

OUR LADY OF AFRICA PARISH

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - AUGUST 28, 2022



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Fr. Tracy O'Sullivan, O.Carm., Fr. Mark Weber, SVD, Weekend Assistants

Welcome to Our Lady of Africa Parish.

We are Blessed with your presence here today. We have been walking with Jesus on the Road to Emmaus. All of us are 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)

Office Hours

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

Facebook Livestream 11:30 AM Mass
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Our Lady of Africa Chicago

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Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday 3:00PM -- 3:30PM

Holy Days: 10:30 AM: TBD

French Community Mass: 6:00PM

First Sunday of Month

Fr. Joseph Mukuna, SCJ

Ghanaian Community Mass: 1:30PM

First and Second Sunday of Month

Fr. David Ahiahornu

Igbo Community Mass: 2:30 PM

Third and Fourth Sunday of Month

Fr. Stan Chu Ilo

Weekly Bible Study:

**Wednesday at 11AM (See
Parish Events for Dates)**

Fr. Clements/Fr. Smith Parish
Hall with
Fr. Tracy O'Sullivan, O.Carm

Bible Study

Tuesday at 6-7 PM

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:

10:00 AM until 12:00 noon.



Our Lady of Africa
WE ARE ONE
Holy Catholic & Apostolic
Church



Message from our Pastor...



A Reflection on our Attentiveness to Jesus

“On a sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, and the people there were observing him carefully.” Luke 14:1.

What an interesting line. This line should not be overlooked in that it reveals a common reaction that some have to Jesus. What is the reaction? It's the tendency to observe Jesus carefully from a distance.

Look at the context of this statement. Jesus was invited to the home of a leading Pharisee and many other people were present. Those who were there would have been considered the “movers and shakers” of that time. They were the influential, wealthy, educated, and prestigious members of the community. Many would have been quite concerned about their reputation and quite curious about Jesus since He was growing in such popularity with the people. So, as a result, they were all “observing him carefully.”

Notice the implication present in this description of their reaction to Jesus. Unlike the manifest sinners of that time, they did not come to Him, falling at His feet, begging for mercy. Rather, they appear to be quite interested in how Jesus will be accepted by others, what He will say and what they should think about Him. Even though it is unfortunate that they do not all completely turn to Jesus in faith, it's at least good that they are attentive to Jesus and realize He is unique.

This curiosity on their part is not all bad. In fact, it may lead some of them to salvation. By observing Jesus, they are clearly pondering Him, His words and His actions. This is good if and only if it results in each one of them turning to Him in faith and choosing to embrace our Lord regardless of what others think. This is a risk for those consumed with their own public image. But it's a risk that is worth taking. For those who are willing to humbly allow their observations to turn into true faith, their lives will change. But in order to do so, they must let go of any fear they have of what others may think.

Reflect, today, upon any tendency you have to only “observe” Jesus and His will from a distance. If you find you are curious and interested in the presence of God around you, do not hesitate to act on this curiosity, allowing His words and presence to change your life. Do not let yourself become concerned about what others may think. Give your life to Him without hesitation and you will be eternally grateful you did.

A very sincere “thank you” to the dedicated people who planned the Church Picnic. It includes Decorating, Donating, or seeking Donations. It includes those who purchased Food, Cooked from 6:30 am on...Those who Served from the Blessed Sacrament Society throughout the day. Those who were there early on helping and stayed cleaning until 7:30 pm. It was a very successful event. God Bless you all. Keisha Chavers, who chaired this Special Events Group. Frater Manie Manuel, SVD who was the Pastoral Team Contact. Debra Crosby, Shirley McKinney, Gloria Dean, Trent Dean, Tiffany Swann Covington, Ladell Johnson, Regina Cook. Our Helpers who sought or gave Donations, June Sargent, LaTanya Berry-Johnson...Our Cooks Michael Morman, Jackson Lucas, Jr, Charles Green. Frater Zach Smith, SVD. At the end of the day, Fr. Carl Gales, SVD, Brother Alu and Frater Zach Smith, SVD brought our leftover food to two Homeless Tent Cities.
Fr. Bob Kelly, SVD

The Prayer of Our Lady of Africa

Our Lady of Africa,
mother of the human family,
Be mindful of your African children,
at home or dispersed on other continents.

You who are full of grace,
look upon all those who do not know Jesus, the Son
sent by the Father. May his light draw them and
make them receptive to the gift of Faith.

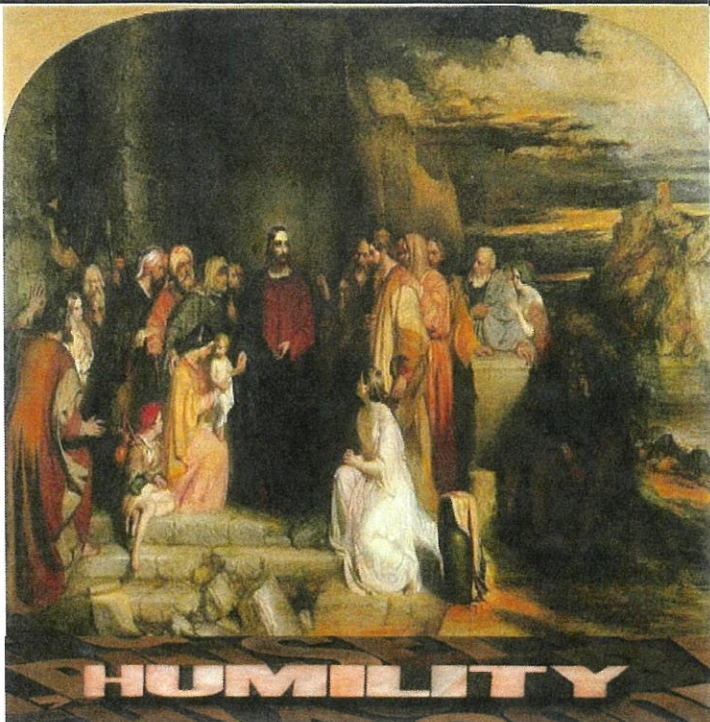
You, who are one with Christ
In suffering and in glory,
Be mindful of those assailed by trials,
That they may discover
His liberating Passover, and live by it in hope.

You who turned to Jesus
When the wine of joy ran out
Be mindful of peoples in distress,
That justice and peace may prevail
In a united world where Charity reigns.

You who, in the midst of the Apostles,
Received the breath of the Spirit
Be mindful of the apostles of today.
May they announce the Word with assurance
And proclaim it by their lives.
May young people hear the call of Christ
And follow him with joy.

Our Lady of Africa, Queen of the universe,
Be mindful of humanity on the way.
May Christ your Son, gather all peoples
In the unity of his Spirit
To the glory of the Father
For ages to come.

Amen.



Sick & Shut-in



<i>Ophelia Adams</i>	<i>Catherine Harper</i>	<i>Allen Peoples</i>
<i>Curtis Albright</i>	<i>Vircy Spight-Harris</i>	<i>Sr. Jamie Phelps, O.P.</i>
<i>Dorla Allen</i>	<i>Marjorie Heard</i>	<i>Marionette Phelps</i>
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<i>Jessie Andrews</i>	<i>Justin Henderson</i>	<i>Deborah Powell</i>
<i>James Barker</i>	<i>Jim Henkel</i>	<i>Louise Ray</i>
<i>Donald Barner</i>	<i>Barbara Edwards-Hill</i>	<i>Clara Reisner</i>
<i>Louise Bates</i>	<i>Kelly Robin Hill</i>	<i>Tyna Rule</i>
<i>Myra Baugh</i>	<i>Velma Hill</i>	<i>Phyllis Shackelford</i>
<i>David Berry</i>	<i>Hugh Hodges</i>	<i>Alfrances Sharpe</i>
<i>Mary Berry</i>	<i>Rita Holland</i>	<i>Beverly Sims</i>
<i>Helen Brooms</i>	<i>Sandra Houston</i>	<i>Shirley Simmons</i>
<i>Christine Brown</i>	<i>Doris Humphries</i>	<i>Emma Stewart</i>
<i>Barbara McGee-Berry</i>	<i>Nolan Humphries</i>	<i>Margaret Stewart</i>
<i>Arthur Brooks</i>	<i>George James</i>	<i>Alonzo Studstill</i>
<i>Patricia Brown</i>	<i>Janet James</i>	<i>Janice Taylor</i>
<i>Roscoe Burns</i>	<i>Leslie Jackson</i>	<i>Alice Thompson</i>
<i>Michael Burt</i>	<i>Mildred Jackson</i>	<i>Cynthia Thompson</i>
<i>Dean Brazier</i>	<i>Trudy (Thelma)</i>	<i>Renee Trotter</i>
<i>James Brazier</i>	<i>Jackson</i>	<i>Audrey Tuggle</i>
<i>Calicott Family</i>	<i>Majorbelle James</i>	<i>Joanne Wallace</i>
<i>Marilyn Campbell</i>	<i>Therese Jessie</i>	<i>Joyce Wallace</i>
<i>Esperanza Carr</i>	<i>Cindy Jirsa</i>	<i>Tandra Watson</i>
<i>Russell Carter</i>	<i>Annette Lee</i>	<i>Rachel Watson</i>
<i>Lillian Cherry</i>	<i>Susan Larry</i>	<i>Mrs. P. Wells</i>
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<i>Cecelia Douglas</i>	<i>Betty Lumpkins</i>	<i>Evelyn Williams</i>
<i>Judith Easter</i>	<i>Lenda Mason</i>	<i>Naiya Williams</i>
<i>Deborah Edmundson</i>	<i>Donna Perisee-</i>	<i>Michael Williams</i>
<i>Elsie Freeman</i>	<i>McFarlane</i>	<i>Patricia Williams</i>
<i>Wanda Finney</i>	<i>Rosemary McGraw</i>	<i>Sheila Williams</i>
<i>Ola Mae Forde</i>	<i>Gail McGruder</i>	<i>Euphrasia Mutinda</i>
<i>Nazaree Fuller</i>	<i>McShan Family</i>	<i>Sunnette Varnado</i>
<i>Tyrone Fuller</i>	<i>Bernadine McNeal</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Rosemary Gardner</i>	<i>Anastacia Mebane</i>	
<i>Frederick Gibson</i>	<i>Juey Michaelis</i>	
<i>Florence Glenn</i>	<i>Deborah Mitchell</i>	
<i>Andre D. Golden</i>	<i>Argentry Mitchell</i>	
<i>Mable Gray</i>	<i>Geraldine Moore</i>	
<i>Bettie Green</i>	<i>Jeff Moore</i>	
<i>Eleanor Griffin</i>	<i>Michael Moore</i>	
<i>Barbara Golden</i>	<i>Maria Jossey Owen</i>	
<i>Anna Marie Hampton</i>	<i>Gregory Papesch</i>	
<i>Exie Haralson</i>	<i>Minnette Penman</i>	



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.*



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

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

Website for Our Lady of Africa



Father Tracy's Blog
Praying Alone Together

Please remember the following in your prayers for healing:

Alice Thompson
Dorothy Williams
Evelyn Williams
Arthur Brooks
Rosemary McGraw
Judy Michaelis



**Mass Intention & Repose
Souls**

+Katie McEzila

August 28 – Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Vocation View: Humility is needed for those who choose to serve. Recognize your gifts and offer them in humble service.

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Birthday Wishes

Happy Birthday to all who are celebrating their birthday during the Month of August.



Words of Wisdom

The witness of the elderly unites the generations of life. Same with the dimensions of time: past, present and future. The various ages of life are not separate worlds competing with each other. The alliance of the elderly and children will save the human family.

Acknowledgement

We would like to Thank everyone who made our Picnic/Anniversary Celebration a success: *The Event Committee, Volunteers who help serve and set things up* and all who joined us to make this celebration a success.

Thank You

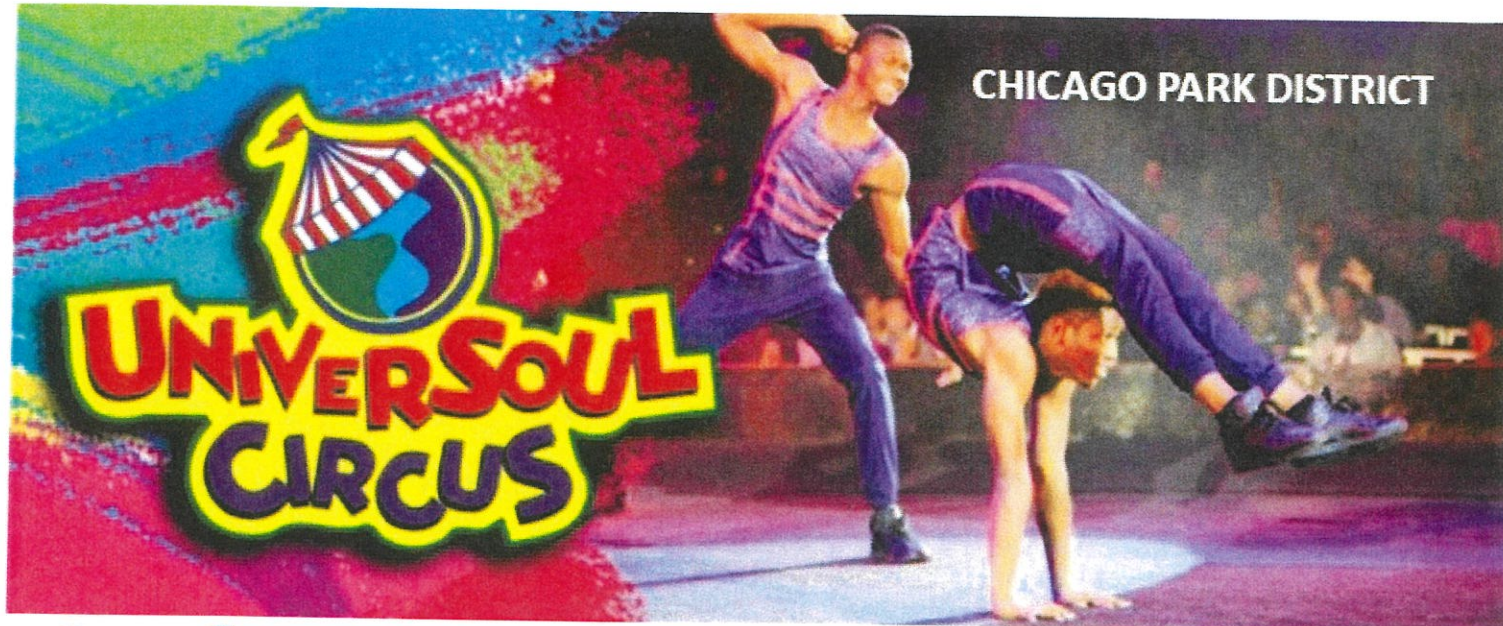
"Polo Shirts"

If you are interested in purchasing a Polo Shirt, please see Mrs. Eileen Foggie. The cost of the shirts is \$21.00.

Parish Up Coming Events

09/01 –Weekly Food Pantry 10:00AM-12:00 Noon

09/05 - Memorial Day—Office will be closed



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STAY CONNECTED.



Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Dear Friends.

As is often the case, Jesus uses the hostile complaint of the Pharisees and Scribes to summon us into a deeper dimension his message. In today's Gospel, Jesus takes on the purity laws. Over time, these good practices had lost their way. They eventually became a source of division and elitism, hypocrisy and isolation. It had become almost a full time job to respond to the endless details of the purity laws.

The working poor found this an impossible burden. As an example, the shepherds were considered totally out of the realm of respectability because of their failure to ritualize the overwhelming demands of the purity laws.

In the beginning, the purity laws were a guide to true integrity. They were a means to express the true holiness of the Chosen People in the midst of their pagan neighbors. However, their perversion over time had evolved into an expression of power and control as well as a source of income for the élite. Jesus cut right to center of the issue in the quote for Isaiah.

***This people honors me with their lips,
But their hearts are far from me;
In vain do they worship me
teaching as doctrines human precepts.***

The fundamental issue is the heart when it comes to one's relationship to God. This core presence within the person nurtures all true and authentic morality.

Any use of the law that is not rooted in the true faithfulness of the heart soon becomes a caricature, reducing commitment to lip service and empty reverence. Hypocrisy is never far behind.

Jesus' constant message is about faithfulness that is the product of a pure heart. For the heart to attain this sense of holiness and purity it needs the word of God. This holy presence will guide and inspire in all circumstances. Likewise, it involves a growing awareness of the potential for evil within each person. This self-knowledge is a critical component of the gospel experience. Listing twelve common expressions of evil, Jesus then says: "All these evils come from within and they defile." (Mk 7:23)

Jesus is constantly inviting the crowds and the disciples and us to move beyond the letter of the law to the deeper domain of the spirit, the home arena of the heart. This is a call to see in Jesus the one who truly is the absolute revelation of the God of love and mercy. He is the fullness of truth and freedom. In our effort to walk with Jesus, which is the true Christian life, we will find the true law which is the fount of all true morality. This is the gift of Jesus' new law, love of God and love of our neighbor.

Till the end, the Church will have to deal with awesome pull of hypocrisy and the temptation to weaponize the laws for the control and privilege of the few. Till the end, all of us as individuals, will struggle with a fragmented heart that distorts Jesus' teachings for our personal advantage. Till the end, we will need to pray to Jesus for mercy and the elusive gift of purity of heart. This will help us hear and respond to the cry of the poor in our daily life.