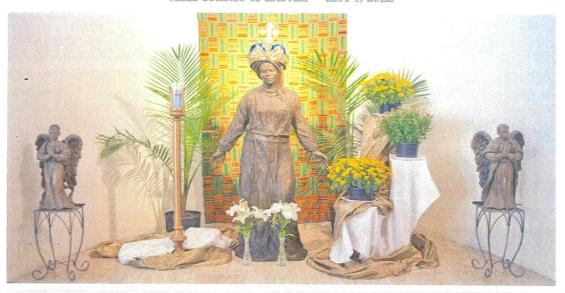
OUR LADY OF AFRICA PARISH

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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, 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





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 IIo

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!





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 vey 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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Parish Up Coming Events

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. **DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES and**

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Very Special Celebration

Saturday, May 7-Vigil Mass at 4:00

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.

pm - Fr. Tracy O'Sullivan will

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

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.



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.

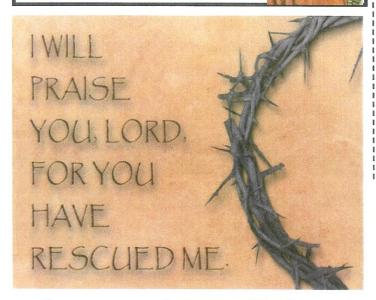
You, who are one with Christ
In suffering and in glory,
Be mindful of those assailed by trials,
That they may discover
His liberating Passover, and live by it in hope.

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.



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

Sick & Shut-in



! Curtis Albright Dorla Allen Patrice Anderson Jessie Andrews James Barker Donald Barner Louise Bates Myra Baugh Christine Brown Barbara McGee-Berry Patricia Brown Roscoe Burns Michael Burt Dean Brazier James Brazier Calicott Family Marilyn Campbell Esperanza Carr Russell Carter Lillian Cherry Michael A. Clark Lydia Clark Willie B. Clay Lawrence Coombs Catherine Cosby Mary Crawford Ella Crossley Sr. Eleanor Doidge Cecelia Douglas Judith Easter Deborah Edmundson Elsie Freeman Wanda Finney Ola Mae Forde Nazaree Fuller Rosemary Gardner Frederick Gibson Florence Glenn Andre D. Golden Mable Gray Bettie Green Eleanor Griffin Barbara Golden

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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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