



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA ST. LUCY

AUGUST 9, 2020

NINETEEN SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Saturday 9:00AM—4:30PM; Sunday 8:30 AM—12:00 PM

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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday - 8:30am

(Please enter the Church by Washington Blvd. 2nd door to the West)

NO Thursday Mass until Further Notice

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Morning - 8:30 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,

Our reading today comes from the book of Kings that talk of Prophet Elijah. Elijah is one of the most interesting and colorful people in the Bible as God used him during an important time in Israel's history to oppose a wicked king and bring revival to the land of Israel. Elijah's ministry marked the beginning of the end of Baal worship in Israel but his life was filled with turmoil also. At times, Elijah was bold and decisive, and at other times fearful and tentative. Elijah knew both the power of God and the depths of depression.

Our reading, talks on how God told Elijah to go stand at the entrance of the cave in which the LORD will pass through. While Elijah was still in the cave, a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks but surprisingly the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind, an earthquake broke out but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake, a fire broke out, but the LORD was not in the fire also. Finally after the fire, there was a sound of a low tiny whisper. When Elijah heard this sound, he wrapped his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice that asked Elijah what he was doing in the cave? Why do you think Elijah was hiding in a cave? The answer is fear. The bible says that Ahab had told Jezebel his wife what Elijah had done to the prophets of Baal and Asherah. Elijah had killed all the false prophets and called down fire and rain from heaven to consume them. When Jezebel heard what Elijah done, she sent a messenger to Elijah with a warning message that she was going to kill him. This is why Elijah was hiding in the cave for fear of Jezebel.

When Elijah stopped focusing on the fear of what men and women could do and centered his feelings on God, he heard God's voice. Eventually, Elijah was rescued from the cave and was taken up to heaven in a whirlwind (2Kings2:1-11). I don't know all the many reasons for finding yourself in a cave but I just know if it could happen to a mighty prophet of God like Elijah, it can happen to you and as it also happened to King David while he was running from Saul. As was true for Elijah, when we focus on the noise and the tumult of life in this world, we can get our eyes off of the LORD. However, if we listen for His still, small voice and walk in obedience to His Word, we find victory and reward in God. Each great person in the bible has a lesson for us to learn and can aid our walk as believers of Christ. Elijah struggled with typical human frailties, yet he was used by mighty God. It can be encouraging to remember that, when we struggle with faith, we are in good company. Elijah the prophet experienced such a struggle! One of the greatest prophets of all time had just called down fire from heaven, killed over 400 false prophets, and outrun King Ahab's chariot—a feat that would have been the envy of any Olympic gold-medalist (1Kings 18:36-38). Yet we find Elijah hiding in a cave, depressed and asking for death (1Kings 19:3-5). After all those miracles, he gave in to fear and doubt because a wicked woman hated him (1 Kings 19:2). During times of stress and exhaustion, we can easily forget all that God has done for us as it was the case for Elijah. 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

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Jeanne Visteen

Servers: Kathy Paoli

Ministers of Care: Rev. G. Omwando

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(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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Chemetha Baker

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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

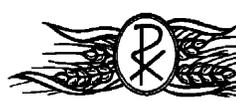
Please notify the Parish Office so that we can visit and minister to your confined loved-ones.

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.



Mass Intentions for the Week

Mon. Aug. 10

8:30 †

Bernie Kourie
By: Evie Stockinger

Tue. Aug. 11

8:30 †

Paul Farnes
By: Tom and Pat Nelson

Wed. Aug. 12

8:30 †

Sister Nadine Hargadon
By: Amanda Pomareda

Fri. Aug. 14

8:30 †

Luke Podraza
By: Jim and Elaine Podraza

Sat. Aug. 15

8:30 †

Sister Jeannine McAdams
By: Ministry of Care

5:00 †

**Deceased Members of the
Ameris Family**

Sun. Aug. 16

8:30

FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

8:30 †

Yvette and Walter Bussenils
By: The Vincent Family

10:30 (HEALTH)

Raul & Scarlett Perez
By: The Fundraising Committee

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-9; Jn 12:24-26
 Tuesday: Ez 2:8 — 3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
 Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Ps 113:1-6; Mt 18:15-20
 Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 — 19:1
 Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 [59-63]; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Mt 19:3-12
 Saturday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
 Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Nagasaki Memorial Day
 Monday: St. Lawrence
 Tuesday: St. Clare
 Wednesday: St. Jane Frances de Chantal
 Thursday: Ss. Pontian and Hippolytus
 Friday: St. Maximilian Kolbe
 Saturday: Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Today's Readings

First Reading — The Lord said to Elijah: “Stand on the mountain; the Lord will be passing by”

(1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a).

Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — To the Israelites belong the covenants, the law, and the patriarchs; and from them comes the Christ (Romans 9:1-5).

Gospel — As Jesus walked on the sea, the disciples were terrified (Matthew 14:22-33).

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Weekly Offering



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Summer Stewardship

A gentle reminder that our stewardship of our parish does not go on vacation! If you go on vacation or your plans keep you from being present here on the weekends, please try to “make up” your regular offering another weekend.



We understand that every one is not ready to attend Mass directly in the Parish. But 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.

You can go directly to our website: www.stcatherinestlucy.org and under Steward & Giving tab you will be able to find the link to *GiveCentral*



Praying for the Sick In Our Parish

Coletta Ali, Michael Ballew, Blanca Diaz, Dave Grayson, Theresa Hancock, Phillip Jones, Paul Koko, Kathleen Kroker, Marian McCurry, Jeff Nesbitt, Irma Monteverde, Raul Perez, Charles Scott, Annette Varga, and Bern Wheel.

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.



AUGUST 16, 2020 — 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7

The last part of the book of Isaiah contains the words of a prophet who lived after the Jews returned from exile. Today's passage speaks of salvation being offered to all, regardless of ethnic origin or social condition. Christians have seen in this an anticipation of the message that Jesus will preach.

Second Reading: Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Today's reading is the conclusion of Paul's thoughts about how Jewish people are going to participate in the saving grace of Jesus. Paul was Jewish and he loved his own people. He was disappointed that most of them had not accepted the Gospel. Paul hoped that his success in converting the Gentiles would encourage the Jewish people to take a second look at the message of Jesus.

Remember a Loved One

We have the 2020 Mass Book available with weekend and weekdays masses. Please call us to request your Masses. Remember your loved ones or any other special occasion. Mass intentions are only \$10.00.

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.

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



27 W. Washington Blvd.
Oak Park, IL 60302

708-386-5286

School Scoop Summer Hours

- ..# Parents may come in to register or pay fees, **Mondays through Thursdays, from 9am-1pm.**
- ..# The School Office is open for limited hours this summer.
- ..# **All who enter the building must wear masks** and are asked to use the closest stairway when going to the second floor.
- ..# Please visit only the office; classrooms are being cleaned over the summer and are not open.



Welcome Ms. Sarwark New Junior High Science Teacher

We are very excited to welcome our new sixth grade teacher Ms. Sarwark! She joins the fantastic team on our top floor of Mr. Kennedy and Ms. Young.

First Tuition Payment Due 8/15 Re-Registration PowerSchool and FACTS

Just a reminder, your first tuition payment is due by August 15th .

We will be open for our First Day of School on Wednesday, August 19th.

Pray For Our Deceased



Sister Nadine Hargadon, RSM

May she rest in peace!

We lift her up with our prayers while we embrace her brother, Jim, and her extended family here and in Ireland with a powerful promise of beauty even in our darkest moments.

May the angels lead her into Paradise

The Parish is Open for Masses

As you know, St. Catherine-St. Lucy has passed certification by the Archdiocese of Chicago to begin offering public Masses on a limited basis. SCSL parishioners are encouraged to update us with your current e-mail in order to receive the weekly notifications of our reopened Sunday Masses and other liturgies as they are scheduled. Each email will contain the link that is needed to sign up in our reservation system on *SignUp-Genius*. **NOTICE: We wanted to let everyone know that if you sign-up for Mass after Friday, they will not be on the sign-up sheets.**

- ..#Please come 15 minutes before mass starts.
- ..#Enter the church by Austin Blvd. only.
- ..#Exit the church by Washington Blvd. only.
- ..#Mandatorily wear a mask.
- ..#Your hands will be sanitized once you enter the church.
- ..#Sign-up at the entrance.
- ..#From this weekend on, entrance to Sacristy's bathroom is prohibited.
- ..#You will be assigned where to sit within the church.
- ..#No congregational singing.
- ..#Avoid touching the pews.
- ..#Follow the signs inside the church.
- ..#Please sit on the pews that are marked.
- ..#No Sign of Peace is permitted.
- ..#You will receive a Worship Aid, which will be discarded after each mass.
- ..#Communion will be received only on your hands.
- ..#After Mass, sanitize your hands.
- ..#You are NOT allowed to gather or stay in church after mass.

These guidelines were developed by the Catholic Conference of Bishops of Illinois, based on the State of Illinois



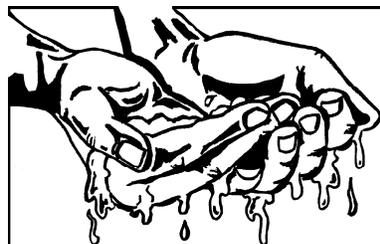
Mass Times

Please note that all public liturgies in the Archdiocese of Chicago are limited due to the COVID pandemic. To attend one of the open Masses at St. Catherine—St. Lucy you must pre-register through our *Sign-up Genius* reservation system. A new link to the sign-up page is sent out each week for the next weekend's Masses. To receive this link, please contact Amanda at 708-386-8077 during office hours or via e-mail at: apomaredascsloffice@comcast.net

Pass the Link to your Friends!

By just forwarding to friends who may not be on the church email list, particularly if they haven't seen them in church since we reopened. Sometimes people have updated their email addresses and not updated all their contacts.

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*All you who are thirsty,
come to the water!*

— Isaiah 55:1a

Parish Events

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

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

Please contact or email us if we can be of any assistance to you at 708-386-8077 Monday-Friday. from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

For emergencies, call 708-560-6109 after hours.

Faith and Fellowship

Meet Erlison

Each year, Faith and Fellowship is blessed with interns from Catholic Theological Union. We are excited to introduce this year's student.



Peace and Good to Everyone!

I'm brother Erlison Campos, a Franciscan Friar from Amazon Region in Brazil. I have been a friar for almost ten years and have been living in Chicago for two years. My house is at Saint Peter's Church in the Loop where I live with twenty-five other friars. I came to Chicago to study theology. However, I didn't speak English, so I spent one year at DePaul University learning the new language. Now I'm a CTU student, where I'm preparing myself to be priest. During this second year, I'm very happy to do my ministry practicum collaborating with Faith and Fellowship.

Before I came to US, I was living in the middle of Amazon Forest among the native people called Munduruku. The religious life and priest vocation in Amazon Region are very few, so, I ask you to pray for me and for all vocation from that region.

Grief Support Group

St. Giles Parish

Help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend

Contact Us Today -

Mondays 10:00 am to 12:00 pm.
September 14—December 7, 2020
McDonough Hall
1101 Columbian Ave., Oak Park

GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to rebuild your life after losing a loved one. Our group is led by caring people who have experienced grief and want to help your through the difficult days ahead.

To register, contact 708-223-4912 or griefshare@stgilesparish.org

Domestic Violence Outreach Update

Save the Date for the annual ACDVO Mass scheduled at Holy Name Cathedral on September 26, 2020 at 5:15 pm.

Food for Thought

It Takes Faith

*God promised Elijah He'd appear to him.
Finally with a whisper did God's message come;
With God, a genuine relationship
is never from compulsion.
Salvation comes not through some casual whim,
but from the deepest depths of love, as we plumb
for kindness and peace under God's patient grip,
and His gentle propulsion.*

*We are taught while young that tests will help us find
what we believe of God and of ourselves, and learn about
how in this noisy, violent world, we must strive
to God's whispers listen.
It takes faith to devote the whole of heart and mind
in praying, but it enables us to handle doubt.
Faith helps us recognize God as storms of life drive,
and to seek salvation's glisten.*

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

(Psalm 85: Refrain)

8/9/20. TGL

Sources: NCR Column, M. McGlone; Isaiah 55:1-3; Matt 14:33

Backpack Drive

Help Catholic Charities get backpacks on the backs of needy children in your community!

Drop-off donations between

Now and **August 10th** at:
Catholic Charities,
1400 S. Austin Blvd.,
Cicero, IL 60804

Suggested Donations:

- ...#New backpacks
- ...#Pens and pencils
- ...#Notebooks
- ...#Glue, scissors, and erasers
- ...#College-and-wide ruled paper
- ...#Rulers
- ...#Folders
- ...#Crayons and marks

Backpacks will go to children from low-income families served by Catholic Charities.
For more information contact:
Mike Waters at 708-329-4022
mwaters@catholiccharities.net

Thank you for supporting our children and community.

More Results from the Diaper Collection

Diaper Collection Huge Success!
Supported Beyond Hunger (OPRF Food Pantry)

Monetary donations: _____ \$ 3,515
Diapers: _____ 920
Adult undergarments: _____ 839

Sponsored by: St. Edmund's Peace & Justice Committee

Thank you for your generous support!

Archdiocese of Chicago

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.

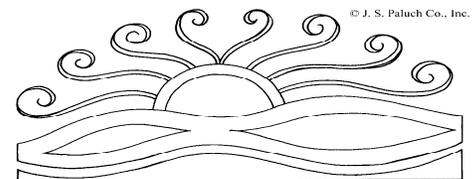
Who we are:

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



*Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven.*

— Psalm 85:12