



# Nigerian Igbo Catholic Community

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## *Special Mother's Day Mass*

*By*

*His Lordship, Most Rev. Dr. Augustine Ukwuoma, Bishop of Orlu Diocese  
Sunday May 27, 2012*

### OUR PRIESTS

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**Mission Statement:** The NICC shall provide an environment for all Igbos in the Baltimore Metropolitan area to worship in their native language, Igbo, and to cultivate a lasting fraternal community whereby moral and Christian values are cherished. The organization shall also provide spiritual guidance to Igbo children and facilitate the assimilation of newly arrived Igbos into local parishes.

**Community Worship:** Last Sunday of every Month

**Place:** St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 4414 Frankford Ave., Baltimore MD 21206, Time: 1:30 P.M.

**NICC Coordinating Council Meeting:** The Council meets on the Sunday preceding the Igbo mass from 8 p.m to 10p.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church Rectory.

## UKA NDAKWASA NKE MMUO NSO

**Pentecost Sunday, 2012**

**Reflection by Fr. Godswill Agbagwa**

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Fellow Igbo Catholics, happy Feast of Pentecost. For this year's Feast, the Church presents to us three passages of the Bible - all from the New Testament - for reflection. I want to begin with the Gospel, because, not only that it was first in time, but it also inspired the other readings. In today's Gospel, St. John tells us that shortly before His ascension, Jesus reaffirmed His promise of sending the Holy Spirit to the disciples after His ascension. In this Gospel passage, which I describe as "a farewell speech", Jesus re-emphasizes a particular role that the promised Spirit will play: "To testify to the truth and to guide the disciples to same truth." Jn.15:26; 16:13-14.

As we read in the first reading from the *Acts of the Apostles*, soon after the ascension, the promised Spirit came. While they were in prayer, the wind came. Thereafter, they saw things that looked like flames of fire on

each other's head. Then, they preached in their mother tongues and all understood what they said. It was the Holy Spirit at work. The Spirit of Jesus. The Spirit of Truth. The rest of the books of the New Testament are nothing but documentaries, on how fellow Christians influenced by this same Spirit, bore witness to the Truth of the Gospel by word and in deed. Eventually, majority of them were killed for the Truth.

Truth. But, what is Truth? For unbelievers, it will be easier for Democrats and Republicans to agree on healthcare bill than to answer this question. But for us believers, Jesus, is the perfect answer to it. Our *omniscient* Master has taught us the truth about ourselves and our relationships with others. Is it the honest way to pay your bills? Or the respectful way to relate with your spouse? Is it the just way to be a political leader? Or the righteous way to lead in the Church? Jesus has an answer in the Gospel. "Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you.... It should fill the memory, rule the heart and guide the feet." If you read it slowly, frequently and prayerfully, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, I guarantee it, you will know the truth and the truth shall set you free.

Once again, happy Feast of Pentecost to you all and happy Mothers Day to all our NICCB Mothers!

## NSORO MASS

**Ukwe Mbata:** Lee Nnukwu Ukochukwu.....

**Ukochuwku:** Umunna m Ka Anyi Kwado Onwe Anyi Nke Oma Maka Emume Nke Yukaristia.

Onyenweanyi Mee Ebere ...

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading:** Ihe Ogugu E wetara n'akwukwo Oru Ndi Ozi Ch. 2: 1-11

Isi Okwu: Ha nile wee juputa na Mmuo Nso, wee malite  
ikwu okwu

**Aziza:** Psalms (Abuoma) Ch. 103: 1, 24, 29-30, 34 Az 30

Onyenweanyi, zidata Mmuo Gi. Mee ka ihu uwa di ohuru

**2nd Reading** Ihe Ogugu e wetara n'Akwukwo Ozi mbu Pol di aso degara ndi Korint

Ch 12 vs 3-7, 12-13

Isi Okwu: E meela anyi nile mmirichukwu n'ime otu Mmuo Nso ahu!

Aleluya, Aleluya, Bia Mmuo Nso nojuo n'obi ndi kwerenu. Munye n'ime ha oku nke ihunanya  
Gi, Aleluya!

**Ozioma (Gospel):** Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Jon dere Ch 15 vs 26-27, 16 vs 12-15

Isi Okwu: Otu Nna m si zite m, otu ahu ka m si eziga unu, Naranu Mmuo Nso.

**Ukwe Tupu Ozioma:**Ozi oma Chineke, ozi n'enye ndu...

Okwu Chukwu (Homily)

Ekwem N'Otu Chineke

**Ekpere Maka Ndi Kwere Nu** (Prayer of the Faithful)

Chorus: Onyenweanyi nuru aririo anyi, ge nti na nkpu akwa anyi nile.

**Ukwe Offertory:** O gaghi eji M n'onu ikele Chineke...

Onwere Otu nwoke, aha ya bu Jisus...

**Consecration:** Anyi ayo gi, nara aja anyi....

Jesu Kristi, Bia Ka-Iburu Achicha Na Mmaya

**Communion (Oriri Nso):** A bu M achicha di ndu...

Jesu, Onye Okike Nke Uwa...

**Ukwe Mmechi (Closing):** Ora kene ike Jisus...

## MASS REQUESTS AND INTENTIONS

**Nigerian Igbo Catholic Community** - Thanksgiving for God's guidance and protection on behalf of the entire NICC women and also for peace and continued progress among the women.

**Chief Dr. & Mrs Charles Nwanegwo & Family**- Thanking God for the birth of their daughter, Chimazuru Nwanegwo and for continuous guidance and protection of the family.

**Mr. & Mrs Gabriel Ugwu** – Thanking God for all the blessings especially for his successful completion of Master of Public Health degree with Magna-cum-Laude and also praying for his protection, guidance and good health.

**Mr. & Mrs Lawrence Ekwutife & Family** – Thanking God on behalf of their father, Mr. Joseph Nwankwo Ekwutife who will be celebrating his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday at the Igbo Mass on Sunday, July 29, 2012. The family is also thanking God for the blessing of long life on their father.

**Mr. & Mrs Clement Anyadike & Family** – Thanking God for his favor, guidance and protection on their family.

**Mrs Amaka Onwubuariri** – Thanksgiving for God's protection on her, her daughter, mother, siblings and other members of her family.

**Sir Gilbert & Lady Virginia Chima** – Thanking God for his mercy, humbly asking for God's protection, guidance, blessing, healing, long life and prosperity in Jesus name, Amen

**Sir a & Lady Simon Nwaigwe & Family** - are deeply mourning the repose soul of their brother Mr. Charles Chiatuogu Nwaigwe who passed on to glory at a youthful age of 46 years old on May 20, 2012. They are submissively requesting that the lord would be kind to his soul and grant him eternal rest, Amen.

**Sir & Lady John Nwokeroku** – Thanksgiving for God's infinite mercy on their family and for his continued guidance and protection.

**The family of Dr. and Mrs. Patrick Nwakama** - is thanking God for all His mercies and blessings and for the presence of His shepherd, Bishop Augustine Ukwuoma today in our midst. We pray Lord for the peaceful repose of the soul of your recently departed servant, Sir Charles Uzoho.

**Hon. Ndukwe & Lady Stella Maris Adindu** – Thanking God for the successful wedding of their daughter Stella Adaeze and praying for God's protection and guidance on her and her husband as they begin their new life together.

May the soul of Charles Nwaigwe, Sir Charles Uzoho and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace, Amen.

### SPECIAL PRAYERS

- Please pray for our member **Chief Darlington Okuzu** who is sick and receiving medical attention.
- Please pray for one of us **Ms. Anthonia Igliebe** who is sick and also receiving medical attention.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NICC welcomes all our guests and other individuals who are attending the NICC mass for the first time. Please collect membership registration information and let us know how you can contribute to NICC mission.
- NICC is also reminding those with outstanding balances from past Thanksgiving Bazaar and NICC 12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary pledges to endeavor to make payments or redeem their pledges. Installment payments are also accepted.

NICC Men Meeting & Youth Ministry - Sunday June 17, 2012 at St. Anthony's (3-6p.m.)  
NICC CWO Meeting – Sunday, June 17, 2012 (3:00 to 6:00 p.m. @ St Anthony's)

**Beginning June 2012, NICC Men and NICC Youth meetings will hold on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month**

### **SOROM CHIA**

Happy Birthday to NICC members born in the month of May

Dr. Aloysius Ibe, Mrs. Ijeoma Iwumune, Kelenna Nwakama, Ojiugo Anyadike, Mrs. Theresa Nwankwo, Peace Nneka Aguzie, Dr. Judith Nwachukwu, Izunna Nnadozie, Tochi Korie, Mrs Chika Nwakuba, Mrs Francisca Nwaigwe, Mr. Cyril Iweh, Chidera Chinaka, Chiemeka Ekwunazu, Emmanuel Anokwute, Chinedum Adindu, Ugochi Okere, Mr. Iyke Okwesili, Mrs Rose Egwom, Mrs Mercy Ejikeme, Arinze Ebekonye, Chika Frank Chika, Chudi Sean Chika, Dr. Yvonne Okuzu, Wendy Okuzu, SamRalph Oguariri, Mrs. Monique Mba, Mr. Ignatius Egbuonuma, Mrs. Caroline Iwu. Nwanayobi Iwu, Chris Egbunine Jnr. Mrs Nwabunike Gladys, Mrs. Nkechinyere Onyeama, William Okolo 1, Mrs. Rosemary Aginam, Uchenna Aginam, Njideka Aginam, Chelsea Ralph, Ugochi Uradu, Mr. Valentine Okoye, Mrs Evelyn Okoye, Jeffrey Chinedum Azike, Tobechi Mlemchukwu and others.

Congratulations to all the NICC Youth who received their first communion and Confirmation during this Easter season. Also congratulations to all our graduates from various institutions of higher learning. KUDOS FOR YOUR EFFORTS.

### **OTHER ANNOUCEMENTS**

The Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group will meet on Sunday, June 3, 2012 from 3:00-6:00p.m. at St. Anthony's of Padua Rectory.

The Ekwutife family is reminding all regarding their father's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday thanksgiving mass on July 29, 2012 here in the Igbo Mass. The main reception for the event will be on Saturday, August 4, 2012 at People Encouraging People Hall. All are invited.

Rev. Fr. Anthony Abiamiri's 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Priesthood Ordination  
Saturday August 25, 2012 (Gala Night)  
Sunday, August 26, 2012 (Thanksgiving Mass)

### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter - wwme.org**

A catholic based organization for all kinds of marriage enrichment programs.

### **2012 NICC Event Calendar**

Father's Day & Thanksgiving Mass for Rev. Anthony Anichukwu – Sunday, June 24, 2012

Igbo Catholic Youth & Young Adults Convention – Most Precious Blood Church/Hall) Date TBA

NICC Annual Family Picnic – Saturday, July 28, 2012

NICC Annual Pilgrimage – Sunday, August 19, 2012

Annual Thanksgiving and Bazaar Celebration – Sunday, October 28, 2012