

ST. CATHERINE



OF SIENA **ST. LUCY**

FEBRUARY 2, 2020
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



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Rev. George Omwando, Pastor
Rev. Patrick Wangai, Associate Pastor
Mrs. Sharon Leamy, Principal
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Religious Education Coordinators
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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,

Today the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord to the temple that occurred forty days after his birth. The first reading of today gives us an important insight to understand the mystery why the Lord was presented in the Temple by Mary and Joseph, in accordance with the Mosaic Law. The first reading of today is taken from the Prophet Malachi. In it Malachi says: "*I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me; and suddenly there will come to the temple the Lord who you seek*" (Mal 3:1). We know from the Gospel of Mark, Mathew, Luke and John that prophet was speaking of the Precursor, St John the Baptist who was born 6 months before Jesus, that God sent to prepare for the coming of Christ. From this, we can say that Prophet Malachi's prophecy was talking about Jesus Christ who to come as the messiah to redeem the Israelites from the slavery of sin. God promised that He would send a Precursor to prepare His coming. Jesus' presentation to the temple signified God's entrance to His temple. God made man entered His temple, presenting Himself to those who were really searching for Him.

We are told also in today's Gospel that Mary and Joseph took their child to temple to present the Him, just as it is written in the law of the Lord. At the temple, they found Simeon who had been revealed by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ. Suddenly Simeon's heart leaped within him when he saw Mary holding the Child Jesus. The long days of waiting were finally over. Christ was before him. Here is the one for whom the nation had been waiting. Simeon walks over, introduces himself, and Mary gives the infant Jesus to him. And Simeon broke out into a song of praise. In this baby, Simeon sees the fulfillment of all the hopes and dreams of the Jewish people across the centuries and called Jesus "the glory of Israel" and this saying takes us back to the time of Abraham when the Lord said, "I will make your name great, and make of you a great nation, and through you all the nations of the earth shall be. Also present at the temple during this time was a prophetess known as Anna who was always popular and in the temple every day praying day and night. We are told from Luke, that she never left the temple, but worshipped night and day with fasting and prayer. She gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were awaiting the redemption of Israel. Like Anna and Simeon frequented the Temple, we also go to the Church daily whenever we have chance, where for them, like us, is a privileged place where God's revelation through sacraments and his eternal word shows that God has been faithful to his people and the promises that he has given us.

As you all know, in February at St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Parish, we celebrate the African American Heritage month with a colorful liturgy on February 9th at 10:00 am and I am asking you to come in great numbers to witness the event. This is the time that we will honor and celebrate the numerous contributions of African in this country and beyond. Also, we will be conducting our Annual Catholic Appeal on the weekends of February 15th and 16th. Beforehand, I want to thank you so much for your generous donations that go in a very long way to assist our budget deficit after we exceed our goal of \$24,000. May God continue to bless you for your constant and generous support.

— 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

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Peace & Justice Committee:

Rev. George Omwando

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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.

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.



Parish Calendar

Monday, February 3

8-10 AM - School Urban Gateways Perf. - M
9:30 - 10:30 AM - Bible Study - RRT
1 & 7:30 PM - Women's Spirituality Series CH
2:30 PM - Day Care - M
6:30-9:30PM- F&F Mtg- RD

Tuesday, February 4

1:30-2:30 PM—Rehearsal School Mass – CH
2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - M
7:30-9PM - Praise Choir - MMR

Wednesday, February 5

10:15 AM - School Black History Liturgy - CH
2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - M
12:30-3:30 PM- F&F Mtg - RD

7:30-9PM - Celebration Choir - CH

Thursday, February 6

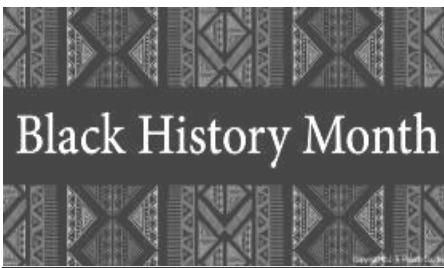
12:30-3:30 PM- F&F Mtg - RD
2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - M
6:00 -8:00 PM - A.A. Meeting - RD

Friday, February 7

2:30-6:00 PM - Day Care - M
11:00 AM - OPRF Food Pantry Visit - M

Saturday, February 8

Set-Up for AAHC—M
8- 1 PM - Big Shoulders Give-Back Day - M



R E M I N D E R

NEXT

Sunday —Feb. 9th

African American Heritage Celebration & Brunch

Plan on bringing a dish!

On this day, we will have
ONE Mass at 10:00 AM

See our flyer on page 6
of this bulletin

"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!

500 Club Certificates

The next drawing for a \$500 prize
is February 16th
Don't miss it!

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!!!

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*

Saturday, April 25

*Four Winds Casino Trip
OS*

500 CLUB WINNER

\$ 25.00

February 2, 2020

**RONALD KLIMEK &
GERALD CHOLEWA,**

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. February 3

8:30 † Evelyn Cadematrie
By: Tom Cadematrie

Tue. February 4

8:30 † Nancy Staunton
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

Wed. February 5

8:30 † Dewey L. Seltzer
By: Tom and Carol Frank

Thurs. February 6

8:30 † Donna J. Konecki (23RD ANNIV OF DEATH)
By: J., Kristina, Ava, and Aaron

Fri. February 7

8:30 † Mary Kay Cadematrie
By: Tom Cadematrie

Sat. February 8

9:00 † Pearlie Price
By: Grace Bishop

5:00 † DeJean Ameris
By: Michelle Darang-Coleman

Sun. February 9

10:00 † Skip Charles
By: Cynthia Weaver & Jim Bowers
† Reynold Vincent
By: The Vincent Family

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7;
Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3;
Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12;
Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34

Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5;
Mt 5:13-16

Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday: The Presentation of the Lord;
Blessing of Candles;
World Day for Consecrated Life;
Boy Scouting Sunday; Groundhog Day
- Monday: Fourth Week in Ordinary Time;
St. Blaise; St. Ansgar
- Wednesday: St. Agatha
- Thursday: St. Paul Miki and Companions
- Friday: First Friday
- Saturday: St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita;
International Day of Prayer and Awareness
against Human Trafficking;
Blessed Virgin Mary

Our Parish Stewardship

St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



January 26, 2020	\$ 4,860.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 547.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 7,308.00
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Online donations can be made to St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish at www.givecentral.org

Thanks for your continued financial support!

Today's Readings

First Reading — There will come to the temple the Lord whom you seek (Malachi 3:1-4).

Psalm — Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!
(Psalm 24).

Second Reading — Jesus had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way to help the descendants of Abraham (Hebrews 2:14-18).

Gospel — The just and pious Simeon proclaims the infant Jesus to be a revealing light to the Gentiles, the glory of the people Israel (Luke 2:22-40 [22-32]).

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS — FEBRUARY 9, 2020

<u>5:00 PM</u>	<u>10:00 AM</u>
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Altar Servers

Dan Brown	Kevin Morgan
Mark Thomas	Mireille Lozes
	Abigail Agbefé

Ministers of the Word

Christine Wedekind	Renee Smith-Quinn
Paul Knight	Patricia Long

Ministers of the Eucharist

Chemetha Baker	Jeanne Visteen
Grace Bishop	Walter Washington
Brenda Fojtik	Bill Holmes
Susan Kumler	Mary Howard
	Doris Brown
	Diana Cameron

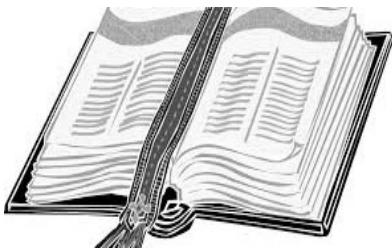


Praying for the Sick In Our Parish

Coletta Ali, Eloise Brown, Lillian Czaplicki, Scarlett Evans, Dwayne and Paula Evans, Dave Grayson, Phillip Jones, Paul Koko, Kathleen Kroker, Georgine Mullen, Dee Norman, 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 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.



FEBRUARY 9, 2020 - 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10

The Jewish people had just returned from exile in Babylon. They were poor, The prophet in today's reading reminds them of the religious practice that pleases God most of all, and he encourages them to share the little they have with one another.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

In this reading, Paul continues to address the problem of factions in Corinth. One group followed a Christian named Apollos, an eloquent preacher who came there after Paul had left. Some criticized Paul because his oratory didn't compare with that of Apollos. In today's passage, Paul defends his preaching style.

February 2, 2020



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: apomaredascsloffice@comcast.net

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708-386-5286



School Scoop

- February is National Dental Month. Dental supplies for our kids will be put in your mailbox
- Urban Gateways-8:30am/ECC & Preschool Screenings
- On Feb. 5th – Black History Liturgy at 10:15 AM

Pray For Our Deceased



Bradley Cousineau

May he rest in peace!

We lift him up with our prayers while we embrace Madonna Sloan, Ginny Jones, his aunts, and extended family in a prayerful embrace.

May the angels lead him into Paradise

Food for Thought...

The Child King

The Presentation rite within the Temple, is similar to a child's baptism: A first-born boy to God is dedicated, with our responsibilities a prism.

Luke described the Temple Presentation, writing of deep mystery and symbols. Malachi predicted Jesus' presence, with majestic power only He controls.

Luke's gospel covered well the celebration: Parents closely following the law; Prophets who predicted Jesus' coming; Elders celebrating the event in awe.

This feast invites us all to recognize the fledgling God's appearance in our world; To marvel at the mystery, and nurture it; And keep the joy and wonder flag unfurled.

Who is this King of Glory?
The Lord of Hosts; He is the King of Glory.

Sources: Malachi 3:1-4. Psalm 24:10. Luke 2:22-40.

—2/2/20 - TGL

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**

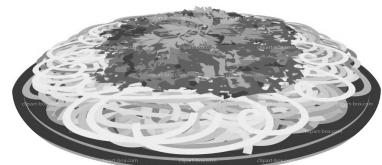
Many families in our parish will be receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal request mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes, and schools who receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible. The Annual 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 needy students of our school, subsidies to deacon formation among other programs. We are grateful that we have a student from our own parish preparing to be a deacon.**

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.

Annual Meatless Spaghetti Dinner & Dessert Auction

"Please join us Friday, February 28th at 5:30 PM in Maguire Hall for the Annual Meatless Spaghetti Dinner and Dessert Auction. Bring your appetite for dinner and then, if the spirit moves you, your favorite dessert for the silent auction. It's a lot of fun with delicious food and wonderful fellowship and maybe just a little competition too. The dinner is a good will offering but the auction is cash or check! If you would like to volunteer, we would love to have you. Just show up and we will put you to work!"



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."

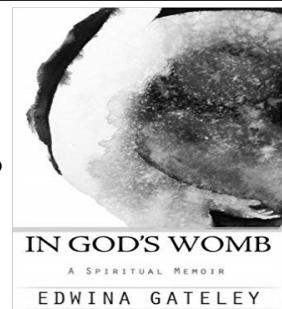
(p. 1) This series will be an introduction to Edwina Gateley whose life has been described by Publisher's Weekly as "fascinating – an exceptional blend of contemplation and action". Edwina is a poet, theologian, artist, writer, and lay minister. She is a single mom and has been described as a modern 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., 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.



Defining Moments in the History of Christianity, Part One

Ascencion Church

808 S East Ave, Oak Park, IL 60304

Come learn about early Christianity this **Wednesday, February 5, | 7:30 PM**

in the Pine Room. Ascension member Peter O'Leary will present the four primary characteristics of Christianity and the history of the four Gospels, as well as other early Christian gospels, including the Gnostic gospels discovered in 1945 at Nag Hammadi in Egypt. This is the first in a series of four lectures and discussions in the month of February, presented by the Lifelong Faith Formation Committee, on **February 5, 12, 17, and 24**. Come for one or all of the programs. There will be plenty of time for questions and discussion.

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

For information, contact Chris Malagoli, cymalagoli@yahoo.com
708-912-4378 or Olivia Molloy,
livvymolloy51@gmail.com

A Christmas Reprise

The Church's celebration three weeks ago of the Baptism of the Lord signaled the "official" end of the Christmas season. Today's feast of the Presentation of the Lord seems to extend the Incarnation celebration a bit longer. In fact, some have called this feast a "second Epiphany."

The first reading recalls the anticipation of Advent, as Malachi writes, "Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me." The reading from Hebrews reminds us of the Incarnation, proclaiming that Jesus had a "share" in our own "blood and flesh." The Gospel finds the infant Jesus on his first visit to Jerusalem and his human parents once again surprised and in awe over the events surround his birth.

In the simplicity of the manger, in the grandeur of the temple, in the domesticity of Nazareth, Jesus comes. May we come to know him and so be filled with "wisdom" and the "favor of God."

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