

ST. CATHERINE



OF SIENA ST. LUCY

JUNE 7, 2020
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



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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 “God which we call “The Most Holy Trinity”. The blessed Trinity is the central mystery of our Catholic faith and it can very be challenging for any human being to fully understand it, let alone explain it fully. God is infinitely greater than we are, and we should not expect to be able to fully understand Him. The Bible teaches that the Father is God, that Jesus is God, and that the Holy Spirit is God. The Bible also teaches that there is only one God. Though we can understand some facts about the relationship of the different Persons of the Trinity to one another, ultimately, it is incomprehensible to the human mind. However, this does not mean the Trinity is not true or that it is not based on the teachings of the Bible. The Trinity is one God existing in three Persons.

We must understand that this is not in any way suggesting that there are three Gods. In the Trinity, we try to describe the triune God as —three coexistent, co-eternal Persons who make up one God. God created us and loves us as our Father. Each member of the Trinity is God. The Father is God (John 6:27; Romans 1:7; 1 Peter 1:2) The Son is God (1:1, 14; Romans 9:5; Colossians 2:9; Hebrew 1:8; 1 John 5:20) and The Holy Spirit is God (Acts 5:3-4; 1 Corinthians 3:16) but they have different missions. The Father is the Creator, Son is the redeemer and the Holy Spirit is the Sanctifier united in one mission.

Briefly, I will like to speak about the murdering of George Floyd, unarmed African American man who was cuffed and denied air to breathe. George Floyd murder has ignited so much anger in this country and some parts of the world. People have a right to be angry; their Government has continually led them down from State to State. Floyd’s death has led to massive demonstrations by all categories of people and they are watching. I am hoping and holding my fingers that this is going to be last time that we witness a human being die under the hands of those that are given the responsibility to take care of our safety. Unfortunately, George Floyd’s death has led also to destruction of property and we need to come together and solve this problem. Floyd’s death was preventive. Let us all pray that our elected leaders, will find space in their hearts and find out the best way to combat these racial injustices. I used to call my family members and friends in Kenya and ask them if they are okay and safe. Today, they are asking me whether I am safe. I am very proud of our community as you have constantly reminded me that God is love (1John 4:8; 18) and love cannot be solitary. That is, love cannot be love if there is no one else to direct that love toward. If God is love, He must always have someone toward whom that love is directed. This love is reflected in the harmony of the Father, Son and the Holy spirit. If we are created in the image of the Trinity, our love has to go out to help others. God wants you to become an amazing work of art that shows his face of love to the world. God wants your family to paint a picture with your lives that will change the world and call his entire children home to him. Let him make something beautiful in you! God bless.

— 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

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.

Grace and Eternal Life

Moses is a man after our own hearts, for haven't we all dealt with more than our share of stiff-necked people? Indeed, haven't we all gotten a little stiff-necked ourselves at times? Complaining . . . impatient . . . quick to anger. How lucky for Moses—how lucky for all of us—that God is exactly the opposite! And we don't even have to guess about it. The Lord tells us so directly. Accordingly, Moses does what we all need to do. Even with the tablets in hand, he bows down and asks for God's forgiveness and grace.

Encouraging us to live together in peace—and in God's favor—the Apostle Paul knows all about this grace, joyfully invoking Christ's grace on us along with God's love and the Holy Spirit's. "Rejoice," he says. And when it comes to rejoicing, John offers us the gladdest words of all: the assurance of eternal life through Jesus.

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On-Line & Broadcast Masses

During this difficult time, it is particularly important that the faithful have access to the grace and comfort of Holy Mass. Please see below for our online Masses. In addition to celebrating Mass online:

From St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish

- ..# Follow us via Facebook:
Monday through Friday at 7:00 PM. (unless otherwise noted). If you do not have the Facebook application on your PC or phone it is very easy to download it.
- ..# Also on Facebook, we have Mass on Saturday at 5:00 PM.
- ..# Follow us via **YouTube** every Sunday, at 9:00 AM. I usually have the links by the end of the week.



500 Club Certificates

Certificates are \$25 each and will be included in every weekly drawing from now through October 19, 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.

Certificates can be purchased through the parish website, stcatherinestlucy.org, by choosing the Give Central option. Then choose the 500 Club and follow the prompts. They can also be purchased by sending your name, address, phone number and payment to the rectory, 38 N. Austin Blvd, Oak Park IL 60302, marked to the attention of the 500 Club. Either way, your purchase will be processed and your certificates will be mailed to you.

This is a fun way to support the parish. Pass the word. Thank you!!

~ The Fundraising Committee

Holy Trinity

The Father is my trust, the Son is my refuge, the Holy Spirit is my protection. O holy Trinity, glory to Thee.

—Byzantine Horologion, Troparion at Nocturns, sixth century

Facility Requests Forms for our 2020-2021 Calendar

St. Catherine St. Lucy requests forms were e-mailed last Thursday, May 14th. We are asking all parish organizational leaders and chair persons whose events are placed into our St. Catherine-St. Lucy Facility Calendar to please submit their 2020-2021 events and activities in writing on our Facility Request Form to the Rectory no later than Wednesday, June 24, 2020.



You can also find these forms at the Rectory. If you have any questions, please call Amanda at 708-386-8077 during office hours.

Thank you!

Faith and Fellowship

Kudos! Kudos! Kudos!

All of the Faith & Fellowship catechists – some parishioners and some from other places – are working hard to stay connected with our Partners: by phone, letters, and occasional “care packages.” Special shout-outs to Marcial Gomez whose inspiration got all three teams of Catechists to meet regularly via Zoom; and to Sharon Paluch for developing our system of Partner outreach. Also, thanks to Claudia Zinanni whose donation of yarn to one of our women prompted the following:

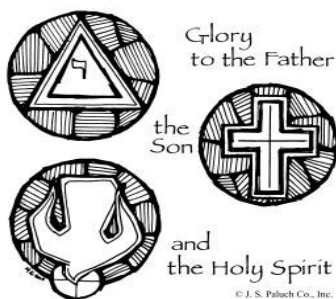
Dear All,

Hope I'm writing you at a good time, thank you for all the wonderful gifts and for showing concern, while we are going through a rough time.

Everyone here at Columbus Manor are well and looking for better days ahead tell everyone I said hello and hope we'll be back together soon.

Sincerely yours,

Yvonne



Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Kgs 17:1-6; Ps 121:1bc-8; Mt 5:1-12
 Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 5:13-16
 Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab, 8, 11; Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 65:10-13; Mt 5:20-26
 Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Mt 5:27-32
 Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-10; Mt 5:33-37
 Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; 1 Cor 10:16-17; Jn 6:51-58

Today's Readings

First Reading — The Lord, merciful and gracious, rich in kindness and faithfulness (Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9).

Psalm — Glory and praise for ever! (Daniel 3).

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters, rejoice. Live with one another in peace, and the God of peace will be with you (2 Corinthians 13:11-13).

Gospel — God did not send the Son to condemn the world, but to give it abundant life (John 3:16-18).

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Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity;
 Julian Calendar Pentecost
 Monday: Tenth Week in Ordinary Time
 Tuesday: St. Ephrem
 Thursday: St. Barnabas
 Saturday: St. Anthony of Padua

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

Mon. June 8

7:00pm †

Br. Robert Schneider, S. J.
 By: Tom Nelson

Tue. June 9

7:00pm †

Luke Podraza
 By: Jim and Elaine Podraza

Wed. June 10

7:00pm †

Eddie Brown
 By: Ministry of Care

Thurs. June 11

7:00pm †

Lorraine Butler
 By: Grace Bishop

Fri. June 12

7:00pm †

Homer Lindsey
 By: Era Yee

Sat. June 13

7:00am †

Mary Esposito
 By: Evie Stockinger
Monique Ameris
 By: Michelle Darang-Coleman

Sun. June 14

11:00am (Health) †

The Coleman Family
 By: Michelle Darang-Coleman
Nellie Vincent
 By: The Vincent Family



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, Dave Grayson, Phillip Jones, Paul Koko, Kathleen Kroker, Georgine Mullen, Marian McCurry, Jeff Nesbitt, Dee Norman, 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 14, 2020 — THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8: 2-3, 14-16

The events in today's readings take place as the Israelites are camped on the shore of the Jordan River ready to enter the Promised Land. In this farewell speech, Moses makes it clear that when they settle in their new land they must never forget all the wonderful things God did for them during their 40 years in the desert.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

The Jewish people believed that when they sacrificed an animal to God and then ate a portion of the sacrifice themselves, they were in communion with God to whom they had given the other portion. Applying this to the Eucharist, Paul remind us that when we receive Holy Communion, we become one with the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross.

CROP Walk News

The Hunger Walkathon West had great success with its virtual walk this year on Sunday, May 3rd. To date, over \$85,000.00 has been raised which means 25% of that, roughly \$21,250.00, will go to local food pantries in Austin, Oak Park, and Forest Park. The walk is supported by many west side churches. Here at St. Catherine's, we raised \$740.00. Thanks to all who donated.

Bill Cragg

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

Our last day of school was June 5th. We will still have our *Honors Ceremony* for students in Grades 1-7 and although it will be missing the students and families. We are working with the church to livestream the ceremony; a link will be sent out next week.



2020-2021 School Enrollment

**PowerSchool—Re-Registration
Ended May 30**

We are asking all families to please make sure re-registration is completed as soon as possible. It's a very quick process and simple to do online with PowerSchool. It is especially important for us, as a new Big Shoulders School, to have all families enrolled and accounted for.

Please take just a few minutes now to login and complete the process.

POWER SCHOOL PARENT
PORTAL LOGIN: <https://archchicago.powerschool.com/public/home.html>

**the app on your phone will not work for re-registration*

If you are unable to log into your PowerSchool account, please contact Ms. Mary Sim at: msim@catherinelucy.org.



Congratulations Graduating Class of 2020

Congratulations to our class of 2020! They officially graduated in a different but meaningful drive-through parade on 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

Lamont Thomas

Toni Thompson

Jalen Williams

Food for Thought

“Je Pense, donc, Je Suis.”

Non. Pas Assez.

Rene Descartes sought certainty that finally came to him:

“I think, therefore, I am.” But he missed on a basic truth.

His grandmother, teaching him “I” and “you,” enabled him to know that he’s a person, and relates to others.

“You and I” are underpinnings of a person’s awareness, knowledge and beliefs. We know personhood is rooted not in thinking, but in relating.

There’s difficulty in conceiving God as Trinity,

but God revealed Himself to us as three Persons in one.

They are who they are because of love. We know them because

God reaches out to us, as John has written: the Father

sent the Son to share eternal life with us; and the Divine

Spirit, who dwells in us. “We’re privileged to know God through love.

Our hearts are restless ‘til they rest in God.”

6/7/20. TGL

Sources: NCR Column; John 3:16-18; St. Augustine (Final Quote).

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@calledtoprayer.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>

**Pray For Our Deceased**

Rev. John Edward Flavin

May he rest in peace!

We lift him up with our prayers while we embrace his family.

Father Flavin served the Community of St. Catherine of Siena as an Associate Pastor, many will remember his lovable, feisty personality. Seek for his Obituary for more details.



May the angels lead him into Paradise

Spiritual Options for Summer 2020...

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

Archdiocese of Chicago

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 call 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.