



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA ST. LUCY

NOVEMBER 15, 2020
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. George Omwando, Pastor
Mrs. Sharon Leamy, Principal
Mr. Kraig Zeronik, Director of Music
Mr. Julius White, Praise Choir Director

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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

Weekend Masses:

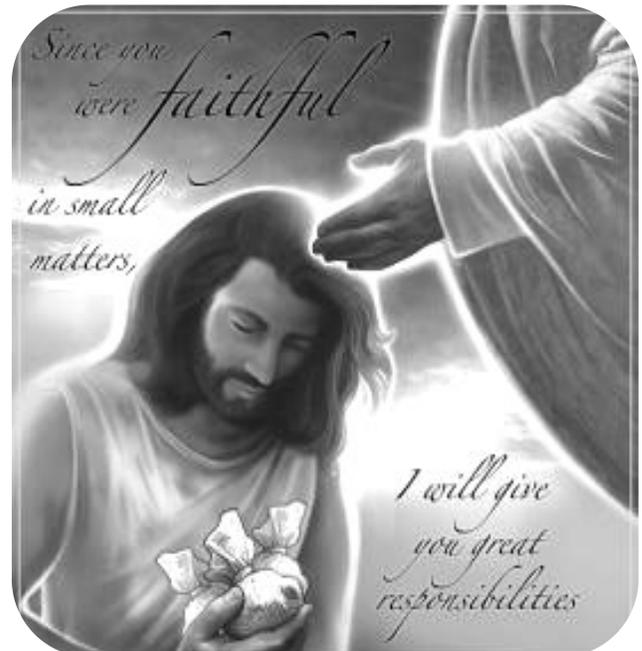
Saturday Morning - 8:30 am
Saturday Evening - 5:00 pm
Sunday Morning - 8:30 & 10:30 am

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,

One of Jesus' most significant parables regarding work is set in the context of investments (Matt. 25:14-30). In this Gospel, a rich man delegates the management of his wealth to his servants, much as investors in today's markets do. He gives five talents (a large unit of money) to the first servant, two talents to the second, and one talent to the third. Two of the servants earn 100 percent returns by trading with the funds, but the third servant hides the money in the ground and earns nothing. The rich man returns, rewards the two who made money, but severely punishes the servant who did nothing. We do not know a lot of information about this man however we do know that he trusted his staff since he gave them all his possession and left to unknown land. I think, not many of us by human standards, today will entrust our wealth to people and then go away. Our Gospel today, tells us that that this man gave his staff different talents according to one's ability.

In the New Testament, the term "talent" meant something very different than it does today. The talents Jesus spoke of in the Parable of the Unforgiving Servant (Mathew 18:21-35) and the Parable of the Talents (Mathew 25:14-30) referred to the largest unit of currency at the time. Thus, a talent represented a rather large sum of money. According to *New Nave's Topical Bible*, one who possessed five talents of gold or silver was a multimillionaire by today's standards. Some calculate the talent in the parables to be equivalent to 20 years of wages for the common worker. Other scholars estimate more conservatively, valuing the New Testament talent somewhere between \$1,000 to \$30,000 dollars today. We are told that the owner of the talents came back after a long time and was pleased with the two men who invested the talents he gave them. The two men were rewarded accordingly by him. The one who did not invest the talent received nothing. Who is this man who gave the talents? This Man is Jesus Christ, he died and went back to heaven and someday he will come back again.

Today, I challenge you to discover your gift/s and share to others and do not be like the man who never invested his talent. God does not endow people with identical or necessarily equal gifts. If you do as well as you can with the gifts given to you by God, you will hear his voice "Well done." It is not only the gifts, but also the people have equal worth. At the same time, the parable ends with the talent taken from the third servant being given to the one with ten talents. Equal worth does not necessarily mean equal compensation. Some positions require more skill or ability and thus are compensated accordingly. The two servants who did well are rewarded in different amounts. But they are both praised identically. The implication of the parable is that we are to use whatever talents we've been given to the best of our ability for God's glory, and when we have done that, we are on an equal playing field with other faithful, trustworthy servants of God. Finally, I am going to be conducting Advent bible Zoom studies on Tuesday's at 7:00 pm beginning with the first week of Advent. Please watch the bulletin space for the forthcoming link. 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
Secretary: Andrea Legatzky
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): Vacant

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:

Chemetha Baker

St. Catherine/St. Lucy School:

School Board Chair: Natasha Lee

Parish Development & Services

Commission

Collection Counters: Vacant

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

<u>Mon. Nov. 16</u>		
8:30	†	Roman Charles By: Evie Stockinger
<u>Tue. Nov. 17</u>		
8:30	†	Al Cademartric By: Tom Cademartric Luke Podraza By: Jim and Elaine Podraza
<u>Wed. Nov. 18</u>		
8:30	†	Ann and Clifford Sandow By: Shelly Sandow
<u>Fri. Nov. 20</u>		
8:30	†	Mary Cotter By: Evie Stockinger
	†	Elaine Russo By: Larry Russo
<u>Sat. Nov. 21</u>		
8:30	†	Deceased Members of The Westbrook Family
5:00	†	Jesus Yee By: The Yee Family
<u>Sun. Nov. 22</u>		
8:30		FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
8:30	†	James Kell By: Thom & Susan Schouten
10:30	†	Deceased Members of The Vincent Family

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday:	Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday:	Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33
Thursday:	Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44
Friday:	Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday:	Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20: 27-40
Sunday:	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28; Mt 25:31-46

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude
Tuesday:	St. Elizabeth of Hungary
Wednesday:	Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne
Saturday:	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Parish Events

Until further notice, all special 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.



Today's Readings

First Reading — The woman who fears the Lord is to be praised (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31).

Psalms — Blessed are those who fear the Lord (Psalm 128).

Second Reading — Brothers and sisters, you are children of the light (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6).

Gospel — Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities (Matthew 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]).

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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

Colletta Ali, Elizabeth Cotter, Kathy Feulner, Dave Grayson, Theresa Hancock, Bill Holmes, William Johnson, Phillip Jones, Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, Kathleen, Kroker, Deborah Llorence, Jimmy Llorence, Russ McCaughey, Coralia Morgan, Georgine Mullen, Scarlett & Raul Perez, Charlene Pour, Lillian Sakowicz, Jennifer Saldukas, Chuck Scott, Lawrence Tabichi, Annette Varga, & Sister Teresita Weind.

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 all of us



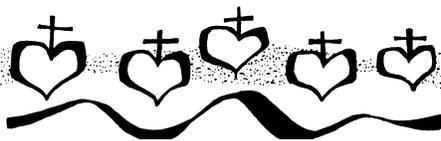
NOVEMBER 22, 2020 — OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Ezekiel preached to Jewish exiles at Babylon in the sixth century before Christ. They were a disappointed people and they blamed poor leadership for getting them into this mess. In this passage, Ezekiel uses a popular biblical image of God, that of a shepherd who cares for the sheep.

Second Reading: Corinthians 15: 20-26,28

In his first letter to the Corinthians, Paul addresses problems his converts in the community were experiencing. Some members had questioned the bodily resurrection of Jesus and their own resurrection as well. This passage is Paul's response.



Blessed are you who fear the LORD

— Psalm 128:1a

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 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.

2021 Mass Book Open

If you have a loved one who is ill or has passed away ... or any special occasion or petition you'd like to bring before the Lord ... consider offering your prayers at a Mass.

Our book is open for personal intentions for the remainder of this year and for the 2021 year.

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

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School Scoop

..#Although we cannot meet in person, Parent-Teacher Conferences are still critically important and mandatory for all families. This year, conferences will be held virtually on Tuesday, November 24, | 3-7pm.

..#High schools within the Archdiocese are allowed to make their own decisions regarding the high school entrance exam. Some schools may allow students to test within the building; others are offering an on-line option. For students choosing the on-line option, CJA will set up socially-distanced spaces at its site. Specific details will be out soon. The entrance test for all Catholic high schools will take place on Saturday, December 5.

..#Wednesday, 11/25—No school—Thanksgiving break begins!

Use your Talent

Having only modest talent is no excuse for not using it. Think what the morning would be like if only talented birds sang!

—Anonymous

Pray For Our Deceased



Mr. Fred D. Polk, Jr.

RIP 11/4/20

May he rest in peace!

We lift him up with our prayers while we embrace Rosemary, his wife, his children and his extended family with a powerful promise of beauty even in our darkest moments.

May the angels lead him 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

Food for Thought

A Wreath of Roses

Illuminating the special path for us to achieve our salvation, Three beams of light: love of God, self and neighbor, our Christian foundation. These are clearly what the first two commandments intend, and on which the whole law and the prophets do depend. They are also from the mysteries of the rosary.

“Rosary” came from the Latin “rosarium,” wreath of roses, which was used to denote the prayers and sayings that it poses. Hail Marys, counted by aid of Pater Nosters, were common in the twelfth century. Gradually, her last part was added, “Holy Mary,” that forms today’s prayer.

Now Mary’s crowning as Queen of Heaven is celebrated in the fifth Glorious Mystery of the rosary, stated movingly in Luke for all the nations: “...For behold, henceforth all generations shall call me Blessed, because He who is mighty has done great things for me...”

—TGL 11/15/20

Sources: The Holy Bible, Catholic Action Addition, 1953; Luke 1:48-49 (Magnificat).



Mass Times

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: apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net

Pass the Link to your Friends!

By just forwarding to friends who may not be on the church email list.

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November All Souls Month

Because of Covid-19 regulations this year we will **NOT** have the *Book of the Dead* available in the back of the Church. Also, this year we are asking you **NOT** to bring pictures of your loved ones who have died for the church’s window sills because they will be removed.

During the month of November, if you wish to add the name of a loved one who has passed away to our masses, please send an e-mail to Christine at:

Christine.wedekind@aol.com so she can notify Fr. George.

Project Rachel

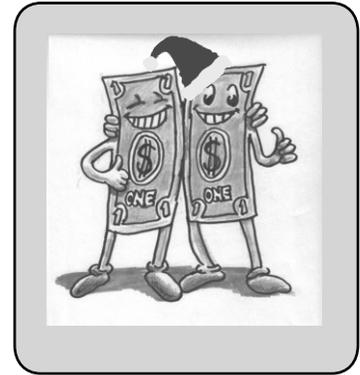
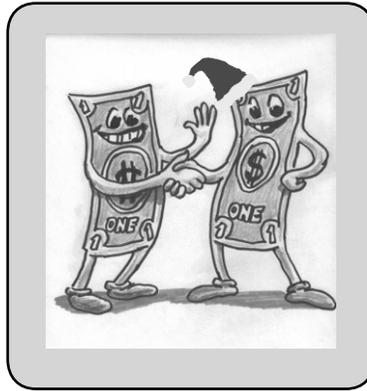
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