

**ST. CATHERINE**



**OF SIENA ST. LUCY**

**AUGUST 11, 2019**

## **NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



### **PASTORAL TEAM**

**Rev. George Omwando, Pastor**  
**Rev. Patrick Wangai, Associate Pastor**  
**Mrs. Sharon Leamy, Principal**  
**Mrs. Christine Wedekind, Religious Education Coordinator**  
**Mr. Kraig Zeronik, Director of Music and Liturgy**

### **SUPPORT STAFF**

**Ms. Patricia Pomykalski, Business Manager**  
**Mrs. Amanda Pomareda, Office Manager**  
**Mrs. Fannie Cooper, School Secretary**

### **CONTACTING THE PARISH & SCHOOL**

**Rectory: 38 N. Austin Blvd.; Oak Park, IL 60302**  
**Telephone: 708-386-8077**

**Email: [apomaredascsloffice@comcast.net](mailto:apomaredascsloffice@comcast.net)**

**Web: [www.stcatherinestlucy.org](http://www.stcatherinestlucy.org)**

**Hours: 8:30 AM-8:00 PM—Monday, & Thursdays.**  
**Tuesday, Wednesday, & Fridays: 8:30 AM—4:30 PM**  
**Saturday 9:00AM—4:30PM; Sunday 8:30 AM—12:00 PM**

**School - 27 Washington Blvd.; Oak Park, IL 60302**  
**Telephone: 708-386-5286**

### **WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE**

#### **Weekday Masses:**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 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 professional photography, we speak of the exposure triangle that determines the exposure of a photograph/picture. The exposure triangle consists of Aperture, Shutter Speed, and ISO. One must balance all three of these to achieve a desired result. An adjustment of one requires adjustment of at least one of the others. "Aperture" is a measure of how open or closed the lens of the camera is. A wide opening of the lens means more light will be let in by the lens simply because the opening is larger. The "Shutter Speed" is a measure of how long the shutter remains open and how low long the sensor is exposed to light. When you change the "ISO" on a digital camera, you are rendering the sensor less sensitive to light.

I compare the Aperture, Shutter Speed, and ISO to the three theological virtues, i.e. faith, hope, and charity. These three are the three legs of a camera or the three legs of a stool that supports the whole Christian life. Each leg depends on the others. Faith without the works of love is dead, according to Scripture, and a false – not real – faith at all. Love not motivated by faith is not agape (selfless love or charity) but mere feeling and sentimentality (often masked by the code word compassion). Hope without faith is mere wishful thinking, the power of positive thinking, optimism. Hope is not the same as optimism; some of the great hopers are pessimists by temperament. Hope's opposite is despair, which is a deadly sin, not pessimism, which is a psychological trait. Love without hope is desperation, hope without love is isolating and selfish; it is the "Phariseism" and self-righteousness of every tyrant and architect of a brave new world. Faith without hope is simply impossible, for the God we believe in has given us an astonishing bag of promises.

Today's second reading talks of faith as the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen. We need faith to approach the sacraments and understand them. Everybody has some type of faith, people have faith in many different things. When we get into our car, we have faith that it will crank up and get us to our destination; we have faith that our doctor knows what he or she is doing. Everybody has this mindset of faith of some kind or another. No one can live a single day without exercising faith. Faith is also expressed in the spiritual realm. Each of us regardless of our backgrounds expresses faith. The difference between the faiths we exercise in our daily routine and our religious faith is the object of that faith. Everyone places his or her faith in something or someone. The Moslem puts his or her faith in the Koran and in Allah. Humanists put their faith in themselves, and a religious person in his or her own good works. None of these can save, because in each case the object of faith is wrong. Our faith is only as good as the object in which we place our faith. True faith is confident obedience to God's word in spite of circumstances. We as Catholics believe faith to be objective. Faith is the sum of truths revealed by God in Scripture and tradition and which the Church presents in a brief form in its creeds. Sometimes, our faith is weakened by life changes. But when that time comes, take time in prayer to ask God to help you open up your heart to Him. Ask Him how you can continue to be open to His will. 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: Craig 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.

## Faith & Hope

Faith and hope are closely united in today's readings. The Israelites knew when the Passover was coming, and so were not in fear, but had faith and courage, "putting into effect with one accord the divine institution." In this we can see a foretelling of the Eucharist that we celebrate according to Christ's command, "Do this in memory of me."

We see that Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, and Jacob died in faith, although they did not see fulfillment of the promise. We live in hope that our faith will be fulfilled every time we celebrate this sacrament. We too are not to be afraid, but to have hope that our faith will be fulfilled in the coming of Christ.

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## 500 Club Certificates

Certificates are \$25 each and will be included in every weekly drawing through October 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 4<sup>th</sup> drawing for \$500.** Purchase forms are available in the back of church. Thank you!!!

~ The Fundraising Committee

### 500 CLUB WINNER

August 4, 2019

GRETCHEN MIRKIN,

# 59

August 11, 2019

ERA YEE,

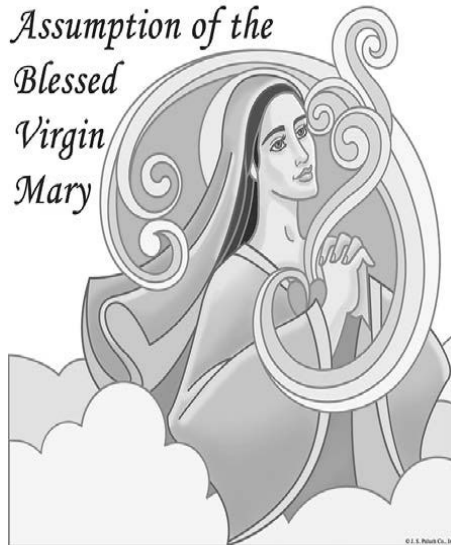
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## Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, August 15

**The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be said at 8:30 AM and at 7:00 PM on that day. Plan to attend.**

*Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*



## Save-the-Date

**Monday thru Friday  
Until August 16**

*Meet-Up & Eat Up  
Maguire Hall*

**Tuesday, August 20**  
*First Day of School*

**Friday, August 30**  
*Hawthorne Night @  
The Races—OS*

**Sunday, October 20**  
*Faith & Fellowship 40<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary*

**Saturday, October 26**  
*Holy Ghost Bingo  
(and Bake Sale!)*

## Night At the Races

**Friday, August 30**, is the date for St. Catherine-St. Lucy's annual Night at the Races at *Hawthorne Race-course*.

Tickets are \$35 each and Children 5 and under are Free — 6-19yrs. old are ½ price.

They include admission, the live racing program, and a delicious dinner buffet. Of course there is great camaraderie as well as and three from our group will get to ride in the starter car for one of the races!

Tickets will be on sale next weekend, Aug 17-18, and Aug 24-25 after all the 10:30 Mass in the gathering area. For more details, please see page 7 of this bulletin.

## Parish Calendar

### Monday, August 12

9:30 AM - Bible Study - RRT

11:30AM-1:30PM—Meet Up & Eat Up - M

### Tuesday, August 13

11:30AM-1:30PM—Meet Up & Eat Up - M

### Wednesday, August 14

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

11:30AM-1:30PM—Meet Up & Eat Up - M

### Thursday, August 15

11:30AM-1:30PM—Meet Up & Eat Up - M

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

7:00 PM - Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - CH

### Friday, August 16

11:30AM-1:30PM—Meet Up & Eat Up - M

## Notice

*(In case you haven't heard)*

**Thursday Mass has resumed at 8:30 AM in the St. Catherine-St. Lucy Chapel.**



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### Mon. August 12

8:30 †

**Danny Jones**  
By: Ministry of Care

### Tue. August 13

8:30 †

**Bridget Walsh**  
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

### Wed. August 14

8:30 †

**Arturo C. Alegria**  
By: Cynthia Weaver & Jim Bowers

### Thurs. August 15

8:30 †

**Quentin Stampley**  
By: Parishioners  
**Nina Silva**

7:00 †

### Fri. August 16

8:30 †

**Mary Ann Matysik**  
By: Evie Stockinger

### Sat. August 17

9:00 †

**Kay Kinkela**  
By: Evie Stockinger  
**Thomas Connery**  
By: The Koko Family

5:00 †

### Sun. August 18

8:30 †

**FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**  
**Joseph Schouten**  
By: Cynthia Weaver & Jim Bowers  
**John McCain**  
By: Donna Kanapes

8:30 †

10:30 †

## Readings for the Week

Monday:	Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday:	Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4ab, 7-9, 12; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday:	Dt 34:1-2; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20
Thursday:	Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
Friday:	Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:3-12
Saturday:	Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 19:13-15
Sunday:	Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2-4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

## Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Jane Frances de Chantal
Tuesday:	Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus
Wednesday:	St. Maximilian Kolbe
Thursday:	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday:	St. Stephen of Hungary
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary

## Our Parish Stewardship

### St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



July 28, 2019	\$ 3,141.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 802.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
<b>DEFICIT</b>	\$ - 3,365.00

August 4, 2019	\$ 6,109.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 822.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
<b>DEFICIT</b>	\$ - 377.00

*Online donations can be made to St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish at [www.givecentral.org](http://www.givecentral.org)*

**Thanks for your continued financial support!**

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — Your ancestors waited in faith and courage for God's promised summons (Wisdom 18:6-9).

**Psalms** — Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own (Psalm 33).

**Second Reading** — By faith Abraham sojourned in the promised land (Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 [1-2, 8-12]).

**Gospel** — You do not know the day nor the hour when the Son of Man will appear (Luke 12:32-48 [35-40]).

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## LITURGICAL MINISTERS—AUG. 18, 2019

5:00 PM	8:30 AM	10:30
<b>Altar Servers</b>		
Michael Giometti	Walter Washington	Mireille Lozes Abigail Agbefe David & Claire Detmer (t)
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>		
Paul Knight Frank Pond	Ginny Jones Thom Schouten	Keshang Jordan Yuna Kim
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>		
<b>Dan Brown</b> Michelle Darang-Coleman Lessie Dean Era Yee	<b>Kevin Kell</b> Elaine Podraza Fannie Cooper Bill Cragg Kathy Mortell Annie Rowan	<b>Terry Sullivan</b> Mary Howard Doris Brown David Geffe Patricia Long Jan Kieckhefer



## Praying for the Sick In Our Parish

Coletta Ali, Mary G. Ballew, Jeanette Cannon, Lillian Czaplicki, Normatha & Larry Evans, Dave Grayson, Anna Fabach, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Kathleen Kroker, Georgine Mullen, Harvey Page, Albert Parker, Jr., Scarlett Evans-Perez, Raul Perez, Edith Ruiz, Jennifer Saldukas, 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.

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.

### AUGUST 18, 2019 - 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10**

In 597 B.C., Babylon (located in modern-day Iraq) defeated Jerusalem, and thousand of Jewish leaders and citizens were taken into exile. The prophet Jeremiah was among those left behind. When he preached trust in God rather than armed revolution, the people considered him a traitor.



**Second Reading: Hebrews 12:1-4**

Commonly referred to as a letter, Hebrews is really a lengthy sermon that encourages people to remain faithful in difficult times. In the previous section of this book, the author cited Old Testament witnesses who had done just that. Now, the author points out the greatest example of fidelity.



## 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.

## Remember a Loved One

We still have **weekday** Masses available in our 2019 Mass Book. We also have the 2020 open for your requests.

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

## 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.

## 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.

## Update Personal Info

Please **DO NOT FORGET** to update us with your new cell phone number, e-mail address, or any other change of status. Please contact Amanda at 708-386-8077 or via e-mail at: [apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net](mailto:apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net) Thank you!

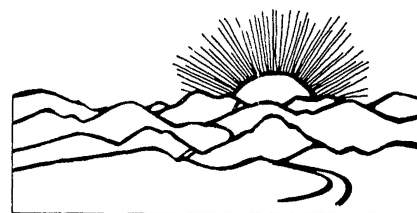
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## School Scoop

August 20	First day of school for
ent	grades 1-8 and Par-Coffee in the morn-ing.
August 21	First day of school for
	ECC & K and Parent Coffee in the morn-ing.
August 29	Curriculum Night from 4-6:30pm.
September 2	NO SCHOOL for



## 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*



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](http://www.stcatherinestlucy.org) to be able to find the link to *GiveCentral*

## Old Grocery Carts, Wagons, Luggage with wheels

At this time the Catholic Charities in Cicero is requesting parishioners and the community in general to dig in your home storage places and look to donate your unused grocery carts, wagons, or luggage with wheels. This is because many clients come to the Food Pantry either on foot or by bus. On a good day they leave with several bags of heavy groceries (canned goods, frozen meats, produce, dairy, cereal, etc). When clients have carts or any wheeling bag they can carry all their groceries. Without carts some leave food behind because they cannot carry everything.

If you have any of these items, please contact Andrea Legatzke at 708-524-8269. Thank you!

## English Literacy Volunteers Needed

**Help adult immigrants learn English at Aquinas Literacy Center!**

Volunteer as a one-on-one tutor for just 90 minutes per week at **1751 W. 35th Street in Chicago**. You do not have to speak another language; all tutoring is in English.

Join us for our upcoming next tutor training 2-day workshop:

**Friday, September 6th (6-9pm) and Saturday, September 7th (9am-4pm)**

Register in advance and come both days to begin tutoring. For more information, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at: [sabrina@aquinasliteracycenter.org](mailto:sabrina@aquinasliteracycenter.org) or 773- 927-0512. Aquinas Literacy Center is sponsored by the Adrian Dominican Sisters.



## Health Fair

**Saturday August 17, 2019**

**St. Frances of Rome School**

1401 S. Austin Ave.  
Cicero, IL 60804

### Registration

**8am to 10:30am**

### Health Fair

**9am to 12pm**

**For more information  
call Esmeralda at  
708-222-1491**

**No ID Requirements**

### FREE: Medical Exams and Screenings

- ..# Physical Exams for Children
- ..# Children's Immunizations
- ..# Dental Screenings
- ..# Lead Screenings
- ..# Glaucoma Screenings
- ..# Vision Screenings
- ..# Hearing Screenings
- ..# Pregnancy Test
- ..# Adults: Blood Pressure & Glucose Screenings
- ..# Memory Screenings
- ..# Depression Screenings
- ..# Confidential HIV Rapid Testing
- ..# Hepatitis C Screenings
- ..# Referral to Free and Reduced Fee Medical & Social Service Providers

### Information also available on the Following Topics:

- ..# Benefit Screening for public eligibility (Food Stamps, Tanf)
- ..# Substance Abuse
- ..# Domestic Violence
- ..# Legal Services
- ..# Immigration/Family Reunification
- ..# Maternity & Adoption Services

## 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.

## Backpack Drive

**Help Catholic Charities get backpacks on the backs of needy children in your community!**

Backpacks will go directly to the children that attend our annual free community Health Fair at St. Frances of Rome on August 17.

Drop-off donations between **Now** and **August 12** at Catholic Charities, 1400 S. Austin Blvd., Cicero, IL 60804

### Suggested Donations:

- ..#New backpacks
- ..#Pens and pencils
- ..#Notebooks
- ..#Glue, scissors, and erasers
- ..#College-and-wide ruled paper
- ..#Rulers
- ..#Folders
- ..#Crayons and marks

For more information contact: Esmeralda Zepeda at 708-329-4022/ [ezepeda@catholiccharities.net](mailto:ezepeda@catholiccharities.net)

Thank you for supporting our children and community.

**The Comboni Fathers Invite You to Join Them at Their Annual**

### Comboni Fest

**Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup> 3PM**  
**Outdoor Mass, with Festival to Follow at the Comboni Mission Ctr.**  
**1615 E 31<sup>st</sup> Street, La Grange Park**

Free Admission, Bounce House, Entertainment by Ballet Folklorico Sones Mexicanos & Nino Folino  
*Volunteers Needed – Please contact us if you can help at 708.354.1999!*



# St. Catherine/St. Lucy Night at the Races

**Friday, August 30, 2019**

**\$35.00 per person**

**Buffet Served from 6:00 – 11:00 PM**

Your Special Ticket will include:

- \* Complimentary Clubhouse Admission
- \* 2 hour Buffet, including: Baked Chicken, Roast Beef with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Tossed Green Salad, Rolls and Coffee.
- \* Race Dedication
- \* Live Racing Program Book
- \* Winner's Circle Photo
- \* Post Time: 7:10 pm
- \* Free Parking

**FOR INFORMATION AND TICKETS PLEASE CONTACT:**

**Mary Rose Nauss: 708.602.6421 or**

**Scarlett Evans-Perez : 773- 790-6309**

Tickets sale start this weekend in the back of the church and over the weekends of Aug. 10-11, 17-18, & 24-25

Food for Thought...

## "God of Our Faith"

*Our faith is the shining star  
of our Christianity,  
The very substance of our hope,  
evidence of things not seen.  
It tells us how God by His word,  
fashioned for humanity,  
The world with all its lands and seas,  
visible in glowing sheen.*

*By faith did Abraham go out,  
to a place that was unknown;  
He had descendants in that land,  
numbered as the stars that shown.  
So Abraham, though passed his prime,  
Sarah with sterility,  
Saw God reward their faith in Him:*

*Jesus spoke to His disciples,  
calling them His "little flock;"  
Father gives to you the kingdom,  
showing faith, they heard the knock.  
Promises have caveats,  
as in St. James' letter read:  
It's the works that make faith perfect,  
thus without works, faith is dead.*

*Jesus told His microcosm,  
trust in God-turn worries loose;  
He'll provide you food and clothing,  
put your talents to good use.  
"Your kindness be upon us, Lord,  
As we place our trust in you."*

—TGL 8/11/19