



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA ST. LUCY

NOVEMBER 22, 2020

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



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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,

Today we come to the end of our Liturgical year with the celebration of the Solemnity of Christ, the King. Our first reading is drawn from prophet Ezekiel 34. This chapter is not about the sheep, but it is about people who acted like sheep. The people needed a good shepherd to lead them. The shepherds that Ezekiel wrote were not really shepherds but were the kings of Israel who had the responsibility of leading their citizens. Prophet Ezekiel used an allegorical language of comparing people with sheep and leaders with shepherds. One wonders why Ezekiel sounds like a nice way to talk about the relationship between kings and their subjects. Shepherds are supposed to look out for the sheep and kings are supposed to look out for their subjects, but prophet Ezekiel says that is not what the kings in Israel were doing. Instead of caring for the weak, the sick, the injured, the strayed, and the lost, these shepherds, or kings in this case, were mostly looking after themselves, feeding themselves, fleecing their subjects, and lining their own nests. Ezekiel said, "You drink the milk, you clothe yourselves with the wool, etc., but you do not feed the sheep." And so, instead of helping their citizens, these national leaders were getting richer and more powerful at the expense of their citizens. The Kings were doing things to their own advantage. Does that sound like something you've heard before? Does this surprise you lately? As a result, Ezekiel says, the sheep are now scattered over the face of the earth, with no one to search or seek for them.

The situation, as we know from the Old Testament, was that the people of Israel were deported from their country because their kings were not godly leaders. If you look at the record, you find that out of 43 kings, only three were consistently loyal to God: David, Hezekiah, and Josiah. around 8 or 9 did some good, but all the rest were extremely bad kings. For many years, the people were without anyone to lead them. They were like scattered sheep on the hillside, exposed to storms, wild animals, and famine. In fact, they had been carried off to another country. They had been exiled to Babylon. So, what would happen to these Kings and the people? God's judgment would come. Ezekiel announced that their holy city Jerusalem would be completely destroyed. And he urged the people to repent of their wrongdoing in the hope that God would not carry out his punishment. Christ, our King said that the good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. What does that mean? A shepherd was responsible for the life of his sheep and sometimes he had to risk his own life for the sake of his flock. It wasn't only wild animals that threatened the sheep.

I think the best way to end our Liturgical Year is by the celebration that honors the Son of God who died on the Cross and took away the punishment that was rightly ours. Christ is not like any of the earthly kings that puts heavy burdens on those they govern, but a King who came to live with sinner and died for them. What a privilege to have such King!

Finally, there will be a Second Collection to support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. I know that this is a very challenging time that we are but please spare some change and help our Church to continue the mission of helping the needy amongst us.

There will be Bible Studies via Zoom beginning with the first week of Advent on Wednesday at 7:00 pm. As advent approaches, you will receive by email the zoom link that we will be using through the four weeks of Advent. 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

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Servers: Kathy Paoli

Ministers of Care: Rev. G. Omwando

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(RCIA): Vacant

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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

Mon. Nov. 23	†	Louise H. Butler By: Grace Bishop
Tue. Nov. 24	†	Maureen Quinlan By: Tom and Pat Nelson
	†	Nancy Staunton By: Dee Van Thorre
Wed. Nov. 25	†	Corazon Gaetos By: Cynthia Bora
Thur. Nov. 26	-	THANKSGIVING DAY
8:30	†	Sister Nadine Hargadon By: Christine Wedekind
Fri. Nov. 27		
8:30	(BURIAL ANNIV.) †	Luke Podraza By: Jim and Elaine Podraza
Sat. Nov. 28		
8:30	†	Albert Brion By: Dorothy Brion
5:00	†	Kenneth W. Dust By: Donna Kanapes
Sun. Nov. 29		
8:30		FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
8:30	†	Rose Lawler Margaret Frank By: Carol and Tom Frank
10:30	†	Clement T. Shayo By: Selina Mushi

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5; Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6; Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday:	Rv 14:14-19; Ps 96:10-13; Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday:	Rv 15:1-4; Ps 98:1-3ab, 7-9; Lk 21: 12-19
Thursday:	Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
Friday:	Rv 20:1-4, 11 — 21:2; Ps 84:3-6a, 8a; Lk 21:29-33
Saturday:	Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95:1-7ab; Lk 21:34-36
Sunday:	Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15 -16, 18-19; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Monday:	Last Week in Ordinary Time St. Clement I; St. Columban; Bl. Miguel Agustín Pro
Tuesday:	St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc and Companions
Wednesday:	St. Catherine of Alexandria
Thursday:	Thanksgiving Day
Saturday:	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.



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Today's Readings

First Reading — I will rescue my scattered sheep (Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17).

Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).

Second Reading — As in Adam all die, so too in Christ all shall be brought to life (1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28).

Gospel — Whatever you did to the least ones, you did to me (Matthew 25:31-46).

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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, Erin Arellano, Elizabeth Cotter, Kathy Feulner, Dave Grayson, Theresa Hancock, Bill Holmes, William Johnson, Phillip Jones, Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, Kathleen, Kroker, Deborah Llorence, Jimmy Llorence, Coralía Morgan, Georgine Mullen, Scarlett & Raul Perez, Charlene Pour, Lillian Sakowicz, , 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 29 2020 — FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17, 19; 64: 1, 2-7

The Israelites had just returned from exile and were suffering economic hardship and persecution. The prophet expresses their expectation that God will intervene in human history in a dramatic way to help them. At the end of this reading, we will hear a familiar image.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1: 3-9

In the letter-writing style popular in Paul's day, writers would begin by extending greetings and then thank the gods for the blessings *they themselves* received. But Paul begins his first letter to the Corinthians by thanking God for the blessings *his converts in Corinth* have received. (It may help to know that the phrase "day of the Lord" refers to Jesus coming again in glory.)

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: apomaredascsloffice@comcast.net



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School Scoop

- ..# On Tuesday, November 24th— Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences from 3-7pm
- ..# No School from Wednesday, November 25th Thanksgiving break begins!
- ..# Thursday, November 26th— Happy Thanksgiving!
- ..# Sunday November 29th—First Day of Advent
- ..# Monday, November 30th — Back to school

To our parish family, we would like to wish you a blessed and Happy Thanksgiving. You are truly a special blessing for our school. Thank you.



Pray For Our Deceased



*Mr. Russ McCaughey
RIP 11/13/20*

May he rest in peace!

We lift him up with our prayers while we embrace Danny Gotmer, his best friend and his extended family with a powerful promise of beauty even in our darkest moments.

May the angels lead him into Paradise

"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink."

— Matthew 25:35

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

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.

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Faith & Fellowship News

YouTube “Pizza Mass” – Part 2

This week, Catechist Marcial Gomez comments the October’s virtual Annual Mass and Pizza Party: I was grateful that the message of the Mass would be seen by countless others on social media (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7jUIY0zhL14&t=273s>). My discussion group afterward gave me a such a feeling of fellowship and a different perspective that deepened my understanding on how important our ministry is to others and to ourselves. Fr. Grassi's homily, as well as Cardinal Cupich's introduction, were outpourings of blessings in that they reminded me that I am continually invited to meet Jesus in the heart of every sister and brother.

Thanksgiving

One act of thanksgiving, when things go wrong with us, is worth a thousand thanks when things are agreeable to our inclinations.

—Saint John of Ávila

Food for Thought

The Least of My Brothers

In Ezekiel's parable of the sheep and the goats, we do not recognize Christ in others, especially those in need. Folks made a serious flub: What to use to settle their fate so dim.

We are told what Jesus seeks, as our catechism notes:

We know, love and serve God as His brothers.

How do we know, despite the Beatitudes? Here's the rub:

Who is God? How do we love and serve Him?

Today's parable tells us, as Jesus identifies with the lowliest, no “ad hominem.”

While humanity views the divine as magnificent, Jesus knew that working with the needy

enlarges the hearts of givers, brings us more human ties.

The poor are in Christ, and He is in them.

“You, blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom heaven-sent, What you did for my brothers, you did for me,”



11/22/20. TGL

Sources: Ezekiel 26:1-6; Matt 25:31-46; NCR Column, M.McGlone

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We are so thankful as donations continue to arrive. We hope to give you a figure next week.



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