



**ST. CATHERINE**

**OF SIENA ST. LUCY**

**NOVEMBER 29, 2020**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



**PASTORAL TEAM**

**Rev. George Omwando, Pastor**  
**Mrs. Sharon Leamy, Principal**  
**Mr. Julius White, Praise Choir Director**

**SUPPORT STAFF**

**Ms. Patricia Pomykalski, Business Manager**  
**Mrs. Amanda Pomareda, Office Manager**  
**Mrs. Fannie Cooper, School Secretary**

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**Hours: 8:30 AM-4:30 PM—Monday through Friday**

**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.**

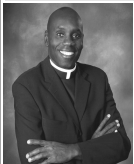
**Baptisms**

**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,

I hope you had a wonderful thanksgiving dinner with your families, friends and relatives under such strict Covid-19 conditions. Thanksgiving is a special moment that we take time-off from our very busy and tiring schedules so that we can spend some quality with our loved ones. To some of our brothers and sisters, maybe this past thanksgiving week must be very challenging in case you lost a member of your family through Covid-19 sickness. Or maybe your beloved friend is lying in hospital fighting for his or her life or you are going through a difficult time in your life, or perhaps getting separated from a loved one or you have someone in a prison and was missed at the dinner table. In all these circumstances, our God is faithful to us even if we become unfaithful or ungrateful to Him. In those difficult times that we find ourselves in, there are still many ways we can say thank you to our God especially the gift of life and gift of freedom of expression as well as worship. I believe that is what makes *Thanksgiving Day* a special time of the year aside from sharing your favorite dish with family friends.

Today, we begin a new Liturgical Calendar the season of Advent, Year B having ended our Liturgical year with the Celebration of the solemnity of Christ the King last Sunday. The season of Advent calls every follower of Christ to prepare for the second coming of the Son of God. Unfortunately, this season of Advent coincides with the season of heavy shopping. It is not usual to hear people talk about the colorfully TV commercials that are bombarding them. During this season, you will be lured to buy what you do not want in the name of huge discounts. It is not bad to shop but we should never be distracted from this season of Advent that calls us to examine our hearts and open them for Christ. If Christ is going to be born, He is going to be born in your heart and hopefully He does not find you busy and no time for Him in your heart. Remember that, no one knows which day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father that knows. I want you to be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come as you through your daily activities. Advent symbolizes the present situation of the church in these “last days” (Acts 2:17, Hebrews 1:2), as God’s people wait for the return of Christ in glory to consummate his eternal kingdom. The church is in a similar situation to Israel at the end of the Old Testament: in exile, waiting and hoping in prayerful expectation for the coming of the Messiah. Israel looked back to God’s past gracious actions on their behalf in leading them out of Egypt in the Exodus, and on this basis, they called for God once again to act for them. In the same way, the church, during Advent, looks back upon Christ’s coming in celebration while at the same time looking forward in eager anticipation to the coming of Christ’s kingdom when he returns for his people. In this light, the Advent hymn “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” perfectly represents the church’s cry during the Advent Season. Finally, I hope to see you this Wednesday at 7:00 pm for our Advent Bible Zoom Reflections. The Zoom link that you received in your emails will remain the same throughout 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: TBA

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: TBA

Religious Education of Children: TBA

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.</u>	<u>Nov. 30</u>	†	<b>Cas Pomykalski</b> By: Pat Pomykalski
<u>Tue.</u>	<u>Dec. 1</u>	†	<b>Anthony Roth</b> By: Tom and Pat Nelson
<u>Wed.</u>	<u>Dec. 2</u>	†	<b>Dorothy Zimmerman</b> By: Evie Stockinger
		†	<b>Luke Podraza</b> By: Jim and Elaine Podraza
<u>Fri.</u>	<u>Dec. 4</u>		<b>Candace Perry</b> By: Shelly Sandow
<u>Sat.</u>	<u>Dec. 5</u>	†	<b>Gary Gray</b> BY: CYNTHIA WEAVER & JIM BOWERS
		†	<b>Jerry Rice</b> By: The Yee Family
<u>Sun.</u>	<u>Dec. 6</u>		<b>FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH</b>
		†	<b>Sunny Okeoguale</b> By: Donna Kanapes
		†	<b>Eva Smith</b> By: The Vincent Family

## Readings for the Week

Monday:	Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14;

## Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	First Sunday of Advent
Monday:	St. Andrew, Apostle
Tuesday:	World AIDS Awareness Day
Thursday:	St. Francis Xavier
Friday:	St. John Damascene
Friday:	First Friday

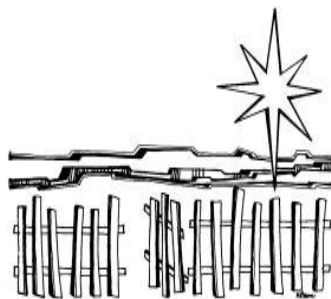
## Parish Events

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.



*Be watchful! Be alert!*

*You do not know when the time will come.*

— Mark 13:33

## Today's Readings

**First Reading** — We are the clay and you, O Lord, are the potter: we are the work of your hands (Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7).

**Psalm** — Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved (Psalm 80).

**Second Reading** — God is faithful; by God you were called to fellowship with the Son (1 Corinthians 1:3-9).

**Gospel** — Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. (Mark 13:33-37).

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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](http://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, Katherine Fisher, Dave Grayson, Theresa Hancock, Bill Holmes, William Johnson, Phillip Jones, Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, Kathleen, Kroker, Deborah Llorence, Jimmy Llorence, Coralia Morgan, Georgine Mullen, Scarlett & Raul Perez, Charlene Pour, Lillian Sakowicz, Vince Saunders, Chuck Scott, Lawrence Tabichi, Annette Varga, and Sr. 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



### DECEMBER 6, 2020 — SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11**

This passage from the book of Isaiah begins with God calling upon the prophet to encourage the Jewish people who are exiled in Babylon. The prophet is to tell them that they will be returning home soon, and the road of the return will pass through the desert. We will also hear God call the *people* to proclaim from a mountaintop the goodness of God.

**Second Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14**

The second letter of Peter was written nearly 100 years after Jesus' death and resurrection. At an earlier time, Christians had expected the Lord to return in glory quickly. But by this time, they had lost confidence that the Lord would return at all. The author doesn't want people to abandon their hope, and gives a positive interpretation to this delay.



## 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](mailto:apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net)

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## School Scoop

- ..# Classes resume tomorrow, 11/30.
- ..# Work on the School playground started last week. The fence will be down by the end of the day. Within a few weeks, the playground will be repaved and a new fence will be up.
- ..# 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. The entrance test for all Catholic high schools date is: Sat. December 5th.

## What Is the Mass?

There is no simple answer to that question. There are many different images and terms to describe our most important prayer. The Mass is the celebration of the Eucharist, a Greek word that means *thanksgiving*. It is the Lord's Supper. It is the Breaking of the Bread. It is the memorial of the Lord's passion, death, and resurrection. It is the Holy Sacrifice, in which the sacrifice of Christ on the cross is perpetuated. It is the holy and divine liturgy, the sacred mysteries. It is the source and summit of our Christian lives, the new covenant, the work of the Holy Spirit, the paschal mystery. The many different words and images that we use when we speak of the Mass are not signs of confusion, but of wonder at what the Catechism of the Catholic Church (1328) calls the "inexhaustible richness" of the Eucharist. The Mass, our greatest prayer and our deepest mystery, is celebrated every day, many times a day, the world over. The Eucharist is both "bread from heaven" and "daily bread." The Mass is our everyday miracle.

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## 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: [apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net](mailto: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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## VOCATIONS

### School Sisters of Notre Dame

#### Living Our Call as SSNDs: Responding to Racism

Hear the personal stories of School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND) as they explore the topic of racism from the perspective of SSND charism, life and mission. Seeking to witness to unity in our divided world, SSND engage fully in the lifelong process of conversion of heart and return to love. This online event will take place December 1, 2020, 7-8 p.m. CST. Women ages 18-45 are invited to learn more and register by November 30 at [ssnd.org/events/](http://ssnd.org/events/).

## Food for Thought

### Putting Faith To Work

*As children in the Catholic school, we were taught that faith alone was not enough.*

*The words conveyed a heaviness: "Faith without works is dead." We don't hear that phrase anymore; We're not called to be disciples. What we do hear is what our faith is all about.*

*It's erudite and salient:*

*"Christian Faith is about following the Risen Lord, wherever He leads."*

*We're told our Catholic Faith depends on Christ's resurrection. We demonstrate that faith in church with Holy Communion.*

*But is that enough?*

*We just heard about the parable of the sheep and the goats.*

*The goats likely had faith, but did nothing with it.*

*The sheep acted on their faith, helping Jesus' brothers.*

*They showed virtue.*

*Virtue is a word of immense power; A person of virtue conveys general moral excellence.*

*They practice goodness and morality, and think and act unselfishly.*

*When Jesus founded his Church, he sent His disciples out to foreign lands.*

*They were men of deep, sincere virtue. And they had faith in Jesus, their leader.*

*And so it is to this day, where faith and virtue*

*are salvation's beacons. 11/29/20. TGL*

## Women's Center

### SEEKING DONATIONS FOR NEW MOTHERS

Our moms need items for their own use such as lotions, shampoo, toothpaste, soaps and other health and hygiene items. Your thoughtfulness is appreciate. Please call 773-794-1313 for information.

# MATCHING Bazaar MEMORIES 2020



**THANK YOU**

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, this bulletin went to press early. We are, however, excited to tell you that we not only reached our goal of matching \$5,000.00, but surpassed it!

As of 11/18/2020, the Matching Bazaar Memories 2020 has received \$ 14,477.00 in donations **plus** the \$5,000.00 match. This is through the incredible generosity of parishioners, alumni, friends of our Parish Community, and the generous donor who got this all started! The monies from this alternative to our traditional Bazaar will replace Bazaar funds usually raised and help address the shortfall from some of our cancelled events this year such as the Flower Sales, the Walkathon and Picnic, the Bake Sales, the Sox Game, the Casino Trip, the Night at the Races, and the Farmers Market Donut Sales. We hope you have enjoyed the photo memories of past Bazaars displayed at church, in bulletins, and in e-blasts. We wanted them to bring some FUN into what has turned out to be a very successful 2020 Bazaar Matching Campaign. In case you missed this in our final e-blast or would like to see it again, just type into your search bar to view our last group of memories from past Bazaars . . . A VIDEO WITH MUSIC!

**[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6PZ2aZF3\\_JY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6PZ2aZF3_JY)**

*This video and previous weeks of Bazaar photo memories in the bulletins and e-blasts have been made possible by our 'Graphic Designer' extraordinaire, MADONNA SLOAN, in coordination and concert with AMANDA POMAREDA. Our most sincere gratitude to these talented women.*



**THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!!**  
*The Fundraising and Bazaar Committees*