

OUR LADY OF AFRICA PARISH

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JUNE 26, 2022



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Frater Manie Manuel, SVD, Frater Andrew Wang, SVD, Frater Zachary Smith, SVD
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 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.. 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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2022 Annual Catholic Appeal

Making all things new...



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

Weekly 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

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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 Eucharist & Apostles



Message from our Pastor...

Dear Parishioners,

We welcome Fr. Charles Dahm, OP this weekend who will speak at all of our Masses. He works with Domestic Violence Outreach of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Fr. Charles would also like to invite you to meeting on Tuesday evening at the Tolton Center Church Meeting at 7:00 pm regarding setting up a Committee on making people aware of Domestic Violence and helping to prevent it. Please consider this important ministry.

Our Second Collection today is for Peters Pence. It helps provide most basic needs to people who need it the most. Pope Francis tells us "I should no longer say that I have neighbors to help, but that I must myself be a neighbor to others." Please be as generous as you can. The Ushers have special envelopes for this second collection. As always, make your check out to Our Lady of Africa, and we will send your donation to its proper place. Please be generous.

Fr. Andrew Wang, SVD has finished his CTP Program with us. He has to go back for continued Theology Studies now. However, we hope he can visit us on weekends in the Fall.

We are so blest to have had him among us! Blessings...Fr. Bob Kelly, SVD

A Thank you....My dear families and friends in Christ at Our Lady of Africa Parish,

I take this opportunity to thank you before I travel to New Orleans for the Institute of Black Catholic Studies. I thank you sincerely for your support and prayers for me and for your journey with me during my year of the Cross-Cultural Training Program (CTP) as your friend. My CTP from August 29, 2021, to June 25, 2022, is finished. Of course, thank you for many things you taught me, and your faith and hope, I hope I have shared the same as you did with me. Special thanks to Fr. Bob Kelly, SVD, our pastor who gave me a chance to learn from him and help me on my journey through this pastoral year.

I am grateful to be living at a great parish - Our Lady of Africa Parish, especially with wonderful people. I will pray for you as you pray for me. May God be with us always. I was abundantly fulfilled during my time service/learning here at Our Lady of Africa Parish. I thank you for the many ways that you have and are such an important part of my life journey with Jesus Christ, especially my vocational journey. May God bless you and keep you, may Lord's face shine upon you and give you peace.

Fr. Andrew Wang, SVD



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Online Giving



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**June 26 – Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
A Vocation View:**

Choose to follow Jesus wherever he goes.
To say "yes" without hesitation requires
great trust. The reign of God needs
servants to trust.

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LUKE 9:51-62

**FOLLOWING CHRIST
WITHOUT ... EXCUSE**

No Reserves
No Retreat
No Regret

Website for Our Lady of Africa



Father Tracy's Blog
Praying Alone Together

Parish Up Coming Events

06/29 -In Person BIBLE STUDY-11:00 am

06/30 -Weekly Food Pantry

10:00AM - 12:00 Noon

Tolton Heritage Center

07/04 -Happy 1 Year Anniversary OLOA

- Happy Independent Day

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

Jim Henkel

Janet McFarland

**Mass Intention & Repose of
Souls**

+Michael J. Harris

+Deacon Dexter Gary Watson



**13th Sunday
of
Ordinary
Time**

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.

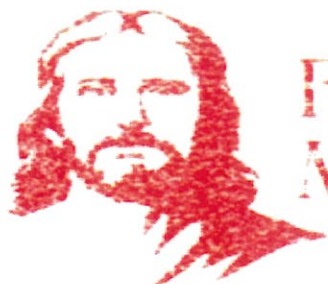


Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday: 3:00PM-3:30PM

Condolences for +Dennis Johnson

Anyone who wish to send condolences to the
family of Mr. Dennis Johnson my send it to:

Ms. Roxanne Ross
349 N.W. 154th Avenue
Pembroke Pines, Fl. 33028



**FOLLOW
ME**

Sick & Shut-in



Curtis Albright
Dorla Allen
Patrice Anderson
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Helen Brooms
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
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Lydia Clark
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Catherine Cosby
Mary Crawford
Ella Crossley
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Mable Gray
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Rita Holland
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Nolan Humphries
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Thelma Jackson
Leslie Jackson
Mildred Jackson
Trudy Jackson
Majorbelle James
Therese Jessie
Cindy Jirsa
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McKeever
Denise Lawson
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Jan Johnson
Pamela Jones
Betty Lumpkins
Lenda Mason
Anastacia Mebane
Donna Perisee-
McFarlane
Gail McGruder
McShan Family
Bernadine McNeal
Deborah Mitchell
Argentry Mitchell
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Michael Moore
Maria Jossey Owen
Gregory Papesch
Minnette Penman
Allen Peoples
Sr. Jamie Phelps, O.P.
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Jean Porter
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Phyllis Shackelford
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Beverly Sims
Shirley Simmons
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Cynthia Thompson
Renee Trotter
Audrey Tuggle
Joanne Wallace
Joyce Wallace
Tandra Watson
Rachel Watson
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Doris Whitaker
Eryn Whitaker
Rita White
Yvonne Whitenier
Arlene G. Williams
Dorothy Williams
Evelyn Williams
Naiya Williams
Michael Williams
Patricia Williams
Sheila Williams
Euphrasia Mutinda
Sunnette Varnado
Smith

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.*

Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time - C

Lk 9:51-62

Dear Friends,

We have just finished an extensive celebration of the great event of our faith, God's love revealed in the Pascal Mystery. This is Christ's death and resurrection. We now return to Ordinary Time. We are entering into the Gospel of Luke to meet Jesus. We bring our lives, with our joys and sorrows, to this encounter. Our hope is to see God's presence and call that will guide our daily experience.

Today's gospel reveals Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. This takes ten full chapters in Luke. It is almost like a gospel within a gospel in the depth and breadth of its message. It consists mostly of teachings by Jesus with only a few miracles during this time. Jesus has grown in awareness that the depth of his conflict with the leaders will demand a total commitment. This faithfulness to the Father's will and mission will likely lead to death. This is what Luke means when he says, **"he resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem"** (Lk 9:51).

The concept of journey or pilgrimage is a common pattern in the Bible. It reveals how we experience God. It demands a singleness of purpose. It is definitely a one-way ticket.

In today's gospel passage Jesus talks about the requirements for this journey. These are the demands of discipleship. The first is to let go of revenge. Jesús's disciples on the journey are to be people of tolerance who forsake the natural lure for violence. Secondly, the disciples must surrender the comfort and convenience of their past ways. The deeply human desire to settle down with clear boundaries and to be in control has to be forsaken. Jesus is not into mortgages. His is the way of letting go in the uprooting experience of pilgrimage. Thirdly, Jesus demands an allegiance that does not accept any delay. The choice is to walk to Jerusalem now. Too often, we hope to avoid the walking. We want the luxury of the next train. Jesus is not into shortcuts. There seldom is a next train.

We are called to make a decision. The rules of the journey to Jerusalem demand a discipline that is both challenging and comforting. We are called to walk with Jesus. This is the fundamental choice of the Christian life. Like so many other biblical passages, this teaching has been distorted over the centuries. Jesus does not want to cutoff responsible relations to families or others. He simply wants to put them in order. God comes first.

Discipleship, the main message of today's gospel, means we are entering a relationship. We begin that relationship by the first step. God always takes us where we are. There will be many more steps to follow but without the first step nothing happens.

We need to let go of anything that will be an obstacle to our choice for Jesus. On our way to Jerusalem, we will slowly see, with a growing clarity, the many demands of this commitment. Everything will eventually be brought to the surface. We will grow in our ability to determine whether our actions, possessions and relationships either help or hinder our choice of Jesus. We will learn that we cannot turn back.



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—POPE FRANCIS, *FRATELLI TUTTI*, NO. 81

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A Concrete Sign of Mercy

The year 2020 united the whole world in suffering as the COVID-19 pandemic took millions of lives and created widespread economic hardship due to the closure of nonessential businesses. In Lebanon, the hardship of the pandemic was compounded by a catastrophic explosion of a warehouse at the port in Beirut on August 4, 2020. The blast killed more than 200 people and injured and displaced thousands more.

With funds collected through the Peter's Pence Collection, the Holy Father provided an immediate response of €250,000 to the Church in Lebanon, which made medical care, temporary shelter, and other basic needs available to victims through the efforts of Caritas Lebanon, Caritas Internationalis, and sister organizations of Caritas. Donations to the Peter's Pence Collection support not only the activities of the Roman Curia that assist the pope in the exercise of his ministry but also

How You Can Help

PRAY

Pray for the Holy Father, for those he reaches out to serve in compassion, and for the ongoing activities of the Holy See, all of which will benefit from the Peter's Pence Collection.

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Give generously to this collection as a sign of mercy to those who suffer around the globe and in support of the ongoing work of the Holy See. By doing so, you help build up the Church so that it can continue to minister to all for generations to come.

solidarity projects that help those most in need, such as emergency relief to the people of Lebanon.

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A Tradition of Support for the Holy Father

Support for such papal efforts is rooted in the scriptural message to take care of the poor and expresses unity with the Holy Father in two ways: through the ongoing activities of the Holy See and through the charitable works of the Holy Father on behalf of those most in need.



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