

THE NIGERIAN IGBO CATHOLIC COMMUNITY,
SAN JOSE

Palm Sunday. April 14, 2019

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NEVER GIVE UP!

Today is the 6th and last Sunday of Lent, the Sunday before Easter which formally commences the Holy Week. On this day the Church commemorates Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem when olive and palm branches were strewn in his path to accomplish his paschal mystery. In many ways, Palm Sunday is the overture to Holy Week since it contains all the themes to be emphasized from this day to the following Sunday. The events of the passion narrative that will be read will also be broken and reflected into different bits within the week.

However, the most distinctive ceremonies of the day are the **blessing of the palms, the procession, and the reading of the passion**. The red vestment worn by the presider today symbolizes the royalty of Christ, which this feast celebrates. Our celebration today is therefore, a pre-figurement of our own anticipated triumphal entry into the heavenly Jerusalem as Christ leads on. By his death he destroyed death and by his rising he restored our life. The procession is not mere triumphal march, but as Christ's journey together with his people to Calvary and the great act of redemption. By joyful entrance in this liturgy, we identify with Christ's disposition to accept the cross for our salvation

The Gospel passion we read describes the humility, the determination, and perseverance of Jesus in the face of his suffering, which the 1st reading and the 2nd reading point out in different ways. In the nature of Jesus' suffering we see different aspects of sufferings we face in our lives. The sufferings of denial, betrayal, abandonment, fear, anxiety, mockery, and physical suffering, but in all these Jesus trusted in God for strength to accomplish his mission. Thus, in our reflection of this passion, we pray for the grace to always to imitate Jesus in his attitudes towards his sufferings. Let this Holy Week help us to reflect more on the sufferings of Christ, as they relate to us in different ways, and never to give up in our life struggles, but always trust in God as Jesus did. Amen.

Mass Intentions: For the People of God

Other Intentions:

- The family of Eunice Etim, Chinedu Jovitus and Laurence Kelechi Nze thank God for all his blessing on the Family, and pray that God will continue to bless and guide them throughout their lives.

Penitential Rite:

Onye Nwe anyi Mee Ebere

Christi Mee Ebere

Onye Nwe Anyi Mee Ebere

Liturgy Of The Word

IHE OGUGU NKE MBU: Aizaya 50:4-7

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'Akwukwo onye Amuma Aizaya.

Onyenweanyi enyela m ire nke nwa azu; ka m mara otu m ga-esi na-aza ndi ike gwuru aziza. O nyela m onyinye nke okwu. O na-emete m n'uru kwa ututu ka m chee nti nuru okwu di ka nwa azu. Onyenweanyi emegheela ntim. N'ebe mu onwe m no, enupughim isi o bula, nke m na-agbakete azu. Atogbooro m ndi na-apia m utali azu m; nye ndi na-ado m aka n'ahu-onu agba m. Ekpuchighi m ihu m n'ebe ndi na-akpari m, na-abu m aso n'ihu no. Onyenweanyi na-enyere m aka, nke mere na mkpari anaghi emetuta m. Akwuwara m ihu m di ka okwute siri ike. Amaara m na ihere agaghi eme m.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa

Ekele diri Chukwu

ABUOMA NA AZIZA: 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24 AZ. 2

Aziza: Onyenwe m na Chineke m, Gini kpatara I jiri gbaketa m azu?

1. Ndi nile huru m na-achi m ochi; Ha na-emi m onu, na-efeke isi, na-asi: O chekwubere n'Onyenweanyi, Ya zoputanu ya. O buru na o bu enyi ya, Ya bia tohapu ya. **Aziza.**
2. Otutu nkita gbara m okirikiri. Igwe ndi obi ojoo nogidere m. Ha kpopuru aka m na ukwu m. Enwere m ike iguta okpukpu m onu. **Aziza.**
3. Ha ekeela uwe m n'etiti onwe ha, biakwa were ya fee nza. Onyenwe m, a gbahapukwala m. Onye ogbugba ume m, were oso bia nyere m aka. **Aziza.**
4. Aga m akoro umunne m akuko aha Gi, nyekwa Gi otito n'ogbako ha. Unu bu ndi na-aturu Ya egwu, nyenu Onyenweanyi otito; umu Jekop nile, tobenu Ya; Umu Izrel, nyenu Ya nsopuru. **Aziza.**

FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

A Reading from the book of Deuteronomy

The Lord GOD has given me a well-trained tongue, that I might know how to speak to the weary a word that will rouse them. Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear; and I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting.

The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced; I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22:8-9,17-18, 19-20, 23-24

R. (2a) **My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

All who see me scoff at me; they mock me with parted lips, they wag their heads:
"He relied on the LORD; let him deliver him, let him rescue him, if he loves him."

R. **My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

Indeed, many dogs surround me, a pack of evildoers closes in upon me; They have pierced my hands and my feet; I can count all my bones.

R. **My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?**

They divide my garments among them, and for my vesture they cast lots. But you, O LORD, be not far from me; O my help, hasten to aid me.

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

I will proclaim your name to my brethren; in the midst of the assembly I will praise you:

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"You who fear the LORD, praise him; all you descendants of Jacob, give glory to him; revere him, all you descendants of Israel!"

R. My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

IHE OGUGU NKE ABUO: Filipai 2: 6-11

Ihe ogugu e wetara n'Akwukwo Ozi Pol degaara ndi Filipai

Jesu n'onwe Ya, diri n'udi Chineke site na mbu, ma O wereghi iha ka Chineke di ka ihe O ga-ekwedosi aka ike. Kama, O mere onwe Ya ka onye na-abughi ihe o bula: O werela onodu ohu; O mekwara ka a muo Ya n'oyiyi mmadu. A hukwara Ya ka O di ka mmadu n'oyiyi. O wedatakwara onwe Ya n'ala, wee rube isi ruo onwu bu onwu nke obe. N'ih i nke a, Chineke ebuliela Ya oke elu. O jikwa amara nye Ya aha ahu nke kachasi aha nile elu. Ka o wee buru na a kpoo aha Jesu, ihe nile e kere eke ga-egbu ikpere n'ala, ma ihe nile di n'elu igwe, ma ihe nile di n'elu uwa, ma ndi nke di n'okpuru uwa. Ka ire dum kwuputakwa na Jesu Kristi bu Onyenweanyi, ka e wee nye Chineke Nna Otito.

Okwu nke Oseburuwa

Ekene diri Chukwu

MBEKU: Mt.4:4

O bughi so na nri ka mmadu ji adi ndu, kama o bu site n'okwu o bula si n'onu Chineke puta.

SECOND READING: Philippians 2; 6-11

A reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL: Phil 2:8-9

Christ became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross; because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

OZIOMA: Luk 22:14-23:56

Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Luk dere

Ahuhu Dinwenu anyi Jesu Kristi talu dika Luk di aso si wee dee ya

Ozioma nke Osebuluwa

Otito Diri gi Kristi

GOSPEL: Luke 22:14-23:56

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke:

Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, as St. Luke recorded it...

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Ekpere Nke Ndi Kwerenu –

Prayer of the Faithful

Announcements:

Remember: Igbo Catholic community online Prayer. Every Friday 8PM ~ 9PM.

Please join us if you can: Dial 605-477-2100 Access Code 870345#

- 1 If you want your child, male or female between the age of 10 and 20, who receives Holy Communion, to be an altar server, please contact Ikechukwu Eya (408 315 7118) or Mrs. Ada Jesus Okafor (310 365 7128).
- 2 Birthdays Celebrations
- 3 Wedding anniversaries
- 4 First Attendants at our Mass
- 5 This is a gentle reminder that 2017/2018 \$20 annual dues is due. If you have not paid your dues, please contact Chief Adolf Obilor (408-223-7600) or bring it to church next Igbo Community Mass.
- 6 The CWO will have their meetings on the following dates and time this year: February 2nd, 10 am - 1 pm; May 4th, 10 am - 1 pm; August 10th (already scheduled); November 2nd, 10 am - 1 pm.

April Birthdays

Onyekachi Opara	1-Apr	Kingley Arukwe	16-Apr
Chidindu Obinna	1-Apr	Chike Ogamba	18-Apr
Chidiebere Ndekwe	2-Apr	Linus Ibe	18-Apr
Berna Onuoha	2-Apr	Uchechukwu Ogamba	19-Apr
Chukwudi Nwachukwu	3-Apr	Ugochi Anudokem	20-Apr
Alex Igwe-Kalu	4-Apr	Chika Mbonu	21-Apr
Stanley Arukwe	5-Apr	Agatha Ezeka	22-Apr
Olaedo Anudokem	6-Apr	Richard Osuji	23-Apr
Beverly Ukpabi	9-Apr	Gerald Anudokem	24-Apr
Amaka Uzoh	11-Apr	Jennifer Nwoye	28-Apr
Pearl Uzoma	14-Apr	Victor Chiazor	28-Apr
Tiffany Nwogu	15-Apr	Priscilla Bryant	

Wedding Anniversary

Nestor and Ngozi Ochin 25-Apr

Everyday as this “ today” lasts, Keep encouraging one another – Heb. 3:13

Nigeria Igbo Catholic Community of San Jose (NICCSJ)

Members/Envelop Numbers and Family/Name

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| 01 Aidan & Celine Ogamba & family | 19 Patrick & Marian Ukpabi & family |
| 02 Briggs & Ify Ogamba & family | 20 Chris & Theresa Elias & family |
| 03 Linus & Angela Ibe & family | 21 Adolph & Margaret Obilor & family |
| 04 Ukamaka Offorjebe & family | 22 Pauline Nzeribe & family |
| 05 Charles & Fidelia Ndekwe & family | 23 Ebere & Agatha Ezeka & family |
| 06 George & Vicky Awuzie & family | 24 Ike & Onyinye Njoku & family |
| 07 Goddy & Angela Ikeme & family | 25 Anthony & Oby Okoro & family |
| 08 Ambrose Arukwe & family | 26 Veronica Ajawara & family |
| 09 Desmond Onuoha & family | 27 Ifeoma Ekeh & family |
| 10 Livinus & Stella Osuji & family | 28 Frank & Ada Onu & family |
| 11 Pius & Angela Nwoye & family | 29 Nestor & Ngozi Ochin & family |
| 12 Valentine & Onyi Nwogu & family | 30 Justin & Emilia Nwokeji & family |
| 13 Eugene & Josephine Okafor & family | 31 Edith Ajawara & family |
| 14 Chiemeka & Oge Nwamuo & family | 32 Les & Ngozi Ajawara Silvestre & family |
| 15 Valentine & Melva Ogamba & family | 33 Stephen & Maureen Awuzie & family |
| 16 Gerald & Rita Anudokem & family | 34 Emeka & Molly Uzoh & family |
| 17 Emmanuel & Tonia Onuegbe & family | 35 James & Elizabeth Onyewuenyi & family |
| 18 Damian & Nnena Anudokem & family | |

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- 36 Ike William Eya & family
- 37 Michael & Mercy Egbujor & family
- 38 Ifeanyi & Ifeoma Nwachukwu & family
- 39 Adolphus & Rhoda Ajawara & family
- 40 Milly & Ijeoma Alagwu & family
- 41 Chukwudi & Chizoba Nwachukwu & family
- 42 George & Tina Ekeh & family
- 43 Mawuko & Jane Nyuiadzi & family
- 44 Nkechi Anyafulu & Family
- 45Georgy May Mbadiwe & family
- 46 Emmanuel Ihenacho & family
- 47 Oliver & Felicia Eke & Family
- 48 Kalu Ann & Family
- 49 Etm Eunice & Family
- 50 Alagwu Chiso D. & Family
- 51 Paul & Leona Mbonu & Family
- 52 Ikemefuna & Nkiru Nkwonta & Family
- 53Tony & Otuosorochukwu Okwara & Family
- 54 Chike & Deffria Nwofia & Family
- 55 Pricilla Ozomaro & Family
- 56 Obinna & Ify Anya & Family
- 57 Chigozie & Chinenye Okwelume & Family
- 58 Chudi Ecomeco & Chinasa Chiuba & Family
- 59 PeaceMark & Nneka Nkwocha & family
- 60 Angelberth Chikere & Family
- 61 Nneka Chukwu & Family
- 62 Lorritta Ikekwere & Family
- 63 Ogechi Iwu & Family
- 64 Bosa Anikwenze & Family
- 65 Paul & Lilian Awuzie & Family
- 66 Ruth Ogbe & Family
- 67 Max & Nneka Okoye & Family
- 68 Chinelo Elizabeth Ezekwem & Family
- 69 Ethelda Ukah & Family
- 70 Cyril & Immaculata Umeodinka & Family
- 71 Innocent Obilor & Family
- 72 Rosemary Okoro & Family
- 73 Ifeanyi Mike Ezeh & Family
- 74 Victor Chidozie & Family
- 75 Ayala & Family
- 76 Calistus Onuegbu & Family
- 77 Kelechi Ndekwe & Family
- 78 Christian Umeh & Family
- 79 Chinedu Anyiam & Family
- 80 Emeka Nchekwube & Family
- 81 Dorathy Uzoma & Family
- 82 Anthony Obidiagha & Family

83 Eric & Regina Obi-Okeke & Family

84 Matthew & Isabela Erilim & Family

85 Julius & Bose Kappi & Family

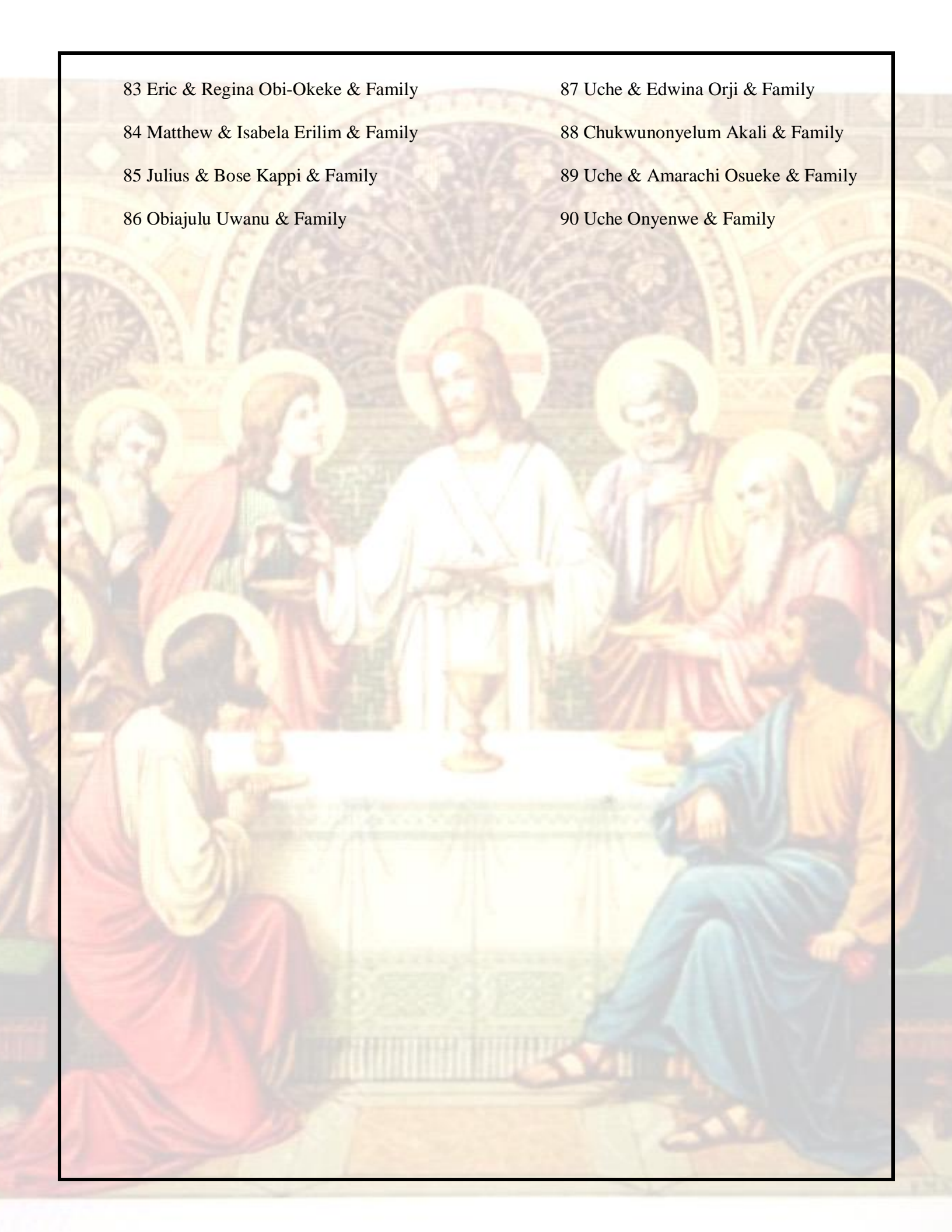
86 Obiajulu Uwanu & Family

87 Uche & Edwina Orji & Family

88 Chukwunonyelum Akali & Family

89 Uche & Amarachi Osueke & Family

90 Uche Onyenwe & Family



2019 NICCSJ Calendar of Events

April 2019

- **Friday 12th- Saturday 13th:** Parents and grand-parents' Retreat at Vallamborosa, Menlo Park.
- **Sunday 14th:** Palm Sunday_Monthly Igbo Mass-Closing of parents and grand- parents' retreat at St. Francis
- **Sunday 21st:** **Easter Sunday**
- **Sunday 28th:** Second Community Quarterly Meeting

May 2019

- **Friday 3rd:** Novena to Our Lady of Fatima begins: To be led by C.W.O
- **Saturday, May 4th (10 a.m to 1 p.m.)** ---CWO Meeting – Fireside Room
- **Saturday 11th:** End of Novena to Our Lady of Fatima
- **Sunday 12th:** Mother's Day Celebration- St. Paul of Shipwreck, San Francisco.
- **Sunday 19th:** San Jose Monthly Igbo Mass @ St. Francis **MOVED TO 3RD SUNDAY**

June 2019

- **Saturday 8th:** Multi-cultural Mass of Pentecost at St. Francis of Assisi, 5pm
- **Sunday 16th:** Monthly Igbo Mass- San Jose Fathers' Day Celebration @ St. Justin Santa Clara
- **Thursday, June 27 –Sunday 30:** ICCUSA at Hayward, Oakland Diocese.

July 2019

- **Sunday 21st:** Monthly Igbo Mass- @ St. Justin, Santa Clara
Youths and Young Adults Talent/Fashion Show day;
 - Collect Intentions for Novena to Divine Mercy- Back-to-school prayers
- **Sunday 28th:** Third Community Quarterly Meeting

August 2019

- **Friday 2nd:** Beginning of the Novena to Divine Mercy: Back-to-school prayers to be led by youths & young adults
- **Saturday 10th:** End of Novena to Divine Mercy: Back-to-school prayers
- **Saturday 10th (10 am to 2 p.m.)** - General CWO August Meeting - Evergreen
- **Sunday 11th:** Monthly Igbo Mass

September 2019

- **Sunday 15th:** Monthly Igbo Mass- Biennial Harvest & Bazaar @ St. Justin Santa Clara
- **First Pastoral visit of Bishop Oscar Cantu**

October 2019

- **Saturday 5th:** Feast Day of St. Francis: Igbo Community participation in Multi-cultural Mass and reception
- **Sunday 13th:** Monthly Igbo Mass
- **Sunday 20th:** Last Community Quarterly Meeting for the year

November 2019

- **Friday 1st**- All Saints
- **Saturday 2nd**- All Souls
- **Saturday 2nd (10 am to 1 p.m.)** – Evergreen Rooms
- **Sunday 10th**: Monthly Igbo Mass
 - Announce & Distribute Novena to Immaculate Conception
- **Friday 29th**: Beginning of Community Novena to Immaculate Conception

December 2019

- **Saturday 7th**: End of Community Novena to Immaculate Conception
- **Sunday 8th**: Monthly Igbo Mass
 - Food & Clothing Drive for Advent Day of Service
 - End of Year Community Blessings
- **Saturday 14th**:
 - Community Advent Day of Service (9.00am-12.00pm)
 - Sing along with the Seniors (3.00pm-5.00pm)
 - Christmas Party (6.00pm)

****** Online Prayer: Rosary, Divine Mercy Prayer, Scripture Reading & Reflection: Call #:6417150861; Access#:870345# (Every Friday; 8.00pm to 9.00pm).**

