

March 25, 2018
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

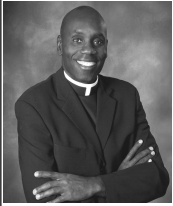
Sacrament of Reconciliation

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 Rev. George O. Omwando



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today we celebrate Palm Sunday, the final Lenten Sunday, when Christians celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem, the week before His death and resurrection. Palm Sunday, often referred to as "Passion Sunday," marks the beginning of Holy Week, which concludes on Easter Sunday. The Bible reveals that when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowds greeted Him by waving palm branches and covering His path with them or with their cloaks.

Immediately following this great time of celebration in the ministry of Jesus, He begins His Journey to the Cross. The context of the story is the commemoration of the Passover when all pilgrims come to Jerusalem to remember their liberation from bondage in Egypt. You can imagine the excitement that was surrounding this event. Think of a St. Patrick's Day parade or the Bud Billiken parade celebrations. All the pilgrims came on foot except Jesus who entered the city riding a colt like a messianic king (Zechariah 9:9). He rode this colt which no one had ridden before, symbolizing purity or the holiness of Jesus. If Jesus came today, perhaps we would spread a red carpet for him as we do at the award ceremonies, or when an important person like a president comes to town. I wonder whether they understood what they were doing. They also praised Him with an acclamation, "Hosanna" meaning, "save us, we pray."

In this final week of Lent, we reflect on the kind of savior Jesus Christ is for us. The answer to this question lies in our today's second reading (Philippians 2:6-11) where we find Him to be humble, one who took the form of a slave; and because of His lowly nature, God exalted His name above all other names. Even though Jesus was God Himself, He came to us in the form of a slave so that He could save us from our sins. Notice here that we have not been saved by a military person or a powerful king but by a humble Son of God. We have a savior who was condemned as a thief, nailed on the cross, suffered, and abandoned. But even at the deepest sufferings, He did not abandon us to those who put him on the Cross. For our sake, He became human so that He could show us the way to the Father. God raised Him because He was willing to be put down for us.

Jesus is our savior who was obedient to God and who offered Himself for us because of our sins, and who continues to show us the example that we need to follow. The best way to enter Holy Week is to show others the example of Jesus of Love, Peace, Thanksgiving and Hope.

God bless you!

Father George

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,
Co-Chairs
Parish Finance Council
Juan Perez
Spiritual Life Commission
Faith & Fellowship:
Connie Rakitan
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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: Kathy Paoli
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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Amanda Pomareda
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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.

VOLUNTEERS

— Can you help? — We need you on Holy Thursday!!

We are in need of pairs of parishioners who would like to participate in the sacred tradition of washing each other's feet during Holy Thursday Mass, **Thursday, March 29, at 7:00 pm.** All volunteers are asked to be in church about 30 minutes prior to mass for instruction, so 6:30 pm show-up time please. We have a sign-in sheet in the back of the church and in the rectory.

Also: We are calling for volunteers to help us decorate the Church on **Holy Saturday, March 31st.**

If interested, please contact Father George or Amanda at the Rectory, 708- 386-8077. Thank you!



St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish Easter Vigil Table

SATURDAY, March 31, 2018
Following the Easter Vigil Mass

Please, with your generous hearts, can you help with: sandwiches, fruit/veggie plates, deviled eggs, brownies, cookies, chips & dip, cheese squares, crackers & cheese, etc. All should be "table ready".

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

The Rectory will be closed on Friday, March 30, and Monday, April 2 due to the Easter Holiday.

It will re-open on Tuesday, April 3.



2018

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

St. Catherine—St. Lucy

Holy Thursday—March 29

7:00 PM ~ Mass of the Lord's Supper

Adoration until Midnight

Good Friday— March 30

12 Noon ~ Vigil at the Cross

7:00 PM ~ Liturgy of The Passion of The Lord

Holy Saturday— March 31

1:00 PM ~ Blessing of Easter Baskets

7:00 PM ~ The Great Easter Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday —April 1

8:30 & 10:30 AM

500 Club Certificates

Certificates are \$25 each and will be included in every weekly drawing from October 29th, 2017 through October 21st, 2018. The prize each week is \$25 except for three weeks when the prize is \$500. **If we sell all 500 certificates, there will be a 4th drawing for \$500.**

~ The Fundraising Committee



Easter Flower Sale TODAY

We are having our Easter Flower Sale after all of the masses this weekend of Palm Sunday.

Come see what Easter Lilies, Hyacinths, Tulips, Daffodils, Begonias, Azaleas and flower baskets can do to lift your spirit and bring color into your life after the grey winter.

Remember to think of all of your flower needs for gifts and home decorations and how you will be supporting our parish!

Awake now wintry earth!

Parish Calendar

Monday, March 26

1:30 & 7:30 PM -Women's Spirituality Series. - CH

2:30 PM - Day Care - C

4:00 - 9:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH

6:30-9:30 PM - F&F Meeting - LMC

Tuesday, March 27

9:30 AM - Bible Study - RRT

10:30AM - 3PM - Voice Lessons - CH

2:30 PM - Day Care - C

7:30-9PM - Praise Choir Rehearsal - MMR

Wednesday, March 28

10:15 AM - School Holy Week Liturgy - CH

2:30 PM - Day Care - C

Thursday, March 29 — Holy Thursday

8:30 AM - Morning Prayer - CH

7:00 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper - CH

Friday, March 30—Good Friday

8:30 AM - Morning Prayer - CH

12:00 PM - Vigil at the Cross - CH

7:00 PM -Celebration of the Lord's Passion - CH

Saturday, March 31- Holy Saturday

8:30 AM - Morning Prayer - CH

10:00 AM - Church Decorating - CH

1:00 PM - Blessing of Easter Baskets - CH

7:00 PM - Easter Vigil— Holy Night - CH

9:00 PM - Easter Vigil Table - M

Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. March 26

8:30 † **Soledad Moran**
By: Ministry of Care

Tue. March 27

8:30 † **James and Diva Davis**
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

Wed. March 28

8:30 † **Ray Smith**
By: Evie Stockinger

Thur. April 13—Holy Thursday

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

Fri. March 30—Good Friday

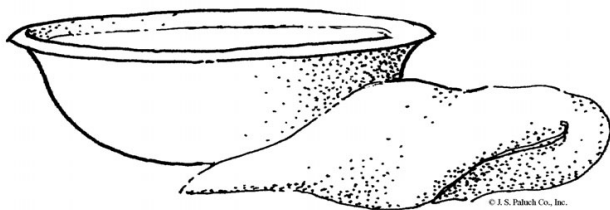
7:00 PM **Liturgy of the Lord's Passion**

Sat. March 31—Holy Saturday

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

Sun. April 1

FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH



Today's Readings

Gospel at the Procession with Palms — Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16).

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 Mark (Mark 14:1 — 15:47 [15:1-39]).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass.
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Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Monday: Monday of Holy Week
Tuesday: Tuesday of Holy Week
Wednesday: Wednesday of Holy Week
Thursday: Holy Thursday; Sacred Paschal Triduum
Friday: Passion of the Lord (Good Friday);
Fast and Abstinence; Passover begins
Saturday: The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night;
Holy Saturday

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

APRIL 1, 2018

7:00 PM**8:30 AM****10:30 AM**

Altar Servers

Thom Schouten Kathy Paoli **TBA**
Tom Frank

Ministers of the Word

Renee Smith-Quinn **TBA** Bill Holmes
Bill Holmes **TBA**
Jeanne Visteen
Paul Koko
Patricia Long

Ministers of the Eucharist

Jeanne Visteen	Claudia Zinanni	Jeanne Visteen
Pat Koko	Elaine Podraza	Pat Nelson
TBA	Annie Rowan	Scarlett Evans
	Ginny Jones	Mary Howard
	Bill Cragg	Doris Brown
	Gordon Bell	Diana Cameron

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: *Lord's Supper*: 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, 15-17, 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) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;
Mk 16:1-7
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 Mk 16:1-7

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 1, 2018 – 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 they 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 in 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.

Update Personal Info

We are asking you to please update us with your cell phone number and e-mail address. Also any change of status. Many people have cancelled their landlines and have not given us their new number. Please contact Amanda at: 708-386-8077 or apomaredascsloffice@comcast.net

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, Aaron Aquino, Ernestine Bishop, Eddie Brown, Jarrie L. Brown, Brittany Crayton, Lillian Czaplicki, Larry and Normatha Evans, Anita Evenson, Betty Fisk, Maureen Gamboney, Richard Graf, Dave Grayson, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Kate Kroker, Tom Lally, Albert Parker, Jr., Zoila Roman, Carlton Shanks, Nsanda S. Stumps, Kate Shoevlin, Sue Vanek, and Diane Ward

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.

Remember a Loved One

We have the 2018 Mass book available. Mass intentions are only \$10.00. Please come to the Rectory to request your Masses. Remember your loved ones or any other special occasion.

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

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School News



- ..# Please pray for the family of Ms. Natasha Miller, our Ms. Suzie, who lost her grandmother.
- ..# The final day of the Viola Project program – our acting class for our girls in grades 5-8 – is Monday, March 26. We are looking forward to their final performance.
- ..# Our Holy Week School liturgy is scheduled for Wednesday, March 28, at 10:15am.
- ..# Our last day of school is March 29. The students will return from Easter break on April 9.
- ..# Our Girls' Volleyball Team begins their season on April 7.

Save the Date

**Monday March 26 &
Mondays April 9, 16, 23**
*Women's Spirituality Series
Church*

Saturday, April 28
Four Winds Casino Trip

Sunday, April 29
*Blackhawks Jersey and
Puck Raffle Drawing*

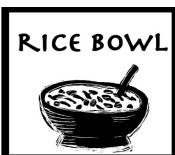
Stewardship Report

Due to the bulletin early deadline because of the Easter Holiday, our stewardship reports for the weeks of March 18, 25, and April 1, will be shown later within the April 8, 2018 bulletin.

Signs of Lent

Palm Sunday

Today the priest wears red to symbolize God's love and martyrdom and the Christ's suffering and shedding of blood during his Passion and Death. Red is worn again on Good Friday. Red also symbolizes the Fire of the Holy Spirit which is why the priest wears this color in Pentecost again.



Rice Bowl

Encounter Our Neighbors

We encounter Jesus this week in Jerusalem, a community he knew well. We prayerfully enter our own communities too, encountering those who are hungry and thirsty, those who need our help. How does our Lenten journey motivate us to serve those we meet in our daily lives?

Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

How Much for the Easter Offering?

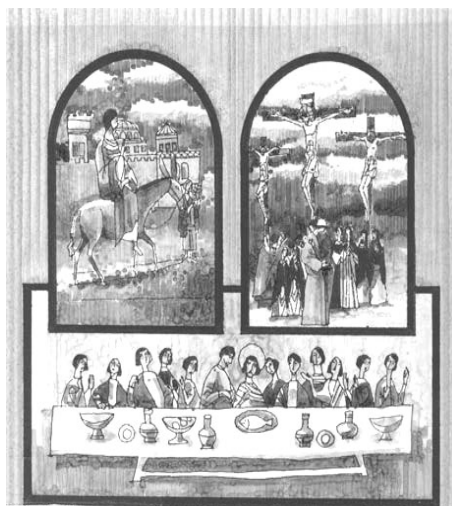
Sometimes people will ask, 'What is a good Easter Offering when I go to church at Easter?'

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.

Resurrection to Come

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

—Walter Raleigh



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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.

Easter Basket Blessing Saturday, March 31st - 1:00 PM

"Come bring your Easter eggs art-work, sausage, ham, veggies, bakery, candy, wine and any other holiday specialties to the Basket Blessing on **Holy Saturday, March 31st 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."

Easter Altar Memorial Flowers

Easter Memorial Flowers envelopes are available at the doors of the church. Please consider making a donation in honor of a loved one. Fill out the envelope and then drop it in the regular collection basket in the next few weeks.



Way of the Cross – Downtown Chicago Good Friday, March 30, 2018

Each year we follow the passion of Christ in the heart of our city, where thousands of people carry their cross every day. Through choral music, Gospel passages, reflections, and our silent procession, we hope to enter more deeply into the events of Good Friday and their meaning for us today. We ask to experience the exceptional Presence of Christ among us as a real answer to the needs of our hearts. The schedule is as follows:

- 8:45 am — Gather at Daley Plaza (Dearborn & Washington)
- 9:00 am — Introduction
- 9:15 am — The walk begins

Tentative Route: Veterans Memorial (Riverwalk @ State & Wacker), Tribune Tower Plaza (Michigan & Chicago River), Holy Name Cathedral (State/Superior)

- 11:30am — Arrival at Holy Name Cathedral (State/Superior)
- 12:00pm — Conclusion

For more information: www.wayofthecrosschicago.org or call 312-725-2320

Treasures From Our Tradition

For many centuries, Christian pilgrims have longed to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, and on Passion Sunday the eyes of the world are on the *Via Dolorosa*, the "Road of Sorrows," in Jerusalem. As soon as it became safe for Christians to worship in public in the fourth century, a way was marked out. It was changed a few times over the years, and today's usual route was sketched by the Franciscans six hundred years ago, although Anglicans and Byzantines have their own unique detours. Friday is the most favored day, although it is crowded then. Almost everyone begins at the Lion's Gate in the Muslim Quarter, and ends at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. It's less than a quarter mile, but it threads its way through crowded markets with souvenir shops and fast-food snacks. There are, just as in your parish church, fourteen stations along the way. The exact spots are not known, but what matters is the pilgrim's unique ability to see even an ordinary road in a teeming city as something more than meets the eye.

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Stewardship Palm Sunday

"Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?' And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'"
— Mark 15:12-13

Jesus told us "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Pray for the strength and courage to stand up for those in need of our help.

Passion

The contrast between the processional reading in today's liturgy and the proclamation of the Passion is striking. We are given a glimpse of how profoundly the word of God is fulfilled in Jesus.

First he must be hailed as the Messiah, the One who is to come. He must be acknowledged by all, though they do not know what they are saying. They think he is the promised king, a worldly king of the Jews who will free them from the Roman occupation. They do not yet understand, even the disciples, exactly where this triumphal procession is leading. In our lives, we too do not know where we are going. It is in faith that we can follow Christ wherever he may lead us, trusting that death is not the end, nor evil the victor.

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[Christ Jesus] humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

— *Philippians 2:8*



Give Central allows our parish to provide its parishioners a safe and convenient way to make regular, automatic electronic contributions and can also be used for special events and other collections.

We understand that most transactions today are done electronically. We want to provide you with that same convenient option at church.

You can go directly to our website: www.stcatherinestlucy.org to be able to find the link to *GiveCentral*

The women of Chicago's westside and the near-west suburbs are invited to gather this spring for prayer and reflection at

ST. CATHERINE – ST. LUCY

Conflict is everywhere in our world

Verbal abuse, gun violence, and political antagonism color our world, and we wonder how to speak with friends or family members who think differently than we do. What do we do with our anger? Can we create lives, relationships, and a world in harmony with our values?

Shelby Boblick and Carol Spiegel, BVM, a student of conflict resolution for over 20 years, will facilitate the meetings. Once a week, Carol teaches Peacemaking and Conflict Resolution at St. Catherine-St. Lucy School.

Shelby will supply the materials each week. No need to prepare in advance.

We'll offer duplicate sessions each **Monday:** one at **1 p.m.** and another at 7:30 p.m. Please join us at whichever time suits you and your life.

- Mon. March 26 What if There are 2 Anger Volcanoes Close to Each Other?
- Mon. April 9 Nonviolent Communication: The Language of Life
- Mon. April 16 The Magic of Conflict
- Mon. April 23 A Tool in Harmony with Nonviolent Communication & Case Studies

We'll meet in the gathering space of St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church. The Church is accessible by ramp, and assistive listening devices are available.

Please join us! Questions or concerns...call Shelby Boblick at 630-240-2765

