



**ST. CATHERINE**

**OF SIENA ST. LUCY**

**APRIL 26, 2020**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**



**PASTORAL TEAM**

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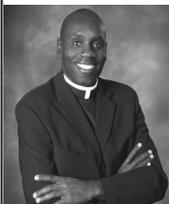
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**Mass Times**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL PUBLIC  
LITURGIES IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF  
CHICAGO HAVE BEEN CANCELED.**



## Thoughts from Rev. George O. Omwando, Pastor



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today is the third Sunday of Easter without us coming to worship together physically in sight yet. I encourage you to take advantage of the on-line streaming of masses, recite the rosary video calls with your family members and friends.

On Wednesday this week we celebrate the memorial of St. Catherine of Siena and I thought it is wise to speak about this towering saint. St. Catherine was the 23rd child of Jacopo and Lapa Benincasa and grew up as an intelligent, cheerful, and intensely religious person. Catherine disappointed her mother by cutting off her hair as a protest against being overly encouraged to improve her appearance in order to attract a husband. Her father ordered her to be left in peace, and she was given a room of her own for prayer and meditation. She entered the Dominican Third Order at 18 and spent the next three years in seclusion, prayer, and austerity. Gradually, a group of followers gathered around her—men and women, priests and religious. An active public apostolate grew out of her contemplative life. Her letters, mostly for spiritual instruction and encouragement of her followers, began to take more and more note of public affairs. Opposition and slander resulted from her mixing fearlessly with the world and speaking with the candor and authority of one completely committed to Christ. She was cleared of all charges at the Dominican General Chapter of 1374. Her public influence reached great heights because of her evident holiness, her membership in the Dominican Third Order, and the deep impression she made on the pope. She worked tirelessly for the crusade against the Turks and for peace between Florence and the pope. In 1378, the Great Schism began, splitting the allegiance of Christendom between two, then three popes and putting even saints on opposing sides. Catherine spent the last two years of her life in Rome, in prayer and pleading on behalf of the cause of Pope Urban VI and the unity of the Church. She offered herself as a victim for the Church in its agony. She died surrounded by her “children” and was canonized in 1461. Catherine ranks high among the mystics and spiritual writers of the Church. In 1939, she and Francis of Assisi were declared co-patrons of Italy. Pope Paul VI named her and Teresa of Avila doctors of the Church in 1970. Her spiritual testament is found in *The Dialogue*. Though she lived her life based in faith, experience and spirituality far different from that of our own time, Catherine of Siena stands as a companion with us on the Christian journey in her undivided effort to invite the Lord to take flesh in her own life. She is a living saint to admire as followers in Christ.

May God bless you during this Easter season as we continue to pray for men and women in health care industry that are battling this Corona Virus outbreak.

— 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

##### *Liturgy Committee:*

Chair: Phil Kroker  
Vice-Chair: Joyce Wade  
Cantors: Rev. George Omwando  
Celebration Choir: Kraig Zeronik  
Praise Choir: Julius White  
Greeters & Ushers: Jim Lewis

##### *Parish Finance Council*

Juan Perez

##### *Spiritual Life Commission*

##### *Faith & Fellowship:*

Connie Rakitan

#### 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:*

Kevin Morgan

#### Adult Education Commission

Baptism Com.: Fr. G. Omwando

Bible Study: Russ McCaughey

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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

**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.

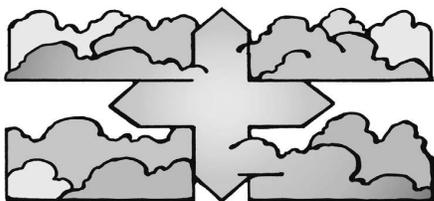
#### Funerals:

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.





## Readings for the Week

Monday:	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday:	Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 7, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday:	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday:	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday:	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59, or, for the memorial, Gn 1:26 — 2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58
Saturday:	Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday:	Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

Without our weekly Masses, many families are inadvertently missing their weekly commitment to support our parish. So we recommend online giving as a safe, convenient, and easy way to make gifts -- whether it's for your Sunday offering or a one-time gift such as for special collections. Once you sign up, you will be able to manage your giving preferences at any time, and you won't have to worry about writing a check or carrying cash to church each week. You can manage it anywhere you have an internet connection 24/7.

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

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — God has raised the crucified Jesus, who now pours forth the Holy Spirit upon us

(Acts 2:14, 22-33).

**Psalm** — Lord, you will show us the path of life

(Psalm 16).

**Second Reading** — Our faith and hope are in God, who raised Jesus from the dead (1 Peter 1:17-21).

**Gospel** — Through his words and in the breaking of the bread, the risen Christ made himself known to two disciples on their way to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35).

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## Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	Third Sunday of Easter
Tuesday:	St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignon de Montfort
Wednesday:	St. Catherine of Siena
Thursday:	St. Pius V
Friday:	St. Joseph the Worker; First Friday
Saturday:	St. Athanasius; First Saturday

## Universal Offertory Program (DONATE)

**Support your parish at this critical time.** Parishes rely on the generosity of their members to cover expenses related to ministry, maintenance, staffing, community outreach programs and other pressing needs.

Please consider using this link or all 312.534.7959 to make a one-time or recurring gift to your parish and support the vital ministries and services it provides. Please select your parish name from the drop-down menu on the form.

## Coronavirus Emergency Fund (DONATE)

Assist those significantly affected by COVID-19.

The archdiocese has created a [Coronavirus Emergency Fund](#) to help alleviate the financial hardship caused by the outbreak. This fund will support ministries serving those in need and members of our community who have been negatively affected by the pandemic including parents of Catholic school students struggling to make tuition payments. Our neighbors down the street and across the archdiocese need our help at this critical moment.

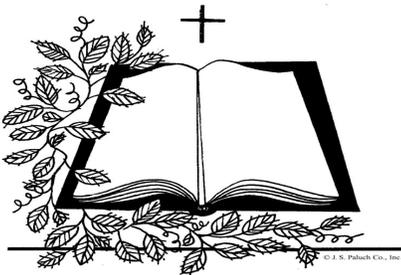


## Praying for the Sick In Our Parish

Coletta Ali, Eloise Brown, Scarlett, Dwayne and Paula Evans, Dave Grayson, Phillip Jones, Paul Koko, Kathleen Kroker, Georgine Mullen, Marian McCurry, Dee Norman, Joseph Paulus, Raul Perez, Sr. Maureen Sauer, Dolores Sungail, and Annette Vargas.

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.



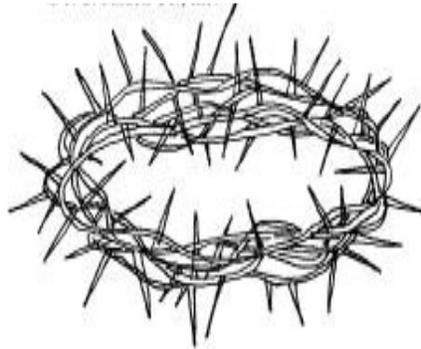
### MAY 3, 2020 — 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**First Reading:** Acts 2:14, 36-41

In last Sunday's reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we heard a portion of Peter's sermon at the first Pentecost. Today's passage gives the last part of that sermon, and the reaction of those who heard it.

**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 2:20-25

Today's passage from the first letter of Peter was addressed to Christian slaves who were being treated harshly by their pagan masters. The author reminds them that they are members of a flock whose shepherd walked ahead of them in the face of insults and unjust treatment.



# You were ransomed with the precious blood of Christ

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

27 W. Washington Blvd.  
Oak Park, IL 60302

708-386-5286

## School Scoop



Hello, Families

We are living in extraordinary times right now and pray that you and your family are staying healthy and safe!

Even though all schools in the State of Illinois are closed, we here at St. Catherine – St. Lucy School are working hard to prepare for next year! Enrollment is open and we have a spot available for your child!

I invite you to take a look around at our website and check out our social media sites – we are so proud of our vibrant school family!

Please feel free to call me with any questions – I am here to help! My cell phone number is 708-218-0370. Or if email is more convenient, my email address is [jcourier@catherinelucy.org](mailto:jcourier@catherinelucy.org).

Thank you for considering St. Catherine – St. Lucy School!

**Jennifer Courier**  
Advancement Director

*To request more information:*

Contact SCSL School

Admissions Office

Mon-Fri 8am - 4pm

708.386.5286 x 105

[jcourier@catherinelucy.org](mailto:jcourier@catherinelucy.org)

**Please visit:** <https://www.catherinelucy.org/>

For any additional questions or concerns you may have. We are here to assist you!

**Pray For Our Deceased*****Bobbie Laker***

May she rest in peace!

*We lift her up with our prayers while we embrace her extended family. Bobbie and her husband were former parishioners dedicated to peace and justice issues of the SCSL Parish*

May the angels lead her into Paradise

**Pray For Our Deceased*****Patricia Sheehan***

May she rest in peace!

*We lift her up with our prayers while we embrace her cousin-in law, Tom Nelson and her extended family.*

May the angels lead her into Paradise

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**Saint Catherine of Siena  
(1347-1380) - April 29**

Imagine the pope receiving a young woman still in her twenties who addresses him as “my sweet Christ on earth,” then orders: “Get back to Rome where you belong!” Amazingly, Gregory XI complied! Yet this was but one astonishing incident in the extraordinary life of Catherine of Siena, a truly unique medieval woman.

Youngest of twenty-five children, Catherine refused marriage and became a Dominican Tertiary at sixteen, cloistering herself at home in contemplative prayer, austere penances, and mystical experiences, culminating in “spiritual espousal” to Christ. Then, incarnating the Dominican ideal of “passing on to others the fruits of contemplation,” Catherine left her solitude to care for the poor, nurse the sick, comfort the dying, and bury the dead. Increasingly renowned for converting souls and healing bodies, she was sought after to broker peace during civil wars and Church schisms. All this, and like Jesus, whom she called “my Divine Spouse,” she died at thirty-three! Four hundred letters and her spiritual classic *The Dialogue* inspired Paul VI to name her, together with Teresa of Ávila, the first women Doctors of the Church.

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**Pro-Life**

***"We must appreciate the dignity of life in all its seasons, even the path of the elderly in the twilight of their years, to work toward the day when every child, born and unborn, is welcomed to life and protected by law."***

—Gov. George W. Bush

**Third Sunday of Easter**

***You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.***

— Acts 2:28

**Stay with us, Lord**

Walk with us, Lord,  
along the road of resurrection!  
Explain for us, so slow to believe,  
the things that Scripture says of you

Break the bread of the Eucharist  
with us whenever we share our  
lives with our brothers and sisters.

Stay with us each time night  
approaches and the daylight fades  
in our hearts!

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**CRS Rice Bowl Update**

If you have not returned the Rice Bowl you took at the beginning of Lent, you still have time to do it, just bring it to the Rectory, by calling 708-386-8077 to arrange a time to drop it or e-mail me at [apomaredascsloffice@comcast.net](mailto:apomaredascsloffice@comcast.net).

Thank you to all who participated in CRS Rice Bowl with us throughout Lent! Given the realities of COVID-19 and that communities are unable to physically collect CRS Rice Bowls, you can submit your CRS Rice Bowl gift online, by phone (1-877-435-7277) or mail:

Catholic Relief Services, CRS Rice Bowl—P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, Maryland 21297-0303

Food for Thought...

## Easter Duty and the Eucharist

*We mourn the lack of physical closeness to family and friends, and by global goods are enticed. As Catholics, the Eucharist is our deepest means of encounter with the Risen Christ. In an extended Lent, we give up the right to roam, as our Easter Duty becomes “stay at home.”*



*Paul tells us from Jesus we never separate; He's the source and summit of all we have and all we hope. Threat may keep us from our site of Communion, but won't keep God from bestowing His gifts' wide scope. Jesus lives among us through the Holy Spirit's power; So too does the Holy Eucharist's grace-filled shower.*

*Thus, spiritual communion's what the Eucharist provides; Prevention from receiving does not alter that. By absence from the Eucharist, we are no less loved; In Communion with all, we share the gifts that God begat. May God give us strength to distance from neighbors we love; and to those dearest, bring rays of sunshine from above.*

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Source: NCR Column, by Xavier M. Montecel

## Virtual Crop Walk

Beyond Hunger in Oak Park, Forest Park Food Pantry, Pine Ave and St. Martin de Porres food pantries in Chicago, Proviso and First Baptist Church pantries in Melrose Park, Vision of Restoration food pantry and Quinn Center of St. Eulalia hunger ministries in Maywood, Cluster Tutoring and Housing Forward. All these agencies are feeling the pinch during the COVID-19 pandemic and need all of our support even more than before. The 75% that goes to CWS-Global will help our brothers and sisters in 55 countries around the world who are no less in need.

**This year the walk will be virtual but the needs are actual.**

Please help us to meet these needs by making a donation of \$25, \$50, \$100 or more as you are able. You can make a BIG difference. Visit our personal page where you can make a secure online donation or you may send a check made payable to CWS/CROP to:

The Despotes  
7757 Van Buren Street Unit 516  
Forest Park, IL 60130

Please visit our personal page: <https://www.crophungerwalk.org/oakparkil/Member/MyPage/3780379/Joanne-Ted-Despotes>

## Catholic Charities—COVID-19 Update

Our thanks to the remarkable staff, partners, donors, and volunteers who are helping us meet the needs of those least able to navigate these unprecedented circumstances. We are in your debt.

### Service Update:

- ..# **For urgent needs, please call 312-655-7700.**
- ..# Meals to go are available at Congregate Meal sites and Senior Centers. Catholic Charities has suspended all senior group activities and adult day care amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ..# Our home care services continue, and are following a more sophisticated protocol as there are seniors who have no one to drop off groceries and provide basic hygiene assistance.
- ..# Food pantries and evening meal programs will continue to provide food depending on supplies and safe distribution protocols. Please check under Our Services/Emergency Services for locations and phone numbers.
- ..# Counseling, case management, and other services that can be provided remotely are being delivered accordingly. Please call your case worker or program contact if you need assistance.

