Parish**

Coletta Ali, Winifred Ballew, Fr. John Carolan, Myriam Claude, Lillian Czaplicki, Raymond Doelker, Anita Evenson, Katherine Gradnik, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Dolores Malkowski, Eileen Nauss, Scarlett Evans-Perez, Raul Perez, Agnes Robinson, Carlton Shanks, Sister Marion Cypser, and Joyce Wade

The name of your close relative will remain on this list for four weeks. After that, you will have to call us again to reinstate it into the list. If you wish to include a name of a sick member of your family here, please call Amanda at the rectory during office hours. Thank you.

Bequests

PLEASE consider remembering our parish in your will or trust. We have been blessed in the past by the generosity of so many parishioners and I am hopeful this will continue into the future.

-Father George

Stewardship Report

Due to the bulletin early deadline because of the Easter Holiday, our stewardship report for the week of April 9, and April 16 will be shown later within the April, 2017 bulletins.



As we approach the season of sacraments please keep the children of our parish who are preparing for the sacraments of First Eucharist, Reconciliation and Confirmation in your prayers.

Six children will be making their First Communion on Sunday, May 3; thirteen of our children will be Confirmed on Sunday, May 21; four children will make their First Reconciliation before classes are over.

We will also be welcoming four students from St. Bernadine's at Confirmation. Please keep them all in your prayers as they prepare for these sacraments.

Remaining class dates are April 12, 26, and May 10, 2017.

**Saints and Special
Observances**

- Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord.
- Monday: Monday of Holy Week; Passover (Jewish celebration) begins at sunset
- Tuesday: Tuesday of Holy Week
- Wednesday: Wednesday of Holy Week
- Thursday: Holy Thursday; The Sacred Paschal Triduum
- Friday: Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday); Julian Calendar Good Friday; Fast & Abstinence
- Saturday: Holy Saturday; The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night

St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish

Easter Vigil Table

SATURDAY, April 15, 2017

Following the Easter Vigil Mass

(Chicken salad “finger sandwiches” and a large “veggie tray” will be provided. Please, with your generous hearts, can you help with: fruit plates, deviled eggs, brownies, cookies, chips & dip, cheese squares, crackers & cheese, etc.

Please bring to Maguire Hall before services begin. Thank you!

EASTER ALTAR MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Please consider making a donation to help support our always beautiful Easter altar flower display in honor of a loved one. Special envelopes are available in today's bulletin or at the doors of the church. Fill out the envelope and then drop it in the regular collection basket in the next few weeks.

Resurrection to Come

But from this earth, this grave, this dust, My God shall raise me up, I trust.

—Walter Raleigh

Good Friday, April 14th, 2017

Way of the Cross – Downtown Chicago

Communion and Liberation and the Focolare Movement invite everyone to follow the *Cross through the streets of Chicago*. Witnessing to the sacrifice of our Lord on Good Friday, we follow the cross through the streets of our city, where so many take up their crosses daily.

The silent procession starts at 8:45am at Daley Plaza and ends at Holy Name Cathedral around Noon. Three stops include songs, meditations and Gospel readings.

--- All are welcome ---

For more information:

www.wayofthecrosschicago.org or
call 312-725-2320



Paschal Triduum

After palm Sunday we enter Holy week that is most definitely a very scared time of the year, for it is now that we will commemorate and remember the last weeks' of Jesus' life on earth.

On Holy Thursday, we reenact the Lord's last Supper, which He shared with His Apostles on the night He was betrayed and arrested. This is one of the most beautiful liturgies of the entire liturgical year.



How Much for the Easter Offering?

Sometimes people will ask, ‘What is a good Easter Offering when I go to church at Easter?’

What do people give? A fairly good guidepost from the past, similar to Christmas offering, is an offering equivalent to what you might put in the collection over the period of a month. So for example, if you usually offer ten dollars each week at Mass, a nice Easter offering is forty dollars.

Easter Basket Blessing

Sat. April 15th - 1:00 PM

“Come bring your Easter egg artwork, sausage, ham, veggies, bakery, candy, wine and any other holiday specialties to the Basket Blessing on Holy Saturday, April 15th at 1:00 PM in the church. We all share stories and traditions from many ethnicities along with the gratefulness for our food, families and lives.”

Catholic Relief Services

Rice Bowl -

Operation Rice Bowl Sacrifices

Our Lenten sacrifices will be offered at the Holy Thursday Liturgy as we present our Operation Rice Bowl boxes as a community, in procession.

Palm Sunday

Global Solidarity

Catholic social teaching inspires and guides how we are to live and work in the world. In this principle, Global Solidarity, Jesus tells us to love our neighbors, even though they may be different than us. That means the neighbors who live next door and also those who live on the other side of the planet. Jesus reminds us that we are all part of God's great family.

Archdiocese of Chicago

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

The Department of Parish Vitality and Mission is happy to announce that the annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass for 2017 will be held on Sunday, September 17 at 2:45 p.m. Cardinal Blase J. Cupich will preside over this special Mass where 500 couples will rejoice in their 50th wedding anniversary.

If you're married 50 years this year, or you were not able to come this past year and want to come next year, please keep this date free and keep an eye out for more information, coming soon!



Hello Parishioners, Alumni, and Friends of St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Parish:

The Fund Raising Committee is pleased to announce the 2017 SPRING EVENT: a chartered Bus Trip outing to *FOUR WINDS CASINO* in New Buffalo, Michigan! This adventuresome and fun day will be on Saturday, April 22nd. Charter package tickets for the event will be \$50, and include round trip bus transportation, a \$10 food credit that can be used in any of the four food venues, and a \$15 instant slot credit. Whether you want to try your luck at the casino games, or prefer to just enjoy the lovely landscaped surroundings and food at *FOUR WINDS*, gather your adult friends and family for this unique fund-raiser benefiting St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish. Come to the Church parking lot at 38 N. Austin Boulevard, and leave your car behind for a day of fun and relaxation. Leave the driving to us!

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2017

Check-in at Lot starts at 9:30am ~ Buses depart Parking Lot promptly at 10:00am

50 passengers per bus ~ All times are Chicago time

Buses depart from Casino at 3:30pm sharp ~ arrive St. Catherine's Lot by 5:00pm

Must be 21 years of age; please bring a valid picture ID

Final ticket purchase date is Monday, April 10th; sorry – no exceptions

Tickets for this enjoyable springtime day outing for \$50 per person are only applicable to the Bus Trip. All charter passengers must arrive to the casino on the bus with our group. Any group member that arrives to the casino by car will not receive the charter package. Please reserve your *FOUR WINDS CASINO* BUS TRIP tickets, using the form below, and return it with your payment to the Rectory or place it in the collection basket to arrive no later than Monday, April 10th. Tickets will also be sold following Masses the week-ends of March 25/26, April 1/2, and April 8/9. For more information call Carol Frank, 708-588-9770 or Pat Nelson, 708-456-0730, or visit www.fourwindscasino.com.

Thank you in advance for your generous support. We hope to see you on April 22nd!

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO ST. CATHERINE-ST LUCY PARISH

RESERVATIONS ARE DUE
Monday, April 10th



ST. CATHERINE-ST. LUCY PARISH *FOUR WINDS* CASINO BUS TRIP – Saturday, April 22, 2017

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

Delighted to participate! Over 21: Date of Birth _____ No. of tickets at \$50 each: _____
(THIS INFO IS REQUIRED BY FOUR WINDS)

Cannot attend, but would like to make a donation: _____ Amount enclosed: _____

*Please list other members in your group on a separate sheet with their address & DOB, so that we can assign you to the same bus traveling to **FOUR WINDS CASINO**.*