

July 8, 2018

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Is this
not the
carpenter,
the son
of Mary?



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA ST. LUCY

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Rev. George Omwando, Pastor
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Tuesday, Wednesday, & Fridays: 8:30 AM—4:30 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM—4:30 PM; **Sunday** 8:30 AM—12:00 PM
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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday - 8:30am
(Please enter the Church by Washington Blvd. 2nd door to the West)

NO Thursday Communion Service until the Fall of 2018

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,

We all know that a computer can be programmed to respond to your command. By conditioning a dog with rewards and restrictions, you can teach it to obey. But every parent knows, that children are not easily taught. People have their own will and must choose to submit, to follow the instructions of those who have authority over them. Surely discipline is part of the process, so children should know that they will reap the consequences of disobeying their parents. God's children also must learn to obey their heavenly Father. Created in His image, they have a choice, and God allows them to choose. Ezekiel was a man who chose to obey God.

Our First Reading today comes from the book of prophet Ezekiel. In the Old Testament, God used prophets to speak His Inspired Words to the people. The primary role of a prophet is to be God's mouthpiece and not to predict about the future. Who was prophet Ezekiel? Understanding who the prophet was will make it easier to understand today's reading and any future ones coming from his prophetic writings. Ezekiel was younger than his contemporary, the prophet Jeremiah. While Jeremiah ministered to the people in Judah, Ezekiel prophesied to those already exiled in Babylonia/Southern Iraq. Although he was a priest, he served as a Jewish "street preacher" in Babylonia for 22 years, telling everyone about God's judgement and salvation, and calling people to repent and obey God's commandments. Prophet Ezekiel lived on what he preached. God may not ask you to do anything quite so dramatic or difficult; but if He did, would you do it?

The book of Ezekiel chronicles the prophet's life and ministry with the chosen people. Beginning with his call as a prophet and being commissioned as a "watchman" for Israel, he immediately began to preach and demonstrate God's truth predicting the approaching siege and destruction of Jerusalem because of the people's disobedience on God's commandment. This devastation would be God's judgement for the people's idolatry. Ezekiel, challenged people to turn away from their wicked ways and begin following God's ways. Ezekiel concluded his book with a message of hope and assured people of Israel that God will forgive them and bring them back to their ancestral home. In our first reading today, God told Ezekiel to proclaim His message to His people whether they listened or not. Immediately, Ezekiel accepted to be God's voice and the Spirit of God entered him and gave him the courage to speak the truth about their behavior. The People did not listen to His message and eventually were taken into exile.

The Gospel today, recounts a similar message during the time of Jesus. The people refused to recognize him as the Son of God, who was sent to redeem the world but instead considered him as a mere, ordinary son of Joseph and Mary. Therefore, Jesus was not able to perform any miracles in his hometown because of the people's intentional lack of faith. This could happen to us especially when we pray but do not believe in what we praying for.

Let us always listen to God's voice telling us to obey His Commandments through what we have learnt from the bible and other Church teachings. God bless you.

Fr. 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

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: 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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Peace & Justice Committee:

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School Board Chair: Natasha Lee

Parish Development & Services Commission

Collection Counters: Carol Kallok

Facilities Committee: Kevin Kell,

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. July 9

8:30 † **Harry Anderson**
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

Tue. July 10

† **Rev. John J. Carolan**
By: A Friend

Wed. July 11

8:30 **Ed Surges (Health)**
By: A Friend

Fri. July 13

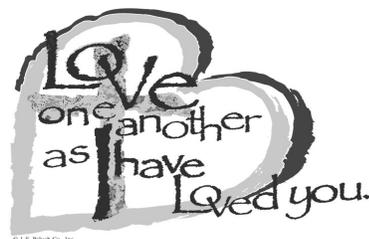
8:30 † **Marge Kottcamp**
By: Annette Varga

Sat. July 14

9:00 **Nina Silva (Health)**
By: Amanda Pomareda
5:00 † **Grace Tobin**
By: Kathy Kernan

Sun. July 15

8:30 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
8:30 † **Agnes Robinson**
By: Thomas Robinson
10:30 † **Susan Miniscalco**
By: Cynthia Weaver & Jim Bowers



Stewardship Report

Due to bulletin early deadline because of the 4th of July Holiday, our stewardship report for the week of July 8, will be shown later within the July's bulletins. Thanks for your understanding.

Today's Readings

First Reading — They shall know that a prophet has been among them (Ezekiel 2:2-5).

Psalm — Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy (Psalm 123).

Second Reading — I am content with weaknesses and hardships for the sake of Christ (2 Corinthians 12:7-10).

Gospel — The people said: "Where did this man get all this? Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary?"

(Mark 6:1-6).

The English translation of the Psalm Responses from Lectionary for Mass. © 1969, 1981, 1997, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved.

Readings for the Week

Monday: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Ps 145:2-9; Mt 9:18-26
 Tuesday: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13; Ps 115:3-10; Mt 9:32-38
 Wednesday: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Ps 105:2-7; Mt 10:1-7
 Thursday: Hos 11:1-4, 8c-9; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16; Mt 10:7-15
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-14, 17; Mt 10:16-23
 Saturday: Is 6:1-8; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mt 10:24-33
 Sunday: Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-14; Eph 1:3-14 [3-10]; Mk 6:7-13

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions
 Wednesday: St. Benedict
 Friday: St. Henry
 Saturday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

JULY 15, 2018

5:00 PM

8:30 AM

10:30 AM

Altar Servers

Dan Brown Tom Frank Esteban Perez

Ministers of the Word

Frank Pond Shirley Jones Bill Sullivan, Jr.
 Paul Knight Ken Blair Joyce Wade

Ministers of the Eucharist

Jack Kernan	Thom Schouten	Shelby Boblick
Susan Kumler	Ginny Jones	Kim McGuire
Pat Koko	Bill Cragg	Marie Wheel
Michelle Darang-Coleman	Renee Smith-Quinn	Bern Wheel
	Annie Rowan	Yuna Kim
	Claudia Zinanni	Leslie Agbefe

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE CHANGE

There **IS NOT** Thursday Communion Service (until September)

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.

JULY 15, 2018 – 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

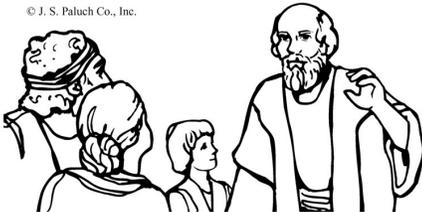
First Reading: Amos 7:12-15

Amos preached about 750 years before Christ and was the first prophet whose words were put into writing. At that, time, Jewish people were split into two kingdoms: Israel in the north and Judah in the south. God sent Amos from the southern kingdom of Judah to preach to the people in the north. So he faithfully went there, to a place known as the shrine of Bethel. As so often happens to prophets, the priest wasn't pleased that he came.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

Today and for the next few weeks, we will be reading from the letter to the Ephesians. Ephesus, a major seaport on the western coast of what is today Turkey, was a center for early Christians. Today's passage is the beginning of the letter and is a prayer praising God for the good things God has done for us.

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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



Bible Study - Mondays 9:30 AM

Our Bible Study group meets on Mondays ~ 9:30—11:00 AM in the Rectory.

We use the New Collegeville Bible Commentary from Collegeville, Minnesota. We read the scriptures, weekly psalms, and the commentary. Then we discuss it. It is an enlightening experience and totally free.

Remember a Loved One 2019 Mass Book is here!

"The Holy Mass would be of greater profit if people had it offered in their lifetime, rather than having it celebrated for the relief of their souls after death."

—Pope Benedict XV

We have **weekday** Masses available in our **2019** Mass Book. Please come to the Rectory for Masses. Remember your loved ones or any other special occasion.



Praying for the Sick In Our Parish

Coletta Ali, Gwendolyn Crockett, Lillian Czaplicki, Andrea Edwards, Normantha & Larry Evans, Anita Evenson, Phillip Jones, Terrie Kalina, Paul Koko, Kate Kroker, Albert Parker, Jr., Raul Perez, Carlton Shanks, Nina Silva, Nsanda S. Stumps, Kate Shoevlin, 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.

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School News

- ..# The school is officially on summer hours. The office will be open from 9am-1pm Mondays through Thursdays.
- ..# We are still accepting enrollment for certain grades. Please direct anyone looking for a fantastic school to our front door!

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.

Pray For Our Deceased



Edward "Eddie" Brown
May he rest in peace!

We lift him up with our prayers while we embrace his wife Doris, children and extended family in a prayerful embrace.

May the angels lead him into Paradise

Don't Forget To Recycle In Our Parish Paper Retriever

When you come to Mass, bring your recyclable paper: Newspapers; Magazines; Mailings; Catalogs; Office Paper; School Paper. Help the earth.....help the parish!!





Summer Stewardship

A gentle reminder that our stewardship of our parish does not go on vacation! If you go on vacation or your plans keep you from being present here on the weekends, please try to “make up” your regular offering another weekend.



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*

Pro-Life Action League

Face the Truth Tour

From July 6-14 —

Pro-life volunteers will hold signs at major intersections across Chicagoland, depicting the beauty of life in the womb as well as the horrible injustice done to the unborn victims of abortion.

The Face the Truth Tour

Changes hearts, and minds, guides post-abortive women and men to healing and peace and saves babies from abortion. For more information on this powerful pro-life campaign, including the complete Tour schedule, visit ProLifeAction.org or call 773-777-2900.

Donut Day at Oak Park Farmer's Market

Once again our parish will be selling donuts during the Farmer's Market at Pilgrim Congregational Church. Our sale date is **Saturday, August 25, 2018** from 4am-1pm.

The annual donut sale is a very successful fund raiser for our parish. We need your assistance with the many tasks needed to sell the warm fresh donuts. Please consider volunteering for just a couple hours on that Saturday morning to help us reach our goal.

If you can help or have any questions please see or contact Jeanette Cannon patnette@comcast.net 708-771-0626 and or Miles Jackson: miles.jacks6@gmail.com 708-445-0299

Update Personal Info

We are asking again to please update us with your cell phone number and e-mail address. Also, of any change of status. This is very important in order to have a current parish roster. Please contact Amanda at: 708-386-8077 or apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net Thank you!

Summer Theology Series at Ascension Church In Oak Park

Thursdays July 12, 19 & 26 ~ 7:30 PM

The Ascension Adult Faith Formation Committee would like to invite your parish to join us for our Summer Theology Series.

We will remember the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation with ordained clergy of the Lutheran, Catholic and Presbyterian faiths.

Please join us in the air-conditioned *Pine Room of Ascension School* (Clarence and Van Buren Streets)

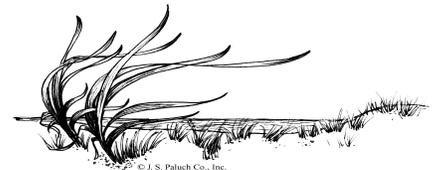
Faith & Fellowship – “Young Neighbors in Action” Thank You

This past week, we (5 youth and 2 chaperones) had the privilege of working with the Faith and Fellowship Partners as part of the “*Young Neighbors in Action*” program. Most of our mornings were spent packing, moving, and cleaning up the school and Lucienne Ministry Center. Then, in the afternoon we had the great opportunity to spend time with the Partners, to form relationships with them, to work together and pray together, go on outings (McDonald's, Home Run Inn Pizza, Aldi), and to make them happy. The week ended with a cookout! We worked side-by-side with Connie Rakitan, Darrick Allen, Christine Wedekind, Elaine Podraza, Maureen Shoevlin, Don Gimbel, Grace Bishop, Marciel Gomez, and Madonna Sloan (parishioners and/or F/F members).

We learned a lot about solidarity and walking with our brothers and sisters that are mentally ill, as well as mental illness as a whole, the triggers and trauma these individuals have gone through and now must live with. We are leaving this week as individuals who have grown, and your parish provided that opportunity. We came in thinking that we were here to serve the Partners, but at the end of the week they have taught us and served us more than they will ever know.

Your brothers and sisters in Christ,

Brooke, Lainey, Sam, Emalee, Seth, Rachel, and Sue



I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me.

— 2 Corinthians 12:9

The women of Chicago's west side and of the near-west parishes are invited to gather for summer spirituality!

Shelby Boblick will facilitate the discussion, and we'll use as a catalyst *Open the Door: A Journey to the True Self*, a book by Joyce Rupp. *"When I open the door of my heart to God, I do more than simply extend a smile of recognition or a nod of welcome. I open myself to grow and change in ways I may never dream likely. I risk being spiritually transformed into a person whose life continually manifests goodness."* (p. 7)



This series are an introduction to Joyce Rupp who is well known for her work as a writer, spiritual midwife, international retreat leader, and conference speaker. She is the author of numerous bestselling books, including *Praying Our Goodbyes*, *Fragments of Your Ancient Name*, and *Boundless Compassion*.

Joyce Rupp will be leading a one day retreat (no overnight required) at Siena Retreat Center in Racine, WI on Sat., Oct. 20. Sign up early to attend, as many of us have already done! We'll coordinate carpools, as the date draws closer.

<http://www.sienaretreatcenter.org/events/coming-out-exile-day-reflection-joyce-rupp>

Shelby will supply the books each week for this summer series. No need to prepare in advance. If you want your own, the book is available used on amazon.com for less than \$10. Shelby will sell the books used during the series at the conclusion of the series.

It matters not at all if you miss a week or 2. You are welcome to join as your schedule permits. Drop-ins are encouraged! Bring your female friends, visitors, or relatives.

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. No need to come at the same time each Monday. Sessions last no longer than 90 minutes.

Monday, July 9:	Week 3—Opening the Door
Monday, July 23:	Week 4—Standing on the Threshold
Monday, Aug. 13:	Week 5—Closing the Door
Monday, Aug. 27:	Week 6—Beyond the Door

We meet in the gathering area of St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church at 38 N. Austin Blvd., Oak Park. The church is handicapped accessible. Only the doors on Austin Blvd. will be open. There are excellent assistive listening devices available.

Questions or concerns? Call Shelby Boblick at 630-240-2765.

Treasures of Our Tradition

Last week's Treasure mentioned the "Nuns of the Battlefield," religious sisters from several communities who served as nurses in the Civil War. Florence Nightingale had only instituted female nurses a decade before in the Crimean War, so the idea of women tending to wounded soldiers was extraordinary. The medical and sanitary conditions on the battlefields were appalling, and the sisters were nearly all teachers. Few had any medical training beyond what they had learned as youngsters in the family. Anti-Catholic prejudice was so deeply entrenched in America that sisters could not wear their habits in public. These sisters were the first, and people on both the Union and Confederate sides soon began to marvel at their bravery, efficiency, and respect for Protestant soldiers. More than six hundred sisters from twenty-one communities went to war, serving in wretched conditions. They were tough and single-minded, efficient and fearless.

After the war, sisters could appear in public everywhere in the reunited nation, and often received the praise and gratitude of grateful soldiers and family members on behalf of their sister nurses. An outdoor monument to the "Nuns of the Battlefield" stands in Washington at M Street and Rhode Island Avenue. The inscription reads: ***"They comforted the dying, nursed the wounded, carried hope to the imprisoned, gave in His name a drink of water to the thirsty."***

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