



**ST. CATHERINE**

**OF SIENA ST. LUCY**

**JANUARY 26, 2020**  
**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**PASTORAL TEAM**

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

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

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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  
**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**

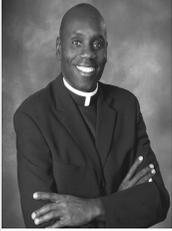
Saturday at 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM; or by appointment.

**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 Rev. George O. Omwando, Pastor



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When word reached Jesus that John the Baptist had been arrested and put in prison, He set out on a life of ministry and teaching others. Jesus walked down to the seacoast there at the Sea of Galilee. Galilee was where Jesus began His public ministry after His baptism by John (Mark 1:14-15), so it is no surprise that the first disciples He called were Galileans. What we might not have expected, however, is that these Galileans first called by our Lord were not experts in the Scriptures nor renowned Jewish theologians; rather, our Savior called successful fishermen to serve Him. We are accustomed to viewing Andrew, Simon, and the sons of Zebedee as fishermen, and indeed they were. Yet these were not individuals who barely eked out a living. In the first century, fish was one of the staple foods of the Mediterranean world, and fish from the Sea of Galilee were in high demand. Fishing the Sea of Galilee was a lucrative occupation, so James, John, Andrew, and Simon left much behind to follow Jesus. There He met Andrew and Peter, who were fishermen by trade. Jesus reached out to them and said, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." These two followed without a slight hesitation (Mt.4:12-23)—"They immediately left their nets and followed Him." We're told that Peter and Andrew left their nets behind, they left not just nets, but their boat and their father too.

Can you imagine just dropping everything you're doing, and leaving it all behind to follow this person who knows where to throw a net? They left their livelihood and their family. As they walked along, they came across the brothers John and James, sons of Zebedee. These two were also fishermen and were busy mending their nets. Jesus called out to them and they left their boat and their father, and followed Him. Any person knows very well that for any leader to succeed in an office, he or she must get the right staff. Jesus knew that there will be a time when he will go back to His Father, and as such, he needed to form the men who would carry His mission of spreading the Good News. But what kind of people did he begin calling? Very simple men with no extraordinary talents. But I think Jesus called these ordinary fishermen to accomplish an extraordinary mission. Fishermen are dedicated. Fishing requires a great deal of patience and dedication. Fishermen are courageous. Fishing can require a person to travel into deep and treacherous waters. It was common in Jesus' day for fishermen to be caught in fierce storms while on the open sea. It was their courage which pushed them to go back into the water after experiencing one of these storms. Much courage was required. Much courage is required for the Christian in spreading the Gospel. There are any number of circumstances that could cripple us with fear, but we must continue the journey of life. This takes courage. Brothers and sisters in Christ, as baptized followers of Christ, God calls each one of us individually but sometimes when He calls us, we feel not prepared or well equipped. I want to tell you that God knows why He called you to do what you are doing so when He calls, you should not be afraid to respond. May 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 & Ministers of the Word:** Jeanne Visteen  
**Servers:** Kathy Paoli  
**Ministers of Care:** Rev. G. Omwando  
**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  
**Education Commission**  
Baptism Com.: Fr. G. Omwando  
**Bible Study:** Russ McCaughey  
**Religious Education of Children:**  
Rev. Patrick Wangai, Chemetha Baker  
**St. Catherine/St. Lucy School:**  
School Board Chair: Natasha Lee  
**Parish Development & Services Commission**  
Collection Counters: Rev. G. Omwando  
Facilities Committee: Jim Podraza,  
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.

### Seeking the Light

In today's readings we find ourselves being drawn more deeply into relationship with Jesus. We are getting to know more about him as we see how he struggles with the news of his cousin John's arrest. His first response is to withdraw, to leave Nazareth and go to Capernaum. There he is perhaps both consoled and challenged by the words of Isaiah that Matthew quotes: "the people who sit in darkness have seen a great light, / on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death / light has arisen" (Matthew 4:16). Jesus contemplates his cousin's death, perhaps his own death, and he seeks the light. Maybe it is these words of Isaiah that move Jesus out of his withdrawal and into action. He begins to preach, teach, cure disease and illness, and proclaim the gospel of the kingdom.

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### "Akwaaba! Welcome"

On Sunday, February 9th, we will have our annual celebration of *African American Heritage Month* with a festive liturgy at 10:00 am (which will be the only Mass that day) followed by a potluck brunch. Please be with us as we honor the rich African American story, and celebrate the welcoming tradition of our people! The Praise Choir, the Celebration Choir, and the voices of our school and religious education children will lead us in worship; and beautiful processions, an honoring of our elders, African drumming, and other special highlights will all add to the joy. Don't miss it!

### This Weekend's Our Second Collection is for: **The Church in Latin America**

This weekend, we take up the Collection for the Church in Latin America! Many people in Latin America and the Caribbean do not have access to church programs and ministries because of a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers. Your generosity makes it possible for our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean to share in the life of the Church and grow closer to Christ. Please be generous to the special collection! To learn more, please visit [www.usccb.org/latin-america](http://www.usccb.org/latin-america) [usccb.org/latin-america](http://usccb.org/latin-america)



### 500 Club Certificates

Certificates are \$25 each and will be included in every weekly drawing from now through October 19th, 2020. 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. This is a fun way to support the parish. Pass the word. Thank you!!!

~ The Fundraising Committee

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 ★ **500 CLUB WINNER** ★  
 ★ **\$ 25.00** ★  
 ★ **January 26, 2020** ★  
 ★ **Patricia A. Holian,** ★  
 ★ **# 395** ★  
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**Christmas Bazaar  
 Wrapping Meeting  
 Tomorrow January 27<sup>th</sup>  
 in the Rectory**

**REMINDER**  
**Sunday —Feb. 9th**  
 On this day, we will have  
**ONE Mass at 10:00 AM**  
 See our flyer on page 6  
 of this bulletin

### Parish Calendar

- Monday, January 27**  
 1 & 7:30 PM - Women's Spirituality Series - CH  
 6:30-9:30PM- F&F Mtg - RD  
 7 PM - Christmas Bazaar Wrapping Mtg - RDR
- Tuesday, January 28**  
 2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - M  
 7:30-9PM - Praise Choir - MMR
- Wednesday, January 29**  
 2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - M  
 12:30-3:30 PM- F&F Mtg - RD  
 7:30-9PM - Celebration Choir - CH
- Thursday, December January 30**  
 12:30-3:30 PM- F&F Mtg - RD  
 2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - M  
 6:00 PM - School Cyber Safety Workshop - M  
 6:00 -8:00 PM - A.A. Meeting - RD
- Friday, January 31**  
 1:00 PM - School Fun Run - M

**Save the Date**  
**Sunday, February 9-  
 10:00 AM**  
*African-American Heritage  
 Celebration followed by a  
 Pot Luck Brunch at  
 Maguire Hall*

**Saturday & Sunday  
 February 15-16**  
*Valentine's Bake Sale  
 "500 Club Drawing for \$500"*

**Wednesday, February 26**  
*Ash Wednesday -  
 Lent Begins*

**Friday, February 28**  
*Alms Meatless Dinner at  
 Maguire Hall  
 Stations of the Cross  
 begin in Church*

# Mass Intentions for the Week

**Mon. January 27**

8:30 † **Harvey Page**  
By: Ministry of Care

**Tue. January 28**

8:30 † **Jim Fowler**  
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

**Wed. January 29**

8:30 † **Joanna Vanni**  
By: Ministry of Care

**Thurs. January 30**

8:30 † **Evelyn Cadematrie**  
By: Ministry of Care

**Fri. January 31**

8:30 † **Luke Podraza**  
By: Jim and Elaine Podraza

**Sat. February 1**

9:00 † **Johnnie Evans**  
By: Ministry of Care  
5:00 † **DeJean Ameris**  
By: Michelle Darang-Coleman

**Sun. February 2**

8:30 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**  
8:30 † **Vicente Yee Canama**  
By: The Yee Family  
10:30 † **Richard Keefe**  
By: Amanda Pomareda

## Readings for the Week

- Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35
- Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-30; Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-5, 11-14; Mk 4:21-25
- Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34
- Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41
- Sunday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

## Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time; Sunday of the Word of God; Catholic Schools Week
- Monday: St. Angela Merici
- Tuesday: St. Thomas Aquinas
- Friday: St. John Bosco
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

## Our Parish Stewardship

**St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church**



January 19, 2020	\$ 3,588.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 472.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
<b>DEFICIT</b>	\$ -3,248.00

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** — God has restored the land, and brought great joy to the people (Isaiah 8:23 — 9:3).

**Psalm** — The Lord is my light and my salvation (Psalm 27).

**Second Reading** — Paul exhorts the believers at Corinth: As there is one Christ, so too must there be no divisions among you (1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17).

**Gospel** — After calling his first disciples, Jesus goes throughout Galilee (Matthew 4:12-23 [12-17]).

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## LITURGICAL MINISTERS — FEBRUARY 2, 2020

5:00 PM	8:30 AM	10:30
<b>Altar Servers</b>		
Michael Giometti	Miles Jackson	Esteban Perez Ian Elsen
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>		
Dan Brown Paul Koko	Kean Blair Peter Barber	Bro.J. Kilikevce Joyce Wade
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>		
<b>Lessie Dean</b> Chemetha Baker Era Yee Pat Koko	<b>Claudia Zinanni</b> Kevin Kell Marge Massarello Annie Rowan Fannie Cooper Walter Washington	<b>Shelby Boblick</b> Jan Kieckhefer Terry Sullivan John McGuire Yuna Kim Kim McGuire



**Praying for the Sick In Our Parish**

Coletta Ali, Eloise Brown, Lillian Czaplicki, Scarlett Evans, Dwayne and Paula Evans, Dave Grayson, Phillip Jones, Paul Koko, Kathleen Kroker, Georgine Mullen, Dee Norman, Richard Keefe, Kathy Paoli, Albert Parker, Jr., Raul Perez, and Jennifer Saldukas

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

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.



**FEBRUARY 2, 2020 - THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

**First Reading: Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13**

Zephaniah was a prophet who lived 700 years before Christ. These were bad times for Israel, marked by idolatry and unfaithfulness to the law. In today's passage, we will hear the prophet call the people to become part of a remnant, that is, a select few who would carry their holy tradition into future generations.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31**

The majority of early Christians were of the lower class. When Paul left the Greek city of Corinth (a major seaport of the ancient world), he was succeeded by Apollos, who was apparently a more polished preacher. Paul grew concerned that the Corinthian Christians were becoming more captivated with oratory than with the heart of the Gospel message.



**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.

**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 have the 2020 Mass Book open for your requests. Come to the Rectory to request your Masses. Remember your loved ones or any other special occasion. Mass intentions are only \$10.00.

**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

**Update Personal Info**

Please DO NOT FORGET to update us with your new phone numbers, 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)

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**School Scoop**

- ..# Catholic Schools Week starts Jan. 26th through the 31st. Many activities have been planned for this occasion.
- ..# For all you Coke drinkers—enter the codes from your purchases to this website to earn money for our school: <https://us.coca-cola.com/give/schools/school-resources/>
- February is National Dental Month. Dental supplies for our kids will be put in your mailbox. We'll have another visit from the Mobile Dental Van during the month.

**Attention Young Readers!**

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.



**Pray For Our Deceased**



*Richard Keefe*

May he rest in peace!

*We lift him up with our prayers while we embrace Marie Wheel his sister, and extended family in a prayerful embrace.*

May the angels lead him into Paradise

# African American Heritage Celebration

**Sunday, February 9th**  
**10:00 AM**

**St. Catherine –St. Lucy Church**  
**38 N. Austin Blvd., Oak Park**

**Pot Luck Brunch to follow**  
**in Maguire Hall (parish gym)**  
**after Mass - bring a dish to share!**  
**Info: 708 - 386-8077**



**Archdiocese of Chicago**  
**PLEASE MAKE YOUR GIFT TO**  
**THE 2020 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL**

**Come, follow me...**  
**and heal our world**

Many families in our parish will be receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal request mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes, and schools who receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible. The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer Jesus' call to **"Come, follow me... and heal our world."**

In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the archdiocese the Appeal also funds services that are of great help here in our parish. For example, *Appeal funds support...* (NOTE: It is very important to insert some of the ministries in your parish that receive training or other forms of support from the archdiocese).

As we contemplate God's many gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude. Your financial support for the work of our parish, our archdiocese, and the Church throughout the world is one way to express this gratitude. Please give generously to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal.

## St. Valentine's Bake Sale

Our annual St. Valentine's Day Bake Sale draws near. It will be held on **February 15 and 16**. All parishioners are invited to "try their hand" at baking something for the sale.

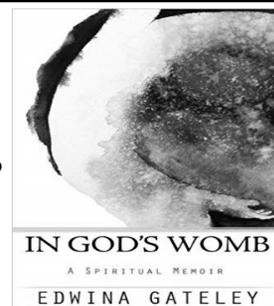
On the weekend of the sale, please bring all baked goods to the Rectory any time on Saturday and drop baked goods off at Maguire Hall before the Masses Sunday. All are invited to the Hall for coffee and juice and to purchase delicious home baked goods on that weekend.

The 500 Club Drawing, for \$500.00 is part of the bake sale. Certificates may be purchased right up until the drawing. Come, enjoy, and be a winner! There will be door prizes for those in attendance.

## The women of Chicago's west side and of the near-west suburbs are invited to gather for winter spirituality!

Shelby Boblick will facilitate the discussion, and we'll use as a catalyst **In God's Womb**, a spiritual memoir by Edwina Gateley. "I am here because of my journey, which has brought me to this point after more than 40 years of working as a Catholic laywoman in the Church. And I also look back to see where this motivation and passion has come from. It certainly has not come from reading books and studying theology. It has come from my experience of God, something over which I have not had much control, having only been vulnerable to God's call in my life." (p. 1)

This series will be an introduction to Edwina Gateley whose life has been described by Publisher's Weekly as "fascinating – an exceptional blend of contemplation and action". Edwina is a poet, theologian, artist, writer, and lay minister. She is a single mom and has been described as a modern day mystic and prophet.



**Edwina Gateley will facilitate a half-day retreat at St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church on Saturday, April 18 beginning at 9 am. It will be a special opportunity...not to be missed...open to all men and women...and may be one of the last mid western US opportunities to hear Edwina speak before she retires to Ireland.**

Shelby will supply the books each week for this series. No need to prepare in advance. 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 1:00 p.m. and another at 7:30 p.m. No need to come at the same time each Monday. Sessions last no longer than 90 minutes.

- Mon., Jan. 27: Childhood; Africa
- Mon., Feb. 3: The Volunteer Missionary Movement
- Mon., Feb. 10: The Sahara Desert
- Mon., Feb. 24: Moving On; Chicago Theological Union, Chicago
- Mon., March 30: The Streets; Genesis House
- Mon., April 6: Motherhood; The House of Sophia
- Mon., April 13: Public Speaking; The Answer

**We meet in the gathering area of St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church at 38 N. Austin Blvd., Oak Park, IL.** The church is handicapped accessible. Only the doors on Austin Blvd. will be open. There are assistive listening devices available. **Questions or concerns? Call Shelby Boblick at 630-240-2765.**

### Grief Share Group

St. Giles is inviting you to consider joining us for this new program, which will begin in January 29, 2020.

Wednesdays 7:00 to 9:00 PM  
**JANUARY 29 - MAY 6**

St. Giles Parish, McDonough Hall  
1101 Columbian Avenue, Oak Park  
To register, contact: 708-223-4912, or

### 2019 Statement of Contributions

Now, you can obtain a copy of 2019 Statement of Contributions, please request it by calling:

Amanda at 708-386-8077 or via e-mail at:

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

### Peace, Power, & Passion After Your Divorce

Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

**BEGINNING FEBRUARY 13**

St. Giles Parish

Dore Parish Center Living Room  
1025 Columbian Avenue, Oak Park

*Surviving Divorce will help you:*

- ...#Work through the emotional upheaval of separation and divorce.
- ...#Find personal healing and hope.
- ...#Discover a deeper understanding of God's love for you.
- ...#Gain wisdom and comfort from experts and others who share your experiences.
- ...#Navigate new concerns like custody, court hearings and finances.

For information, contact Chris Malagoli, [cvmalagoli@yahoo.com](mailto:cvmalagoli@yahoo.com)  
708-912-4378 or Olivia Molloy, [livvymolloy51@gmail.com](mailto:livvymolloy51@gmail.com)

*Food for Thought...*

### The Two Popes

*In 2013 Benedict retired, but then just stayed around;*

*He wears the papal white, and still lives in the Vatican compound.*

*The issue's a new book where he gave celibacy his support;*

*What's critical here is that Francis' ministry he did distort.*

*The film "The Two Popes" depicts him as promising "silence incarnate."*

*What he's done now constitutes more than a simple sidebar threat.*

*Benedict still struggles as he learns retirement's papal ropes.*

*While this is happening, there's a new film in the works called "Too Many Popes."*

1/26/20. TGL

Note: Idea from NCR