

OUR LADY OF AFRICA PARISH

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EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 17, 2022



Served by: *The Society of the Divine Word...* Popularly known as the Divine Word Missionaries
Pastor: *Fr. Bob Kelly, SVD, Brother Alu Aisi, SVD, Frater Andrew Wang, SVD*
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Senior Deacon Mervin Johnson, Deacon Ivan Lazcano, Deacon Michael Foggie
Fr. Tracy O'Sullivan, O.Carm., Fr. Mark Weber, SVD, Weekend Assistants

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)

Office Hours

Monday to Friday: 9:00 AM-3:30 PM

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Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM

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

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

Facebook Livestream 11:30 AM Mass
and YouTube after 6:00 PM at:

Our Lady of Africa Chicago

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

2022 Annual Catholic Appeal

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



Weekday Masses: Monday-Friday

8:00 PM Tolton Heritage Center Rectory

**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

Lenten Bible Study:

Every Wednesday at 11AM

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.

All are welcome!



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Message from our Pastor...

Dear Parishioners,

We have just completed the Forty Days of Lent and the Celebration of the Sacred Triduum, the Season, the Great Three Days that constantly invite us to change our lives as Christians and Catholics.

Pope Francis tells us to “keep your eyes fixed on... Christ crucified, let yourself be saved over and over again. And when you go to confess your sins, believe firmly in his mercy which frees you of your guilt. Contemplate his blood poured out with such great love, and let yourself be cleansed by it. In this way, you can be reborn ever anew.”

St. Teresa of Calcutta tells us that “Love, to be real. It must hurt, it must empty us of self.”

The 40 Days of Lent, the Paschal Triduum, and the Fifty Days of Easter flow together, one into another. They help us center our lives on Jesus and his mission to build the Reign of God. They are at “the center of our faith and vocation in the world.”

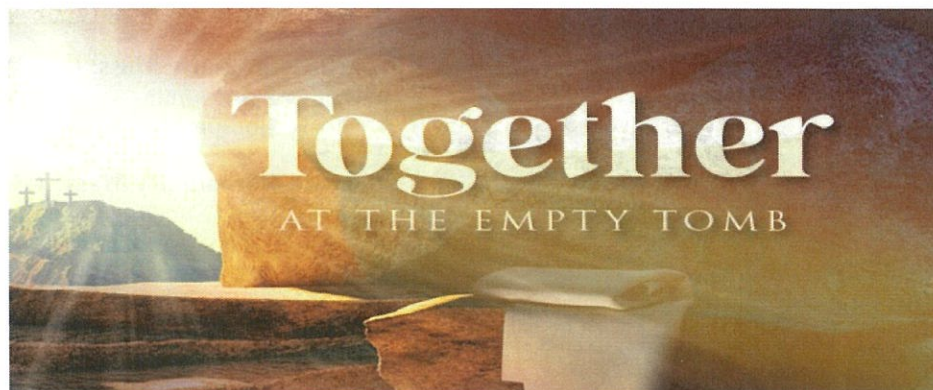
We are the loving missionary disciples on a journey who make a difference with our lives in loving service to all, 24/7.

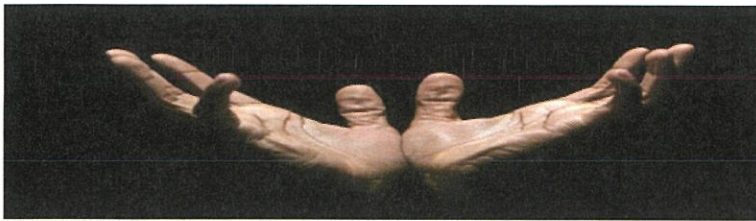
“Remember and live the joyful proclamation of Easter” that “Christ is alive.” Let us really live as an Easter People, one day at a time!

My sincere thanks to All of you who make the “light of Christ” alive in our hearts and souls here at Our Lady of Africa Parish. We are so very Blessed!

A very Happy and Blessed Easter from me and All who serve here to build up the body of Christ!

Fr. Bob 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

Website for Our Lady of Africa



Father Tracy's Blog
Praying Alone Together

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 PM, the Prayer Line on Thursday morning at 9:00 AM and the Dial in Prayer Service on Sunday Morning at 10:00 AM.



April 17 – Easter Sunday

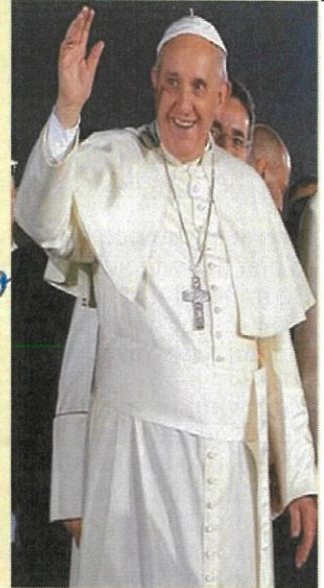
A Vocation View:

What stones are being moved away so you can be a minister of the Gospel? Consider inviting someone to be a sister, brother, priest, or deacon. Spread the good news: "Jesus is risen!"

**DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES and SISTER
SERVANTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT 800-553-3321**

*We ask the risen
Jesus, who turns
death into life, to
change hatred into
love, vengeance
into forgiveness,
war into peace.*

~ Pope Francis ~



Parish Up Coming Events

- 4/18 -Church Office Closed-Reopen on 4/19
- 4/23 -Health Fair 10:00AM—12:00 Noon
At Fr. Clements/Fr. Smith Parish Hall
- Food Pantry—10:00AM-12:00 Noon
At Tolton Heritage Center
- The Chicago Community Chorus 7:00PM
(See Flyer for more information)

**Please remember the following in
your prayers for healing:**

Argentry Mitchell
Florence Person
Donald McKinney, Jr.

Mass Intention:

Requested by George James

+Elsie Reese
+Alma James
+Gloria James
+Frank Watson



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.



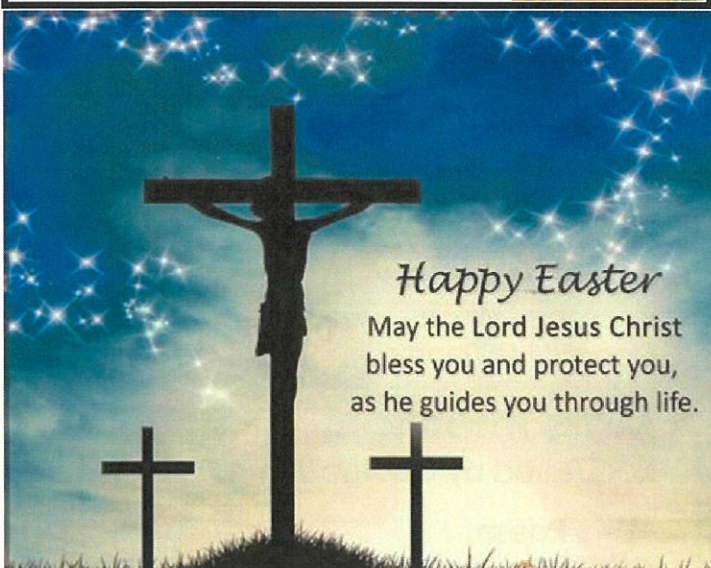
SICK & SHUT-IN LIST

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

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.

MARION ZIMMER SHAELEY

CLUTTERBORN



**Sacrament of Reconciliation on
Saturday: 3:00PM-3:30PM**

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.**



Dear Friends,

All the resurrection stories are very challenging. They are an invitation into the Mystery of Christ Crucified and Christ Risen. The information of the story, its content, has to be embraced not only in the mind but in a heart open and searching the deep questions of our life.

In today's story, we have in Peter a man searching for salvation, for deliverance. Just a few short hours earlier, he slept while Jesus agonized about his coming Passion and Death. Then Peter, denied the commitment of all his time with Jesus, ***"I do not know the man!"***

As he ran to the tomb, no doubt, Peter's mind and heart captured the human journey that is part of all of our experience. The hearing of Jesus' call and then the commitment to walk with Jesus captured the initial enthusiasm. Then the increasing challenge to believe in the context of life's growing burden and confusion led to the questioning of Jesus and finally the denial. Now, as he ran to the tomb his heart was open to a new beginning.

In today's passage, we are given a powerful insight about discipleship, Peter's and ours: God never gives up on us!

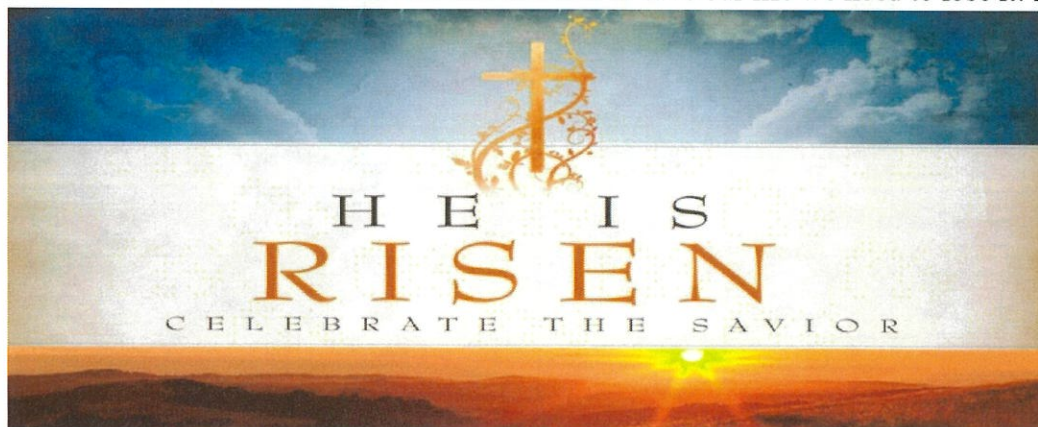
At the Tomb, the messengers of God, dressed in white, tells the women, ***"Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here but he has been raised. Remember what he said to you while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners and be crucified and rise on the third day."*** (Lk 24:5-6)

The women carried the message, in all its wonder and all its challenge and all its confusion, to the disciples. Peter takes off in this bewilderment to search the depth of the message. Soon enough, the deepest hope was soon to be fulfilled. Not only has Jesus risen, but Peter was to be accepted in all his brokenness in the loving arms of his gracious God.

Jesus has not given up on Peter and the disciples. Their failure to grasp his message, their desertion at the time of the Passion and Death, does not call forth the wrath of a vengeful God. On the contrary, we are presented with a faithful and forgiving and ever so patient God. Indeed, the reality is God did not give up on the disciples and especially Peter. Nor will God ever give up on us.

In Peter's running to the tomb, we have an invitation to enter into the Gospel message with new eyes of faith. It is a call for us to truly understand the words of Jesus to take up our cross and follow Him to Jerusalem. It is an invitation to face up to death in all its manifestations, great and small, and realize that God has spoken with the ultimate authority in our human reality. The last word is not death but life, not defeat and hopelessness, but victory that unveils a graciousness and a sense of hope in all our darkest moments. God has not given up on us!

We need to return to Galilee and encounter God's word in Jesus with new eyes opened by the reality of the Resurrection. It is, indeed, a long journey to learn that there is victory in defeat, and it is better to serve than to be served and that the first shall be last and the last first and to save our life we need to lose it! Alleluia!



Mobile Food Pantry

*Fresh Fruits, Vegetables,
Non-Perishable Groceries*

Free

Our Lady of Africa – Tolton Center



SVD Food Pantry

44 E. 41st Street

Saturday April 23, 2022

10:00 am – 12:00 pm



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