



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA ST. LUCY

**MAY 31, 2020
PENTECOST SUNDAY**

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Mass Times

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LITURGIES IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF
CHICAGO HAVE BEEN CANCELED.**



Thoughts from Rev. George O. Omwando, Pastor



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today we celebrate the feast of Pentecost known as the first fruits of harvest or the harvest feast/festival in Exodus 23:14-17. This feast is important because the church was born on Pentecost day.

In our first reading today from Acts, the setting is fifty days after the first Easter and ten days after the Ascension of Christ. When He ascended to heaven, Christ told his disciples to continue to preach the Gospel to all corners of the earth... and before he departed to heaven, he told them not leave Jerusalem, but to wait for the gift that His Father promised and which He was always speaking about. While on earth, Jesus spoke of the baptism of John by water, but they will be baptized with the Holy Spirit” when it descends on them (Acts 1:4-5). After Ascension, the disciples returned to Jerusalem and stayed in the Upper Room (Acts 2:1). At the appointed time, the Holy Spirit descended on them.

Therefore, this day marks the birth celebration of the Church founded by Jesus the Christ and placed it under Peter, the Rock as the First Shepherd (Pope). Pentecost means “50 days” and this celebration was one of the mandatory feast days in the Old Testament for which all Jewish males over the age of 12 were expected to journey to Jerusalem and participate. It was on this day, 50 days from the Last supper that the Holy Spirit came to the disciples in the Upper Room. On Pentecost Day, the disciples suddenly heard a roaring sound—like a violent wind. Then they seemed to catch on fire! Luke tells us that tongues of fire settled upon them. Like the burning bush of Moses' day, the disciples appeared to burn, but the fire did not consume them. How I wish I could have been there to see and experience that phenomenon. We are told that the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in foreign tongues—languages they didn't understand—and that they had never learned—languages that the Holy Spirit had miraculously given them the ability to speak. The crowds present were amazed as were able to hear; everyone in their own native language spoken (Acts 2:8). On that day, Peter was the main preacher and reminded the people how they had looked forward to the coming of the Messiah but when he came, they killed him. When they heard what Peter was speaking, they asked him what they should do. Peter told them to *Repent and to be Baptized*" (Acts 2:38).

Brothers and Sisters, I feel that we need another Pentecost today! We need the Holy Spirit to fill and fuel us! We need the Holy Spirit to breathe life unto us and to set us on fire—just as it did at that first Christian Pentecost so that we can preach the Gospel of Christ with vigor and enthusiasm. 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

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

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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

Weddings: Please contact Fr. George to set a wedding date. Allow at least 6 months in advance 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:	Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87:1-3, 5-7; Jn 19:25-34
Tuesday:	2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Ps 90:2-4, 10, 14, 16; Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday:	2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Ps 123:1b-2; Mk 12:18-27
Thursday:	2 Tm 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Mk 12:28-34
Friday:	2 Tm 3:10-17; Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168; 1-6; Mk 12:35-37
Saturday:	2 Tm 4:1-8; Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22; Mk 12:38-44
Sunday:	Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52-55; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

Today's Readings

First Reading — Filled with the Holy Spirit, the apostles begin to speak in tongues (Acts 2:1-11).

Psalm — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth (Psalm 104).

Second Reading — In one Spirit we are baptized into one body and given to drink of one Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13).

Gospel — Jesus Christ appears to the disciples and sends them on their mission with the power to forgive or retain sins through the Holy Spirit (John 20:19-23).

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Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	Pentecost Sunday
Monday:	The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church; Ninth Week in Ordinary Time
Tuesday:	Ss. Marcellinus and Peter
Wednesday:	St. Charles Lwanga and Companions
Friday:	St. Boniface; First Friday
Saturday:	St. Norbert; First Saturday

Mass Intentions for the Week

NOTE: WEEKDAYS MASSES ARE REGULARLY AT 7:00 PM, BUT SOME ARE 5:00 PM, FACEBOOK WILL ALERT YOU.

Mon. June 1	7:00pm †	Luke Podraza By: Jim and Elaine Podraza
Tue. June 2	7:00pm †	Effie Hall By: Ministry of Care
Wed. June 3	7:00pm †	Gene Solome By: Evie Stockinger
Thurs. June 4	7:00pm †	Joseph Hollins By: Grace Bishop
Fri. June 5	7:00pm †	Eric Morse By: Tom and Pat Nelson
Sat. June 6	7:00am †	Sue Miniscalco By: Ministry of Care
	5:00pm †	Kobe & Gianna Bryant By: Donna Kanapes
Sun. June 7	11:00am †	Terry Wakefield By: Larry Russo
	†	Renata Smith By: Donna Kanapes



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 to be able to find the link to GiveCentral



Praying for the Sick In Our Parish

Coletta Ali, Michael Ballew, Eloise Brown, Scarlett Evans-Perez, Dwayne and Paula Evans, Dave Grayson, Phillip Jones, Paul Koko, Kathleen Kroker, Georgine Mullen, Marian McCurry, Jeff Nesbitt, Dee Norman, Raul Perez, Sr. Maureen Sauer, Dolores Sungail, and Annette Varga.

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.



JUNE 7, 2020 — THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

First Reading: Exodus 34:4-6,8-9

When Moses saw the Israelite people worshipping the golden calf, he angrily threw down and broke the tables containing the commandments. Later, God instructed him to cut two new tablets. Today's passage begins at that point, and offsets the mistaken notion that the Old Testament always presents a stern and angry God.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

This passage is the ending of Paul's second letter to the Corinthians. The Church chose this passage for Trinity Sunday because the final sentence mentions all three persons of the Trinity. That sentence is also used as one of the greetings at the beginning of Mass.

Send us your E-Mail

Receive Our Weekly Bulletin & E-mail Updates.

We have begun to send our weekly bulletins via e-mail.

Please Contact Amanda at 708-386-8077, Ext. 122 and let her know you wish to receive one.

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

Regarding OUR Weekly Bulletin

- ..# Submissions for the bulletin must be received by Monday at 2 pm for placement in the upcoming Sunday's issue.
- ..# For further information, please contact the bulletin editor at apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net
- ..# All submissions are subject to approval by the pastor.
- ..# If you are interested in advertising in the Bulletin's ad pages, please contact the J.S. Paluch Co. at 800-566-6170, and reference 512113 for St.Catherine-St.Lucy.

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School Scoop

- ..# The Class of 2020 celebrated their graduation date with a drive-through parade on Friday, May 29th. Thanks to all participants, it was a very special event.
- ..# Our Kindergarten class will also have a drive-through celebration on June 3. Thank you to all the parents who have submitted videos. The final product will be on our social media sites.



2020-2021 School Enrollment

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 via email at:

jcourier@catherinelucy.org
Admissions Office
Mon-Fri 8am - 4pm
708.386.5286 x 105

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



Congratulations Graduating Class of 2020

Congratulations to our class of 2020! They officially graduated in a different but meaningful drive-through parade last Friday, May 29th. We will miss their smiles, their enthusiasm, their joy. Although they are no longer our students, they will always have a special place in our hearts.

Cordell Brown

Jayah Brunt

Kennedy Florent

Amira Jackson

Taylor James

Kayla Jones

Francis Kerin

Warren McGrew

Kyle Morris

Brandon Neals

Amina Onochie

LaShondra Owens

Jaden Pointer

Kendrea Stackhouse

Lamount Thomas

Toni Thompson

Jalen Williams

Food for Thought

Veni, Sanctae Spiritus Gratulationes, Pater George

Binding us together is the Divine Spirit, poured into all creation, all life, all humanity. The manifestation is a gift to each person, shining light on what joins us as gifted people. No event has the power to be as life-sustaining and life-altering as the Spirit we've been given.

We also have the gift of our beloved Kenyan pastor, who brings us leadership—a man of faith and fortitude. Congratulations on your anniversary as a priest. In Swahili—Pongesi! If you say Ireland—Comhghairdias! Poland? Gratulacjet! It matters not to us where you are from, just where you are. We never want to hear you say “Kwa Heri.” That’s goodbye.

“Whose sins you forgive are forgiven; whose sins you retain are retained.” Please don’t retain any of ours. After all, we love you.



Weekly Mass Intentions

At this time, we would like to reiterate all our parishioners that we are honoring their requested Mass Intentions by mentioning your loved ones at our daily Masses via Facebook and YouTube.

Parish Events

Until further notice, all events in the church and school are canceled as a precaution against the spread of the COVID-19 flu.

Our parish office is closed. However, we will be checking our mail, emails and voice messaging each day. Call or email us if we can be of any assistance to you if you have an emergency.

Our Pastor will observe all health precautions and distancing as we minister to you.

Please call 708-386-8077 from 10:00 am to 3:30 pm Monday-Thursday. For emergencies, call 708-560-6109 after hours.

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A CALL TO PRAYER

Bringing a light in the midst of darkness

Are you feeling overwhelmed by the effects of the pandemic and in need of prayer? We are here to pray with you and ask God for your needs.

Who we are: Volunteers from parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago who feel called to accompany through prayer anyone who feels the need for support during this time of uncertainty and isolation.

What we offer: A phone line staffed with people from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day, as well as 24-hour voice mail and e-mail connections. Our prayer partners are here to pray with you: opening our hearts to God, asking for His blessings and peace.

312.741.3388

praywithme@calleddtoprayer.org

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Virtual Pre-Cana Meetings

The Office of Lifelong Formation will be hosting virtual Pre-Cana meetings for couples preparing for marriage. You can learn more here: <https://pvm.archchicago.org/virtual-precana>

Pentecost

*Unless the eye catch fire,
God will not be seen.
Unless the ear catch fire,
God will not be heard.
Unless the tongue catch fire,
God will not be named.
Unless the heart catch fire,
God will not be loved.
Unless the mind catch fire,
God will not be known.*

—William Blake

Spiritual Options for Summer 2020...

Looks like the Summer will bring a continuation of social distancing, to help everyone stay safe - **but staying at home doesn't have to mean staying the same...**

The Well Spirituality Center's Summer Retreats and Programs on Zoom will enable us, like never before, to connect with new people, fascinating ideas, and expansive spirituality from all over the country and around the world. Here's a link to view The Well's Summer lineup.

Please share this with friends! And help out by signing up early...

<https://csjthewell.org/retreats/>



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

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Domestic Violence Outreach Awareness – Services – Prevention

Fighting Domestic Violence During the Covid-19 Crisis

Experience and data teach us that financial crises, home confinement and prolonged stress exacerbate the frequency and intensity of domestic violence. It is no surprise that the Covid-19 pandemic has made life more dangerous for many already at risk in our country. The Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline reports that calls for help have increased 50% in March, from 60 to 90 a day. Some victims were about to leave their abuser, but now he is home all the time, and they have less opportunity to free themselves. Some are in counseling, and now in-person services are unavailable. Some abusers are more angry by loss of work or home quarantine and thus more threatening to their partners. If you know or suspect someone is a victim, please check on them! If they are in immediate need, help them call 911, the National DV Hotline: 800-799-7233, the Illinois Domestic Violence Hotline: 877-863-6338, or another reputable DV resource to help them connect with support and services.

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.