

OUR LADY OF AFRICA PARISH

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JULY 10, 2022



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Pastor: Fr. Bob Kelly, SVD, **Associate Pastor:** Fr. Carl Gales, SVD, Brother Alu Aisi, SVD, Frater Manie Manuel, 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 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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2022 Annual Catholic Appeal

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



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

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Food Pantry

Every Thursday at

4058 S. Michigan Ave, and every

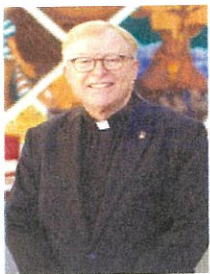
Fourth Saturday of month at

44 E. 41st. Hours for both are:

10:00 AM until 12:00 noon.



Our Lady of Africa
WE ARE ONE
Holy Catholic & Apostolic
EST. July 8, 2017 CHICAGO



Message from our Pastor...



Dear Parishioners:

“We’ve Come This Far by Faith”

It is hard to believe that one year has passed already since we began Our Lady of Africa Parish. It is a Parish that is founded on a very blest and rich cultural history. A unique and wonderful foundation which has given birth to this new Parish through the working of the Holy Spirit, under the care of Our Lady and through the intercession of Venerable Fr. Augustus Tolton.

The Discernment Team made tough decisions and the Naming Team helped us first and foremost to the starting point. They both brought us a new beginning on July 1, 2021.

This first year would not have been possible without the help of so many people. All of Our Staff of our Parishes who brought us to July 1st last year, who were also the Transitions Staff of Connie Holt, Denise Moore, Karen Rogers, and Lisa Pruitt, who were with us through September 1st; our current ongoing ministry leaders: our Seminarians led by Frater Manie Manuel, SVD, our CTP Student Frater Andrew Wang, SVD, Frater Zachary Smith, SVD, and our current Staff of Shirley McKinney at Our Lady of Africa, and Regina Cook at Tolton Heritage Center.

All of Our Parish Deacons, Merv Johnson, Michael Foggie, who work so hard behind the scenes, our Music Director, Mr. Pittman, our Cantors, Musicians, and the list goes on from Hospitality Ministers including Greeters and Ushers, Religious Education Team, Bereavement Ministers, Readers/Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, all names too numerous to mention. Our Food Pantry and the Pantry Volunteers under the Direction of Ladell Johnson. The Blessed Sacrament Society for their Prayers, Donations, and encouragement.

All the above people and ministers have made the past year possible, and I am especially grateful to our SVD Seminarians under the encouragement, direction and dedicated work of Frater Manie Manuel, SVD. I also thank Fr. Tracy O’Sullivan, O.Carm., for leading Bible Study and his encouragement to walk with Jesus, Fr. Mark Weber, SVD, and our Deacon Carl Gales, SVD who is now Fr. Carl Gales, SVD.

I am grateful to All of you for embracing the working grace of the Holy Spirit that has brought us together and made us one. Your presence here each week makes the mission of Jesus come alive, and together we build the Kingdom of God in all its wonderful and healthy ways. We are very blest and “We Are One!”

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

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YouTube

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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

Please remember the following in your prayers for healing:

Argentry Mitchell
Catherine Cosby
Helen Brooms
Jim Henkel
Janet McFarland
Mary Berry
Alice Thompson

Mass Intention & Repose Souls

+Ella Crossley
+Cletonia Dickens



July 10 – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Vocation View: We are called to love with our whole being. God is inviting you to love through ministry to the Church. Pray for generosity to serve God's people.

DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES and SISTER SERVANTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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Words of Wisdom for this 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time:

It is never true to say that we have no time to meditate; the less one thinks of God, the less time there will always be for God. The time we have for anything depends on how much we value it.

Wisdom from Fulton Sheen

Parish Up Coming Events

07/10 - Health Ministry Meeting after 9:00 AM Mass

07/13 - In Person Bible Study—11:00AM

07/14 - Weekly Food Pantry—Tolton Center
10:00 AM—12:00 Noon

Eucharistic Ministers Training
If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Ministers, PLEASE: sign the sheet at the Ushers/Greeters table. There will be training soon.

Funeral Services:



Funeral Services for:

+ Mrs. Ella Crossley - Services was held on Saturday, July 9th. Please keep Mrs. Ella Crossley and Family in Prayer

+Mrs. Cletonia Dickens - Services Saturday, July 16th - 10:00 AM -11:00 AM - Funeral Mass: 11:00 AM - 12:00 Noon. Please keep Mrs. Cletonia Dickens and Family in prayer.

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.

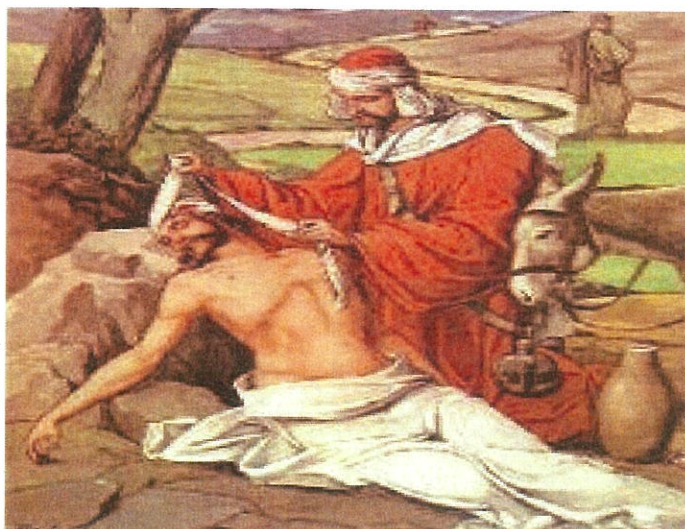
You who, in the midst of the Apostles,
Received the breath of the Spirit
Be mindful of the apostles of today.
May they announce the Word with assurance
And proclaim it by their lives.
May young people hear the call of Christ
And follow him with joy.

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



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

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.**

Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time-C

Lk 10:25-37

Dear Friends,

Jesus is responding to a petty and narrow interpretation of the law. It is offered not in openness but in deceit. The lawyer is trying to protect his privilege and power that Jesus threatens. Beyond that hidden agenda, the lawyer's definition of neighbor only included fellow countrymen. He hoped to draw Jesus into a violation of the Law. In this, he failed. He did, however, draw Jesus into a revelation of the depth and breadth of God's presence in all human beings beyond any configuration of the narrow definition that prejudice could spawn.

"Good Samaritan" is easily understood in our day. It even is defined in a dictionary as "an exceptionally charitable or helpful person". It is quite problematic for us to grasp the power of the contradiction that Jesus set up in the parable. Depending on your sensitivities, its use today might be a militant Al Qaeda or white supremacist or a hateful anti-Semite or another far out contradiction of your creative imagination. Jesus' use of a Samaritan was truly outrageous in his day!

The story sets up a different expectation. After the two Jewish leaders make a choice of their own comfort and convenience over personal involvement, one would naturally be inclined to a third person of much lesser rank among the Jewish people. Jesus, however, shatters all expressions of normality with the Samaritan, the most despicable of Jewish enemies. This choice is followed up with a sense of grandiosity in service that continued the pattern of shock and awe. When the enemy benefactor pays the bill and promises more, we are well beyond any sense of generous decency. This all flows from Jesus' new definition of neighbor as one in need.

The love Jesus unveils knows no limits. The human heart is capable and works constantly at drawing limits of this gospel love. Phrases like "Charity begins at home" are transcended by the message of Jesus: love begins with our concrete response to the suffering person in our midst.

Today's parable challenges us to see the problematic situations in our life not as a burden but as an opportunity. We are called to share the extravagant hospitality of the Samaritan. Like the Samaritan, we are invited to see our goods as a means of assistance not a distortion of our personal security. This is only possible by a continual withdrawal from a narrow, fenced-in world-view. The flow of our daily life and responsibilities offers countless opportunities to reach out in loving service. Jesus' words always remain the same. Our task is to **"go and do the same" (Lk 10:37).**

OUR LADY OF AFRICA AND
THE COALITION FOR SPIRITUAL & PUBLIC LEADERSHIP PRESENT:

BUILDING THE FOUNDATIONS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AT OUR LADY OF AFRICA



TOLTON HERITAGE SITE

44 EAST 41ST STREET, CHICAGO

July 30, 2022 | 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Join us for this gathering where we will:

- Come to share ideas and discern together
- Apply the principles of spirit-rooted community organizing in identifying the social justice issues that we can work together to resolve as a community



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