

OUR LADY OF AFRICA PARISH

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 1, 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 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,
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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

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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 Ahiachornu

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!



Our Lady of Africa
WE ARE ONE
Holy, Catholic, & Apostolic
Church of Christ in Chicago



Message from Fr. Tracy O'Sullivan, O. Carm...

Dear Parishioners,

There are many beautiful elements to today's Gospel story, but I want to talk about reconciliation. Jesus gives us a powerful example of how we should forgive.

When Peter comes racing out of the water, Jesus is standing by the charcoal fire. It was a perfect opportunity to ask Peter if he remembered the last time, he was next to a charcoal fire. Perhaps he might mention the maid servant in case Peter was in total denial. I am sure most of us would and then go into very great detail of how much the betrayal hurt us.

Of course, Jesus is different. Jesus accepts Peter as he is. Jesus initiates the forgiveness. Jesus calls Peter to love. For Jesus that is sufficient.

There is a strong message for us. Reconciliation is never a fifty/fifty proposition where we measure out equal parts using a teaspoon to get the exact equality. For Jesus, forgiveness comes first without all the blaming, without the measurements down to the smallest detail. This mercy of God is like a torrential downpour of love and forgiveness. There is no minute measurement, only a call to love.

We say that this is impossible for us and, indeed, it is without the gift of God's grace. But with God's grace, look what happens. It takes a long time to know but the truth will eventually open our eyes and our heart. There is no life, and absolutely, no happiness in hatred. The grudge will never bring us peace.

Peter, a fragile and flawed human being, is transformed to a fearless leader of the Christian community. That incredible change was possible because Peter knew he was loved.

Just look at your life. Look at the relationships in your family, at work, in the parish, and in the community. You and I have the power to love and to transform the tension and the conflict that is always part of our life. We are called by the Risen Christ to put away the teaspoon of our petty and jealous approach to justice. Jesus invites to love without measure as we struggle to walk in his footsteps. We all could save ourselves and many of our loved ones a lot of pain if we followed the example of the God of the second chance that is revealed in today's Gospel.





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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.



May 1 – Third Sunday of Easter
A Vocation View: Jesus asks us, “Do you love me?” Show your love for Jesus in the way that you live.
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Very Special Celebration

Saturday, May 7-Vigil Mass at 4:00 pm - Fr. Tracy O'Sullivan will celebrate his 60th Anniversary as a Priest. Some of his Family will be with us. We will serve Cake and Coffee following the Mass in our Parish Hall.

Parish Up Coming Events

- 05/04 -Weekly Bible Study in Person at 11:00 AM
- 05/05 -Weekly Food Pantry—10:00AM-12:00 Noon
Tolton Heritage Center.
- 5/07 -Pre Mothers Day Spring Fling 12 Noon-3:00 PM Tolton Heritage Center

Please remember the following in your prayers for healing:

Argentry Mitchell
Donald McKinney, Jr.
Lawrence Coombs
Catherine Cosby
Mass Intention & Repose Souls

- +Dennis Johnston
- +Keith Devers
- +Charlotte Morman-From: Conchetta Holt
- +Tamara Hudson & Arthemise Washington
- From: Taliva Tillman
- +Karen Aphour



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



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

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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