

ST. CATHERINE



OF SIENA ST. LUCY

JULY 7, 2019

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PASTORAL TEAM

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Rev. Patrick Wangai, Associate Pastor
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Mrs. Christine Wedekind, Religious Education Coordinator
Mr. Kraig Zeronik, Director of Music and Liturgy

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Tuesday, Wednesday, & Fridays: 8:30 AM—4:30 PM
Saturday 9:00AM—4:30PM; Sunday 8:30 AM—12:00 PM
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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses:

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

Weekend Masses:

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

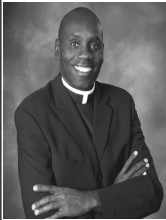
Saturday at 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM; or by appointment.

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. (cont'd in pg.2)



Thoughts From our Pastor Rev. George O. Omwando



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In our Gospel today, the Lord appointed seventy two disciples and commissioned them to go and preach the Good news in pairs in neighboring towns. We learn from the book of Deuteronomy 19:15 that it requires the testimony of two witnesses to convict someone. That is almost certainly why Jesus sends these disciples in pairs. However, going in pairs also strengthens resolve. A person alone quickly becomes discouraged; partners are more likely to persevere. The commissioning of the seventy shows that proclamation is the responsibility of all disciples—not just a select few. Jesus knew that His public ministry was coming to an end very soon. But, there were still so many places that He had not yet visited with the Good News of God's Kingdom. So, He sent out these 72 people to those places where He was about to go. He told them: "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves."

What kind of harvest is Jesus talking about here? Jesus was not talking about a physical harvesting of fruit or grain. He was talking about spiritual harvesting of people. He was talking about the harvest of souls for salvation. Matthew 9:36 says: "When He saw the crowds, He had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Jesus saw their need, that's why He had compassion for them. Compassion means to be emotionally moved by what we see around us. Jesus was moved to compassion. His heart was broken when He saw the crowds harassed and helpless."

Now, the question is why are there only few workers in the harvest field? The workers are few, because there are a lot of people who do not follow Jesus. The workers are few, because people love all that is in the world better than they love God. And the workers are few, because even among those who follow Jesus, there are some who are not working in the harvest field. And the main reason why there are only few workers in the harvest field is because; we don't see the harvest like God does. It does not mean that everyone has to go too far away places to serve in mission. But, everyone has a role to fulfill in God's harvest field. If we just lift our eyes and look at school, at work, at the gym, at the sports event, at the neighborhood or at home, we will see that harvest is waiting to be harvested. Think of all the people you see every day: family, friends, neighbors, and work associates.

Brothers and sisters, that is our mission field, and we are responsible for them. When was the last time you shared the gospel with a friend, co-worker or neighbor? We will never have a sense of urgency until we realize that we are responsible for them. We need to take responsibility for our field that God has entrusted to us. We need to see the lost people around us through God's perspective.

Today we are extremely happy to welcome Fr. Patrick Wangai who has answered God's call to work in His vineyard. Please extend a warm welcoming hand. Now, you may be thinking, with such a great task of harvesting and so few workers, how do we go about it?

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: Rev. George Omwando
Celebration Choir: Kraig Zeronik
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

Human Concerns Commission

Peace & Justice Committee:

Rev. George Omwando

Transportation Committee:

Tom Farwell

Education Commission

Baptism Com.: Fr. G. Omwando

Bible Study: Russ McCaughey

Religious Education of Children:

Christine Wedekind

St. Catherine/St. Lucy School:

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 Fr. George 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.

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.

Funerals:

Please call the Rectory to set up arrangements with the Christian Burial Mass.

Newcomers

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



Take Me Out to the Ballgame!

*Chicago White Sox vs.
Minnesota Twins*

Thursday, July 25

Game Time - 7:10 p.m.

Cost - \$25 each

**Tickets will be sold after all
Masses on July 13/14 and July
20/21.**

Call Jeanne Visteen, 708-828-4272
for information.

2019 Christmas Bazaar Meeting

Thursday, July 11 at 10 am

There will be a Christmas Bazaar Sub-Committee Meeting this coming Thursday here at the Rectory Downstairs room. Hoping you can attend!

500 Club Certificates

Certificates are \$25 each and will be included in every weekly drawing through October 20th, 2019. 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.** Purchase forms are available in the back of church. Thank you!!!

~ The Fundraising Committee

500 CLUB WINNER

\$ 25.00

July 7, 2019

ARLENE RUCKER PARKER,

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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.



Save-the-Date

Saturday, July 13

Donut Day - OS

**Mondays now to —
July 15**

Women's Group - CH

**Monday thru Friday
Until August 16**

*Meet-Up & Eat Up
Maguire Hall*

Thursday, July 25

White Sox Outing - OS

Friday, August 23

*Hawthorne Night @
The Races—OS*

Next Saturday July 13, 2019 from 4am-1pm Donut Day at Oak Park Farmer's Market

The annual donut sale is a very successful fundraiser for our parish.

And we STILL 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 questions please contact Jeanette Cannon at patnette@comcast.net 708-771-0626 and or Miles Jackson at miles.jacks6@gmail.com 708-445-0299.

Parish Calendar

Monday, July 8

8:30-5:00 PM - Summer Day Camp - M

9:30 AM - Bible Study - RRT

11:30AM-1:30PM—Meet Up & Eat Up - M

1:00 & 7:30 PM - Women's Summer Series CH

Tuesday, July 9

8:30-5:00 PM - Summer Day Camp - M

11:30AM-1:30PM—Meet Up & Eat Up - M

Wednesday, July 10

8:30-5:00 PM - Summer Day Camp - M

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM - Quilting - RD

11:30AM-1:30PM—Meet Up & Eat Up - M

Thursday, July 11

8:30-5:00 PM - Summer Day Camp - M

10AM - Bazaar Planning Meeting - RD

11:30AM-1:30PM—Meet Up & Eat Up - M

6:00 - 8:00 PM - A.A. Meeting - RD

Friday, July 12

8:30-5:00 PM - Summer Day Camp - M

11:30AM-1:30PM—Meet Up & Eat Up - M

Saturday, July 13

3:30 AM - 1:00PM - Donut Day - OS

9AM-12PM - Sister House Quarterly Board Meeting.—RD



Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. July 8

8:30 † **Luke Podraza**
By: Ilene Thornton

Tue. July 9

8:30 † **Alice Marshall & Florence Brannon**
By: Jim Marshall

Wed. July 10

8:30 † **John Stanton**
By: Pat and Tom Nelson

Fri. July 12

8:30 † **Vilfred, Joseph & Stephen Metoyer**
By: Marci Morgan

Sat. July 13

9:00 † **Grace Tobin**
By: Ministry of Care
5:00 † **Helen Ulias**
By: Harriet Roberts

Sun. July 14

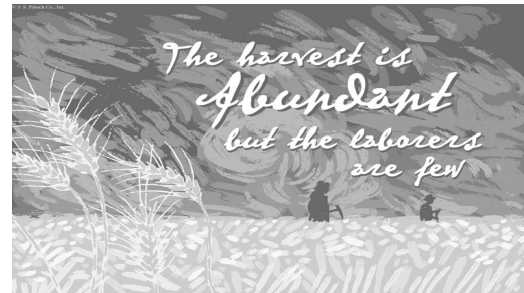
8:30 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
8:30 † **Agnes Robinson**
By: Ministry of Care
10:30 † **Clement Thomas Shayo**
By: Selena Mushi

Readings for the Week

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday: Dt 30:10-14; Ps 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37; or 19:8-11; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday: St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions
Thursday: St. Benedict
Saturday: St. Henry; Blessed Virgin Mary



Stewardship Report

Due to the bulletin early deadline because of the Fourth of July Holiday, the Stewardship Report for the week of June 30th will appear in the July 14th bulletin.

Today's Readings

First Reading — As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you (Isaiah 66:10-14c).

Psalm — Let all the earth cry out to God with joy (Psalm 66).

Second Reading — May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ (Galatians 6:14-18).

Gospel — Jesus sends out the seventy-two (Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 [1-9]).

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

JULY 14, 2019

5:00 PM	8:30 AM	10:30
Altar Servers		
Dan Brown Mark Thomas	Tom Frank	Ava Konecki
Ministers of the Word		
McLane Lomax Debra Lomax	Shirley Jones Ken Blair	Bill Holmes Patricia Long
Ministers of the Eucharist		
Chemetha Baker Michelle Darang-Coleman Susan Kumler Brenda Fojtik	Thom Schouten Annie Rowan Renee Smith-Quinn Ginny Jones Bill Cragg Kevin Kell	Diana Cameron Scarlett Evans Leslie Agbefe Jan Kieckhefer Michelle Agbefe Yuna Kim

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 14, 2019 - FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30: 10-14

The events in this reading take place as the Israelites are camped on the shore of the Jordan River, ready to enter the Promised Land. Moses makes it clear to the people that they are expected to remain faithful to the Lord after they have settled in their new land.



Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

Today and for the three more Sundays, the second reading will be from the letter to the Colossians. This letter responds to a widespread belief that God ruled the world through the mediation of angels who were given their own powers. The author quotes an early Christian hymn that emphasizes that Jesus is the one and only mediator between God and the world.



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 is totally free.

Attention Young Readers!

We have a new resource for the younger members of our community in the book cart. There are a variety of books at various reading levels but all appropriate for church. Please feel free to take a book during mass and, as always, return it to the cart at the end of mass.

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.

Remember a Loved One

We still have the 2019 for weekday masses 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.



Praying for the Sick In Our Parish

Mary G. Ballew, Jeanette Cannon, Lillian Czaplicki, Normatha and Larry Evans, Dave Grayson, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Kathleen Kroker, Georgine Mullen, Mary Ann Parker, Albert Parker, Jr., Raul Perez, Von Roberts, Edith Ruiz, Jennifer Saldukas, Carlton Shanks, Nancy Staunton, and Sharon Tsang.

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.

27 W. Washington Blvd.
Oak Park, IL 60302

708-386-5286



School Scoop

The school office will be open from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Mondays through Thursdays.

We are still accepting enrollment for certain grades. Please direct anyone looking for a fantastic school to our front door!

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

About Leaving Your Cars in Our Parking Lots

In case of an emergency that puts you in the position of leaving your car in our parking lots, please call the rectory at 708-386-8077 so we can inform Lincoln Towing about your car. They are designated as:

38 N. Austin Blvd. (Oak Park)

Patrolled 8:30 AM 2:30 PM
11:30 PM 5:00 AM, 7 days a week

5949 W. Washington (Chicago)

Patrolled 24 hours a day, Monday thru Friday

Update Personal Info

Please update us with your cell phone number, e-mail address, or any other change of status.

Please call Amanda 708-386-8077
apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net
Thank you!



Recovering a Sense of the Sacred: A Series for Women

Recovering a Sense of the Sacred: Conversations with Thomas Berry is a thoughtful and poignant memoir by Carolyn W. Toben. Come each week or once in awhile. Unless otherwise specified, meetings will take place in the gathering area of St. Catherine – St. Lucy Catholic Church, 38 N. Austin Blvd., Oak Park, IL, which is accessible to those with mobility challenges. Assistive listening devices are available. Unless otherwise specified, we'll offer duplicate sessions each Monday: one at 1 p.m. and another at 7:30 p.m. Questions? Call Shelby Boblick (630-240-2765) or St. Catherine-St. Lucy (708-386-8077).

Mon., July 8 - View the documentary **Journey of the Universe.** Discussion to follow.

Mon., July 15 Seeds of the Future and Within the Cathedral

Wed., July 24 7 – 8:30 p.m. Hear Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grim speak at The Well Spirituality Center.

*May I never boast except
in the cross of our
Lord Jesus Christ.*

— Galatians 6:14



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.

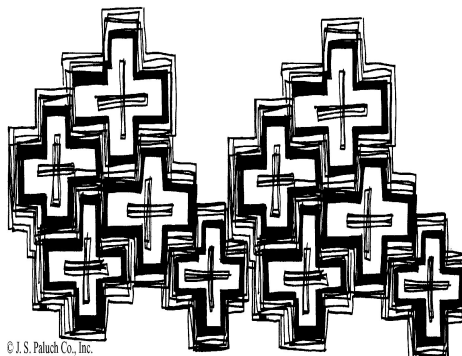
You can go directly to our website: www.stcatherinestlucy.org to be able to find the link to *GiveCentral*

Pro-Life Face the Truth Tour

The Pro-Life Action League invites you to join the upcoming "Face the Truth" Tour, an annual pro-life education initiative that reaches tens of thousands of people with the reality of abortion.

From **July 12-20**, 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.



Mercy Home Mentoring Program

A friend can make all the difference... Be that friend, consider mentoring. The Friends First Program of Mercy Home for Boys and Girls is a one-on-one mentoring program for youth ages 9-17 in the Chicago area. Our purpose is to engage youth in fun, meaningful activities that promote healthy personal and social development. To learn more about becoming a mentor, call the Friends First Program at 312-738-9560 or visit www.mercyhome.org/mentor.

MEET UP & EAT UP Free Lunch & Activities for Kids & Teens

The program is taking place here at our **Maguire Hall/Gym // Monday through Friday from 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM, until August 16, 2019.** Our free Summer Meals program aims to provide kids and teens 18 and younger with nutritious meals when school is not in session.

No need to sign-up or register. For more information please contact **Anita Davila**, 708-386-1324, ext. 1112 or www.oprffoodpantry.org



Catholic Charities Legal Assistance Department

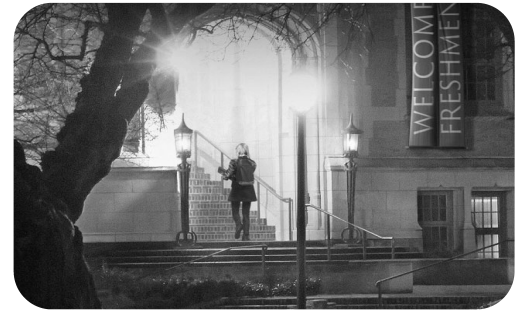
Catholic Charities Legal Assistance Department has attorneys and volunteer attorneys available to provide advice in numerous areas of law. If you are unsure about your legal rights or lost in the legal system, let us help you. Services include in-depth advice and possible direct representation on many issues, including landlord/tenant issues, family law, consumer and debtor rights, foreclosure, employment issues, orders of protection, power of attorney, and more. CCLA provides free to low-cost legal services to eligible low-income individuals. For help and more information, contact the legal advice line at 312-948-6821.

Catholic Charities Free Newspaper for Seniors

Did you know Catholic Charities has a free newspaper just for senior citizens? Keenager News is published 10 times a year and is delivered to your door. This publication contains news, opinion, human interest, how-to, and travel articles, along with humor, puzzles, and recipes. Our "Readers' Corner" provides a forum for readers' own reminiscences, and poems. To sign up to receive Keenager News, call (312) 655-7425 or email keenager@catholiccharities.net

The Hunting Ground

Film Addresses College Campus Sexual Assault Be Aware. Be Smart. Be Safe.



At least 1 in 5 college women and 1 in 16 college men are sexually assaulted. The award-winning documentary, *The Hunting Ground*, shines a light on and prompts dialogue about this sensitive subject. College is a great learning experience with numerous opportunities for fun, building friendships and establishing oneself as an educated, wise, mature adult. Still, there are situations that can hinder these wonderful experiences. It is important to be aware of them, to be smart and brainstorm best strategies well in advance, and to keep college students safe. The film will be presented twice in July (on different dates); each showing targets a specific audience. Discussion will follow both viewings. Please review details below and plan to join us at the appropriate presentation.

First Showing, July 17, 7-9pm, Adult-ONLY Preview

Target Audience: Adults, such as, parents, school staff, administrators, faculty and other caring grownups.

Second Showing, July 31, 7-9pm, Film/Discussion* (NOT APPROPRIATE FOR CHILDREN under 16)

Target Audience: Older teens (high school juniors and seniors), college-aged young adults and their parents.

*Counselor present

Location: Ascension Parish School, Pine Room—Lower Level, 601 Van Buren, Oak Park, IL

For more info, contact Peggy Leddy, Pastoral Associate, at pleddy@stedmund.org or 708-848-4417, ext. 2021.

God's Providence

Today's readings celebrate God's providence. No matter how wonderful (or heartbreaking) our relationships are, God always provides for us. No one cares for us the way God does.

Isaiah delights us with a deeply intimate image of God caring for us "as a mother comforts her child." The prophet describes us not as the usual "children of God," but as "babies." We should not resist this image, but rejoice in it. Trusting in God's care, we can all let down our guard and rest like infants in the lap of our mother.

Saint Paul's trust in God allows him to be at peace like this. He boldly declares that no one can "make troubles" for him, because he has given himself completely to Jesus. And when Jesus sends his disciples out to preach and heal, he challenges them not to provide for themselves, but to let faith be their guide.

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When you come to Mass, bring your recyclable paper:

Newspapers; Magazines; Mailings; Catalogs; Office Paper; School Paper. Help the earth.....help the parish!!



Catholic Sports Camps

Basketball: July 21 – 24

At Guerin Prep, Schiller Park

These camps are faith-filled experiences where leaders are built, sports are played, and faith is strengthened. Our Mission is to teach children (Boys and girls from 5th – 8th grade) sports through the leadership and teachings of the Catholic Church.

Empower your kids with Christ this summer! Register at <http://www.catholicsportscamps.org>

Treasures from our Tradition

It's high summer now, school is out, the pace of work slows, and some people drift away. There are visitors in the churches every summer, and familiar faces are among the missing. Some find the summer's call more appealing than the summons of the church bells. Many, however, would not dream of missing a Sunday, and so they make their way to Mass in unfamiliar places, watching the locals for clues as to when to sit or stand, where the Communion stations are.

Christians have always yearned to be together on Sunday. In the city of Abitina, during a persecution by the Emperor Diocletian, a group of Christians were urged to stop worshipping together on Sundays. They responded, "Then take our lives, for without the Sunday we cannot live." By a curious coincidence, the appointed readings today center us on thoughts of peace.

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