



**ST. CATHERINE**

**OF SIENA ST. LUCY**

**FEBRUARY 7, 2021**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**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**

**CONTACTING THE PARISH & SCHOOL**

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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**

**School - 27 Washington Blvd.; Oak Park, IL 60302**  
**Telephone: 708-386-5286**

**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**

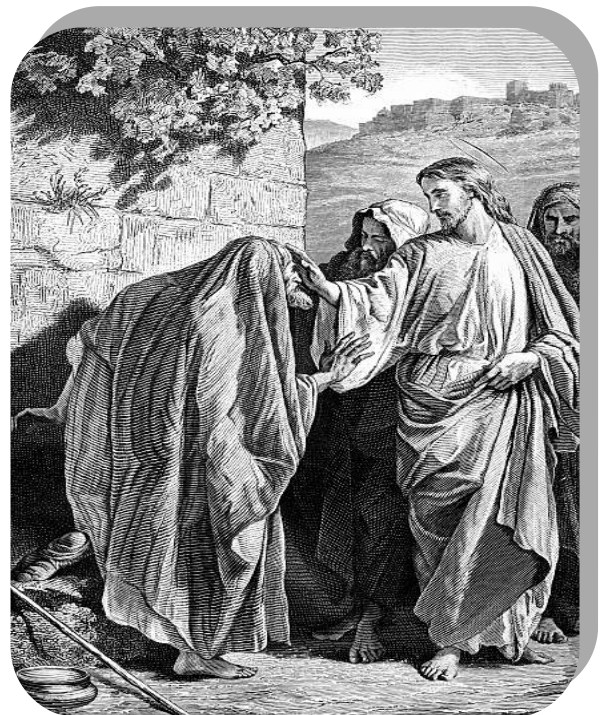
**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**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)**



### *From Rev. George O. Omwando, Pastor*



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Trees snap like toothpicks or fly upward, wrenched from the earth. Whole rooftops sail, cars tumble like toys, houses collapse, and a wall of water obliterates the shore and inundates the land. A hurricane cuts and tears, and only solid foundation survive its unbridled fury. But those foundations can be used for rebuilding after the storm. For any building, the foundation is critical. It must be deep enough and solid enough to withstand the weight of the building and other stresses. Lives are like buildings, and the quality of their foundation will determine the quality of the whole. Too often inferior materials are used and when the tests come, lives crush. Job was tested. With a life filled with prestige, possessions, and people, he was suddenly assaulted on every side, devastated, stripped down to his foundation. But his life was built on God, and he endured. Job was a prosperous farmer. He had thousands of sheep, camels, and livestock, a large family, and many servants. Suddenly, Stan the accuser came before God claiming that job was trusting God and only because he was wealthy, and everything was going well for him. And so, the testing of Job's faith began. Stan was allowed to destroy Job's children, servants, livestock, herdsman, and home, but job continued to trust in God. Next Satan attacked Job physically, covering him with painful sores. Job's wife told him to curse God and die but Job suffered in silence. In his thinking Job's wish for death was similar to a poor servant or hireling that is tired with his work and wishes for the shadows of the evening, when he shall receive his pay and go home to rest. Job felt that all his days were useless and had been so for quite a while. He was wholly taken off from being able to do anything worthwhile. Every day was a burden to him because he was in no capacity of doing well. He could not fill up his time with anything that would turn to practical value. This he calls possessing months of vanity.

We learn from the story of Job that: God allowed Satan to test Job to prove that he did not serve God just for the good life that God had blessed him with. Job served God because he believed in the righteousness of God. It is not a great commitment to God to serve Him just when times are good! It seems like Job saw his life as above fault (and he was an upright person,) but towards the end of the book, God showed Job how little he knew and in comparison with a holy God, Job saw his need to repent. We are all guilty of sin and in need of the Savior, that God has provided in Jesus Christ. The book of Job is a great book for every generation and for us yet today. We can see the end of the story but at the moment Job could not. Job's faith clung to God through it all. He said, "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him". That is true faith in the sovereignty of God, knowing that He will work things out for our eternal good if we commit our life to Him and follow His Word.

Finally, if you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back. This year, we also encourage our parishioners to make their Annual Catholic Appeal gifts online or via text message: [annualcatholicappeal.com](http://annualcatholicappeal.com) or text the word "ACA2021" to 345345. God bless you for your unceasing generosity support to the parish.

— *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

<b>Mon. Feb. 8</b>		
<b>8:30 HEALTH</b>	†	<b>Kathy Feulner</b> By: Ministry of Care
<b>Tue. Feb. 9</b>		
<b>8:30</b>	†	<b>Diana Rigg</b> By: Tom and Pat Nelson
<b>Wed. Feb. 10</b>		
<b>8:30</b>	†	<b>Rayshard Brooks</b> By: Donna Kanapes
<b>Fri. Feb. 12</b>		
<b>8:30</b>	†	<b>Rev. John Carolan</b> By: Era Yee
<b>Sat. Feb. 13</b>		
<b>8:30</b>	†	<b>Luke Podraza</b> By: Jim and Elaine Podraza
<b>5:00</b>	†	<b>Nancy Price</b> By: Grace Bishop
<b>Sun. Feb. 14</b>		
<b>8:30</b>		<b>FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH</b>
<b>8:30</b>	†	<b>Justine Brunote</b> By: The Vincent Family
<b>10:30</b>	†	<b>J.C. Fields</b> By: Tom and Pat Nelson

### Readings for the Week

Monday:	Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10
Sunday:	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 — 11:1; Mk 1:40-45

### Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Day for Consecrated Life; Scout Sunday
Monday:	St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita; International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking
Wednesday:	St. Scholastica
Thursday:	Our Lady of Lourdes; World Day of the Sick
Friday:	Abraham Lincoln's Birthday; Lunar New Year 4719
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary

### 2020 Statement of Contributions

For tax purposes you can **request** now a list of your 2020 Statement of Contributions. Please call or e-mail Amanda at 708-386-8077, via e-mail at: [apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net](mailto:apomaredascsoffice@comcast.net). Thank you.

### Today's Readings

**First Reading** — Job finds life on earth to be drudgery; he is filled with restlessness (Job 7:1-4, 6-7).

**Psalm** — Praise the Lord, who heals the brokenhearted (Psalm 147).

**Second Reading** — Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel. I have become all things to all, to save at least some (1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23).

**Gospel** — Jesus cured many who were sick with various diseases (Mark 1:29-39).

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### Parish Events

All special events in the church and school remain canceled as a precaution against the spread of the COVID

Our Pastor keeps on observing 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.



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, Jeanette Cannon, Kathy Egan, Kathy Feulner, Dave Grayson, Theresa Hancock, Bill Holmes, William Johnson, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Hardie Kressler, Kathleen, Kroker, Cache Lane, Deborah Llorence, Jimmy Llorence, Coralia Morgan, Georgine Mullen, Scarlett and Raul Perez, Vince Saunders, Chuck Scott, Tom Sterr, Lawrence Tabichi, Sam Vaccaro, Annette Varga, Sr. Teresita Weind and Paul Winterhalter.

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

1st & 2nd Readings for the upcoming Sunday are offered. Their sole purpose is to help all of us



### FEBRUARY 14, 2021 — 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading:** Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

The third book of the Bible, Leviticus, is a collection of Jewish laws. Old Testament people believed that being clean or unclean (that is, kosher or non-kosher) was based on what was considered to be normal or abnormal. For example, because a snake slithered on the ground rather than walked, it was considered abnormal, and therefore unclean. By the same standards, people with disabilities or deformities were seen as unclean. We see a particular case addressed in this reading.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Today's passage concludes a long section of First Corinthians in which Paul has been addressing disputes between Jewish Christians and Gentile Christians about what foods are kosher. Paul now makes a general observation that while we may in principle be free to do this or that, we should avoid those things that disrupt harmony and peace.

## 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.

## 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*

## Pro-Life A Woman's Right to "Choose"?

The word "choice" (as used on the subject of abortion) is probably the most misleading and deceptive term in the English language.

While it might sound good to say that government should allow people to make all their own choices, that is neither practical nor desirable. Some choices are crimes. All crimes are choices.

Once a woman is pregnant, barring a miscarriage or an induced abortion, she will have a baby. Therefore, her only "choice" is,

**How is the baby going to come out? "Will he or she come out alive and crying, or dead and in pieces?" Truly, her choice is between life and death—a live baby, or a dead one.**

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## School Scoop

..#Re-registration for next year has begun. Paperwork/links/information is available. All students who register by February 28 will receive a special gift!

..#Last Thursday, February 4, at 9am, the school had a **hard lockdown drill**, which abided COVID protocols. Everyone was in-sync and went well. Thanks for participating.

..#Just a reminder...there is no school on Friday, February 12, as the teachers have an in-service day. There is also no school on Monday, February 15, for Presidents' Day.

..#Thank you to Mr. Louie Weiss, our Operations Director, who coordinated the replacement of the lights at Maguire Hall/ the gym, with brighter, more energy-efficient LED lights.

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

## Catholic Charities

### Legal Assistance Available

Catholic Charities Legal Assistance Department has attorneys and volunteer attorneys available to provide advice in numerous areas of law. Services include in-depth advice and possible direct representation on tenant issues, family law, consumer and debtor rights, foreclosure, employment issues, orders of protection, power of attorney, and more. CCLA provides free to low-cost legal services to eligible low-income individuals. For help and more information, contact the legal advice line at 312-948-6821.

## 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

**Archdiocese of Chicago**  
PLEASE MAKE YOUR GIFT TO  
THE 2021 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL



## Come, follow me... and bring hope to the world

Many families in our parish will be receiving the Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes and schools who receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible.

The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer Jesus' call to "Come, follow me ... and bring hope to the world." This is especially important during these trying and challenging times. Many in our parishes are affected financially by the pandemic, and we encourage giving at all levels to support this initiative.

In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the archdiocese the Annual Catholic Appeal funds services in our own parish. For example, Appeal funds support the subsidy of the religious formation for our deacon, help us maintain our parish ministries, and also with the structural expenses.

When we financially support the work of our parish, our archdiocese and the Catholic Church throughout the world, we experience a feeling of deep gratitude, especially when we contemplate God's many gifts to us personally. By sharing our wealth through gifts to the 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal, we demonstrate our commitment to the Church and each other.

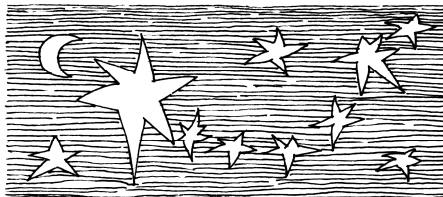
## Mass Times

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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## Thank you from *The Women's Center*

Dear Fr. George,

Thank you so much for the generous donation of \$159 in the 2020 Baby Bottle collection raised by your parishioners.

These funds allow us to provide real, practical assistance to women in crisis pregnancies. Not only do we help them choose life for their babies, but then we are able to provide them with much needed material assistance and emotional support.

We just want to express to you, the office staff, and the parishioners our sincere appreciation. May God bless you. Sincerely, Janet Back, Manager of Fundraising.

[The LORD] tells the number of the stars calls them by name.

— Psalm 147:4

## The Treasured Aramaic Words of Jesus

A Lenten Contemplation on the Lord's Prayer in Aramaic, the native language of Jesus

Saturday, February 27, 2021, 10:00am to 1:00pm, CST.

A Zoom Lenten retreat, With Aramaic scholar and author, Neil Douglas-Klotz & Brother Joseph Kilikevice, OP, Director of the Shem Center for Interfaith Spirituality, Oak Park

Registration before February 20, 2021 is required. Given this time of financial difficulty, your donation in any amount expressing your gratitude is much appreciated. PayPal or checks in US funds are accepted. Use the Zoom access address below.

### REGISTRATION on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZMpf-2rqDsrHNSB1NiT0nzkekXHW5Is-JOK>

### DONATION BY PAYPAL:

After registering, go to the PayPal home page and select "Send Money, Pay Online. . ." Then, "Send a Request" at the top of the page using the Shem Center e-mail address, [shemcenter1993@gmail.com](mailto:shemcenter1993@gmail.com), enter the amount of your donation. It will go directly into the Shem Center PayPal account.

### DONATION BY CHECK:

Make the check payable to *Shem Center* and mail to: Shem Center for Interfaith Spirituality, 708 N. Harvey Ave., Oak Park, IL 60302

### Food for Thought

## The Tenacity of Job

*To mention Job will call to mind the popular cliché;  
But was it patience that he showed, or just tenacity?  
When God permitted Satan to destroy him without cause,  
he wrote of months of misery, with endless, sleepless nights.  
He boisterously mourned over his tragedy buffet:  
The loss of fam'ly, health and wealth evoked loquacity.  
So as a decent person, he protested without pause,  
until God finally spoke with him, and relit wisdom's lights.*

*God replaced everything of Job's that nasty devil took.  
He realized that God had given him all that he had;  
His life, easy or arduous, could never be deserved.  
We never really own our lives...but we do owe our lives.  
Job's the most righteous man alive—Ezekiel's outlook.  
He shows us how to pray with total honesty—when clad  
with heart-rending sadness—to a God who's unreserved  
in His deep love for us in crises, so that each survives.*



*Great is the Lord and mighty in power;  
In His wisdom there is no limit.*

(Psalm 147:5-6)

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Sources: NCR, M. McClone; Job 7:1-7; Who's Who in the Bible, Reader's Digest Assn, 1994.

## Coordinator of Music – *part time*

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We are looking to hire a Coordinator of Music who would be responsible for facilitating the musical worship life of the parish community by coordinating the activities delineated below:

- #Select and prepare sacred music for all church liturgies including Sunday and Holy Day Masses, civil holidays, and special liturgies.
- #Arrange for musical coverage for weekend Masses (accompanist and cantor).
- #Prepare cantors for Sunday Mass.
- #Work on sacramental celebrations in conjunction with school and religious education staff.
- #Meet with grieving families and offer guidance with regard to music selections for funerals.
- #Meet with engaged couples to provide guidance in selection of sacred music for their wedding liturgies.
- #Prepare worship aids for Weekend Masses, Triduum, Christmas, etc.
- #Assist in liturgy planning.
- #Demonstrate ability to play both piano and organ.
- #Demonstrate the ability to play instrument and sing at the same time when necessary.

*There is also an interest in discussing potential candidate's knowledge of technology as related to video streaming and YouTube.*

For additional information, please contact Fr. George via email above. Please note that this position is **open immediately upon qualification** and it carries no benefits. Typically, at this time, the position covers 8-10 hours per week. There is no choir involvement during this time of COVID restrictions. Previous experience in participation and leading parish music ministry is mandatory. Please send a resume and reference(s) from previous assignment(s) to the pastor.