

OUR LADY OF AFRICA PARISH

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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2022



Served by: The Society of the Divine Word... Popularly known as the Divine Word Missionaries

Pastor: Fr. Bob Kelly, SVD, Associate Pastor: Fr. Francis Xavier, SVD, Brother Alu Aisi, SVD, Frater Andrew Wang, SVD, Deacon Carl Gales, SVD and Frater Manie Manuel, SVD, Deacon Michael Foggie, Deacon Ivan Lazcano, Senior Deacon Mervin Johnson, Fr. Tracy O'Sullivan, O.Carm., Weekend Assistant

Welcome to Our Lady of Africa Parish.

We are overjoyed with your presence here with us today. We have been walking with Jesus on the Road to Emmaus. All of us are the missionary disciples walking with Jesus telling the story to him about what happened in Jerusalem. It is in the Gospel of Luke 24: 13-35. And, as they told the story, they were unable to recognize Jesus. When they invited Jesus to share a meal with them, they recognized him in *"the breaking of the bread."* Let us recognize Jesus in one another as we gather to celebrate Mass at Our Lady of Africa today and every Sunday. The Eucharist is the *"summit and source of our lives as Christians."* (Vatican II)



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EST. July 4, 2021 - Chicago

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Monday to Friday: 9:00AM—3:30 PM

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Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Our Lady of Africa Parish,
615 E. Oakwood Blvd, 60653

Sunday Mass: 9:00am and 11:30am:

Facebook Livestream during Mass
hours and YouTube after 6:00pm at:

Our Lady of Africa Chicago

Conference Call

Phone Number: 1-267-807-9601

Code to enter: : 340 355 967#

Weekday Masses: Monday-Friday
8:00am Tolton Heritage Center Rectory.

Holy Days: 10:30am: Site TBD

French Community Mass: 6:00pm
First Sunday of Month

Ghanaian Community Mass: 1:30pm
First and Second Sunday of Month

Igbo Community Mass: 2:30pm
Third and Fourth Sunday of Month

Bible Sharing:

Friday at 1:00pm to 2:00pm
via Zoom:

Meeting ID: 586 893 3170

Passcode: 341080

Bible Study

Tuesday at 6-7pm

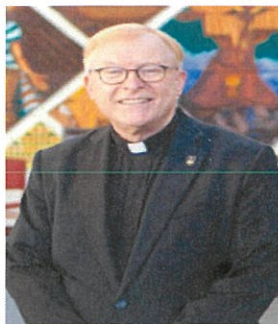
Use Conference Call & Code

Food Pantry

Every Thursday at
4058 S. Michigan Ave, and every
fourth Saturday of month at
44 E. 41st. Hours for both are:
10:00am until 12:00 noon.

All are welcome!





Message from our Pastor...

Dear Parishioners:

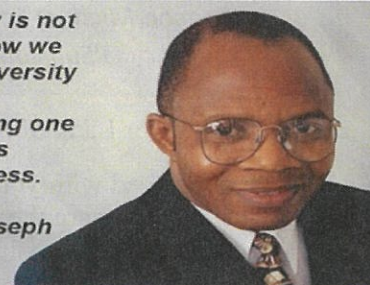
We come together today to Celebrate Black History Month as a Black Catholic Community of Faith. We are from African American Cultures rooted in the United States, rooted in Africa and many other countries as well. Our Languages are English, French, Igbo, TWI and many indigenous languages as well. It also includes Guyana, South America, the Caribbean Islands, and the cultural richness of many countries not mentioned here. All of us have a rich, multi-cultural diversity which is a beautiful reflection of God's Creation of us.

It also celebrates the giftedness we offer to this Country that was not always welcomed. Freedom did not come easy, and we know that for some of us it took a lot of self-sacrifice which included persecution, death, a Civil War and another 160 plus years of continuing to fight for freedom, dignity, and respect. It is a journey that continues even until this day, and includes new challenges for All People of Color in our Country today, and People of Color who are immigrating to our Country today.

The African American History we celebrate today includes All the exceptional gifts of time, talent and treasure that has made a difference for everyone and has made our Country great. Our diversity is beautiful, and God wants us to share it with everyone. It reflects God's love and Jesus' witness in our lives.

Diversity is not about how we differ. Diversity is about embracing one another's uniqueness.

— Ola Joseph



"I knew then and I know now, when it comes to justice, there is no easy way to get it."
—Claudette Colvin

2022 Annual Catholic Appeal:

"Making all things new ... God's promise and our responsibility"

Our parish is conducting our campaign for the Annual Catholic Appeal, Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments.

The new Annual Catholic Appeal theme, **"Making all things new... God's promise and our responsibility,"** is an important theme as we prayerfully consider our support for the Appeal but also important for embracing the life that the Lord wants us to live. Each pledge makes a difference! All parish communities participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our parishes, schools and ministries to deliver needed services. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and your generous response.

To make your gift, you can complete the mail-in giving envelope available at church or make a gift online at annualcatholicappeal.com

Fr. Robert Kelly, SVD





Your continued donations to support Our Lady of Africa Parish can be given by going to the following link:

<https://donate.holyangelschicago.com/give>
or

Scan QR Codes

Facebook

YouTube

Online Giving



Donation offerings are mailed to the following address:
Our Lady of Africa Parish
615 E Oakwood
Chicago, IL 60653

THE FREE CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER

The new phone number is 1-267-807-9601 and the access code will remain the same: 340355967.

Currently this line is used for Bible Study on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m., the Prayer Line on Thursday morning at 9:00 am and the Dial in Prayer Service on Sunday Morning at 10:00 am.

With the creation of our new parish, Our Lady of Africa, we intend to consolidate the 5 "To Teach Who Christ Is" Accounts.

All accounts from the five former parishes will go into one Our Lady of Africa Parish "To Teach Who Christ" Account.

The "To Teach Who Christ Is" Account will be used to fund capital projects for our active worship sites and buildings.



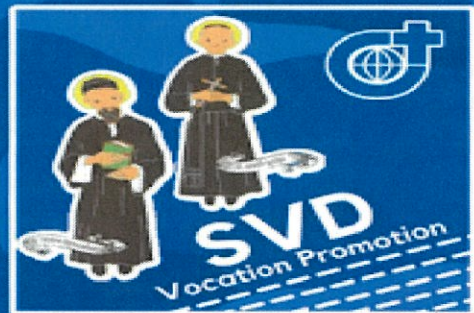
TO TEACH WHO CHRIST IS

A Campaign for Parishes, Catholic Education and Faith Formation

February 20 – Seventh Sunday of the Year A Vocation View:

Jesus helps our faith be fruitful when we follow where he leads.
Where is Jesus leading you today?

**DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES and
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800-553-3321



Parish Up Coming Events

- 2/20 - Black History Month Celebration at 1:00pm.
- Paczki Order Form Due
- 2/22 - Holy Angels School Mass at 10am
- 2/24 - Holy Angels School Black History Program in Church 10:00 am
- 2/27 - Pick Up Paczki Orders all Masses
- 3/2 - Ash Wednesday
- Holy Angels School Mass at 10am
- Distribution of Ashes and mass at 12:00 Noon and 6:30pm

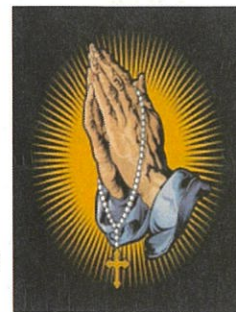
Please remember the following:

Repose Souls of :

- + Arthur Boston
- + Carol Jamason
- + Janet M. James-Millian
- + Dolores Young

Mass Intention:

- Cecelia Douglass
- + Wesley Eugene Jordan



Renew My Church

Called by Jesus Christ, we are Making Disciples,
Building Communities and Inspiring Witness.

Prayer for Renew My Church

Lord Jesus, you speak to us today, as you spoke to holy men and women who have gone before us. In every age and in our own time, you call to us and say: Renew My Church.
Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us, and so enable us

to hear you clearly
to listen to each other attentively
to imagine our future boldly
to discern your direction wisely
to persevere in your holy will courageously
to stay together in charity
to surrender our own plans readily
to embrace the greater good
to hand on your gifts to future generations.

May we remain in the holy company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles and all the saints. May their example and presence inspire us with patient confidence in the work of your grace. We ask this of you who live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. **Amen**

St. Ambrose, *Pray for Us.*

St. Anselm of Canterbury, *Pray for Us.*

Corpus Christi, the Body of Christ, *Pray for Us.*

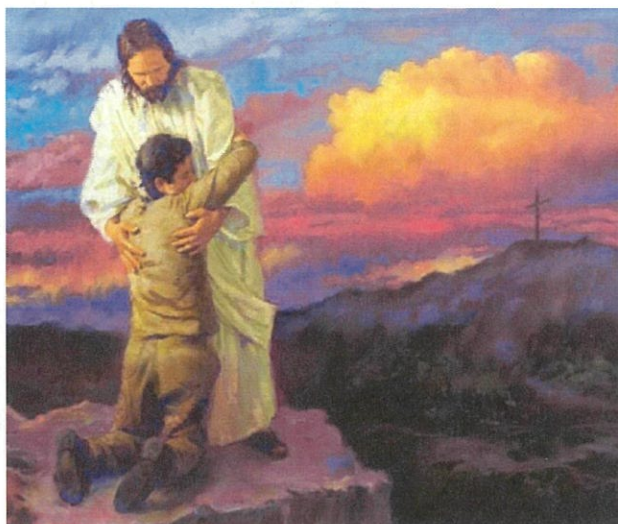
St. Elizabeth of Hungary, *Pray for Us.*

All Holy Angels of God, *Pray for Us.*

Our Lady of Africa, *Pray for Us.*

Venerable Fr. Augustus Tolton *Pray for Us.*

Website for Our Lady of Africa



SICK & SHUT-IN LIST

Curtis Albright	Hugh Hodges	Margaret Stewart
Dorla Allen	Rita Holland	Alonzo Studstill
Patrice Anderson	Sandra Houston	Janice Taylor
Jessie Andrews	Doris Humphries	Alice Thompson
James Barker	Nolan Humphries	Cynthia Thompson
Donald Barner	George James	Renee Trotter
Louise Bates	Janet James	Audrey Tuggle
Myra Baugh	Thelma Jackson	Joanne Wallace
Christine Brown	Leslie Jackson	Joyce Wallace
Barbara McGee-	Mildred Jackson	Tandra Watson
Berry	Majorbelle James	Mrs. P. Wells
Patricia Brown	John Q. Jennings	Doris Whitaker
Roscoe Burns	Therese Jessie	Eryn Whitaker
Michael Burt	Annette Lee	Rita White
Dean Brazier	Susan Larry	Yvonne Whitenier
James Brazier	McKeever	Arlene G. Williams
Calicott Family	Denise Lawson	Evelyn Williams
Marilyn Campbell	Gloria Leonard	Naiya Williams
Esperanza Carr	Lugenia Lewis	Michael Williams
Russell Carter	Jan Johnson	Patricia Williams
Lillian Cherry	Pamela Jones	
Michael A. Clark	Betty Lumpkins	
Lydia Clark	Lenda Mason	
Willie B. Clay	Anastacia Mebane	
Mary Crawford	Donna Perisee-	
Ella Crossley	McFarlane	
Sr. Eleanor Doidge	Gail McGruder	
Cecelia Douglas	McShan Family	
Keith Devers	Deborah Mitchell	
Judith Easter	Geraldine Moore	
Barbara Edwards-	Michael Moore	
Hill	Euphrasia Ann	
Elsie Freeman	Mutinda	
Wanda Finney	Maria Jossey Owen	
Ola Mae Forde	Minnette Penman	
Nazaree Fuller	Allen Peoples	
Rosemary Gardner	Marionette Phelps	
Frederick Gibson	Sr. Jamie Phelps,	
Florence Glenn	O.P.	
Andre D. Golden	Jean Porter	
Mable Gray	Deborah Powell	
Avis Green	Louise Ray	
Bettie Green	Tyna Rule	
Barbara Golden	Phyllis	
Virgy Spight-Harris	Shackelford	
Marjorie Heard	Alfrances Sharpe	
Lorraine Henderson	Beverly Sims	
Justin Henderson	Shirley Simmons	
Juanita Hern	Sunnette Varnado	
Kelly Robin Hill	Smith	
Velma Hill	Emma Stewart	

THE ROAD THAT IS
BUILT IN HOPE IS
MORE PLEASANT TO
THE TRAVELER
THAN THE ROAD
BUILT IN DESPAIR.
EVEN THOUGH
THEY BOTH LEAD
TO THE SAME
DESTINATION.

WILLIAM ZIMMER-BRANDLEY

COURTESY

Take a moment to remember our sick & shut-in members by calling and keeping them in your prayers.

Please notify the office when a name need to be added to or removed from the Prayer List.
Thank you.



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Seventh Sunday of Ordinary time – C

Lk 6:27-38

Dear Friends,

Today we continue Luke's Sermon on the Plain. The passage could hardly be more challenging. At the beginning and near the end is the central message: love your enemies. In between is a list of particular actions that show concretely how this love may be expressed.

All the examples Jesus gives demand total generosity. There is no retribution in the face of injury, insult and unreasonable demands. We are to have no claim of revenge no matter how gross the injustice.

In themselves, the actions Jesus sets out make no sense. This is the case whenever Jesus operates from the prophetic manner of speech.

There are two ways of approaching this difficult call of Jesus that totally miss the point. One is to not take the teaching seriously as if it were just impossible to do. The second is to take the teaching literally as if we must respond specifically the same way in our life.

The third approach is both doable and deeply challenging. Jesus is insisting on a fundamental attitude that is foolish in comparison to the standards of the world but is a mirror of God's attitude of unlimited mercy. This sense of direction only makes sense when seen as sharing God's attitude toward our enemies.

Jesus states this in his words: **"You will be children of the Most High, who is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked."** (Lk 6:35)

This approach of Jesus is calling us to this attitude of mercy. The specific demands are not rules of behavior. They are aimed at developing a general approach to life that avoids judging others, that is open to forgiveness and that is generous in loving. Jesus is calling us to expand the limits of our heart so we may be the vessel of mercy and forgiveness to all and, in particular, to our enemies.

We are not able to love our enemies with the same warmth and depth of feeling we have for our loved ones. We can, however bless them and pray for them. The words of the Our Father about forgiveness tell us a truth so commonly forgotten. Our lack of forgiveness closes our heart to God's mercy for us.

No matter how our enemies may insult, mistreat or injure us, we are called to seek what is good for them even in the midst of their continuing hostility for us.

In verses 33 to 35 Jesus is asking us to go beyond the ordinary. We are called to take the extra step. The measure of our conduct is neither our culture nor the common practice of our day. The apparent nonsense of loving our enemies is only possible when we imitate our loving and merciful God. God loves the sinner and the saint. All of Jesus' life and teachings are a call for us to enter into the universal love. Today Jesus gives us some very concrete attitudes that we need to take on. **"Love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked."** (Lk 6:34-35)

Mobile Food Pantry

Fresh Fruits, Vegetables, **Free**
Non-Perishable Groceries

Our Lady of Africa - Tolton Center



SVD Food Pantry

44 E. 41st Street

Saturday February 26, 2022

10:00 am - 12:00 pm



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