

OUR LADY OF AFRICA PARISH

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - JULY 24, 2022



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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 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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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 Ahihornu

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

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.

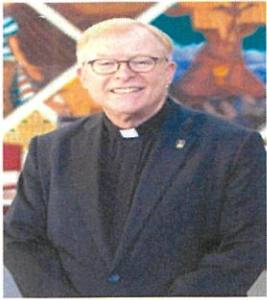


Our Lady of Africa

WE ARE ONE

Holy, Catholic & Apostolic

EST. July 4, 2021 - Chicago



Message from our Pastor...

Dear Parishioners,

My sincere thanks to All of you for your Birthday Wishes to me this past week. This included the Birthday E-Cards, Birthday Cards, Text Messages, I-Messages, Phone Calls and your wonderful gifts to me. Thank you so much! It really made a difference.

This weekend and next weekend we have some important events happening. They are as follows:

-Saturday/Sunday, July 23-24, 2 022

Social Justice Presentation at All the Masses this weekend. This is done by the Coalition for Spiritual and Public Leadership. It is based on Catholic Social Teaching. Visit their table in the Narthex for more information.

-Saturday, July 30, 2 022 from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm-Tolton Center Hall 44 E 41st Street

Building the Foundations for Social Justice Ministry. A Free Workshop at Our Lady of Africa Parish at the Tolton Site. See inserted Flyer and come for a Free Breakfast.

-Saturday/Sunday, July 30-31, 2 022-Mission Coop Weekend. Each year a missionary comes to visit for the Missionary Cooperation Plan. It helps us to know what missionary Sisters, Brothers and Priests are doing around our world. Sr. Rose-Ange Woulaou of the Sisters of Providence of St. Paul of Kara, Togo will speak to us at All the Masses about their Missionary work. An insert is enclosed in the Bulletin about the Sisters work. Special Envelopes are available for this Second Collection.

-Wednesday, July 27, 2 022-Bible Study at 11:00 am in the Parish Hall.

**“And I tell you, ask and you will receive;
seek and you will find;
knock and the door will be opened to you.
For everyone who asks, receives;
and the one who seeks, finds;
and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.” Luke 11: 9-13**

Have a Blessed Week!

Fr. Bob Kelly, SVD



Your continued donations to support Our Lady of Africa Parish can be given by going to the following link:

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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:

Mary Berry
Helen Brooms
Jim Henkel
Janet McFarland
Jeff Moore
Alice Thompson
Dorothy Williams



Mass Intention & Repose Souls

+Charles Baker, Jr.
+Ramona Jones - Requested by Debra Crosby
+Hazel Miele - Requested by Joyce Phyllis Lane
+Fr. Ed McGovern & +Espinolla R. Woolfork - Requested by Lisa Woolfolk

July 24 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Vocation View:

"Ask and you shall receive; seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened to you."

Believe and act on Jesus' promise.

**DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES and
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Pray for Hope & Peace

Heavenly father, **We** are your humble servant,

We come before you today in need of hope.

We need hope for a calm and joyful future.

We need hope for love and kindness.

We pray for peace and safety.

Some say that the sky is at its darkest just before the light.

We pray that this is true, for today seems stormy and dim.

We need your light, Lord, in every way.

We pray to be filled with your light.

Help us to walk in your light, and live our life in faith and service. **AMEN**

Parish Up Coming Events

07/27 - In-Person Bible Study in Parish Hall
11:00AM

07/28 - Weekly Food Pantry—Tolton Center
10:00 AM—12:00 Noon

07/30 - Building the Foundation - 10:00AM to
1:00 PM at the Tolton Heritage Center
(See Flyer)

Eucharistic Ministers Training

If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister:

PLEASE: sign the sheet at the Ushers/Greeters table. There will be training soon. (Date TBD)



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.

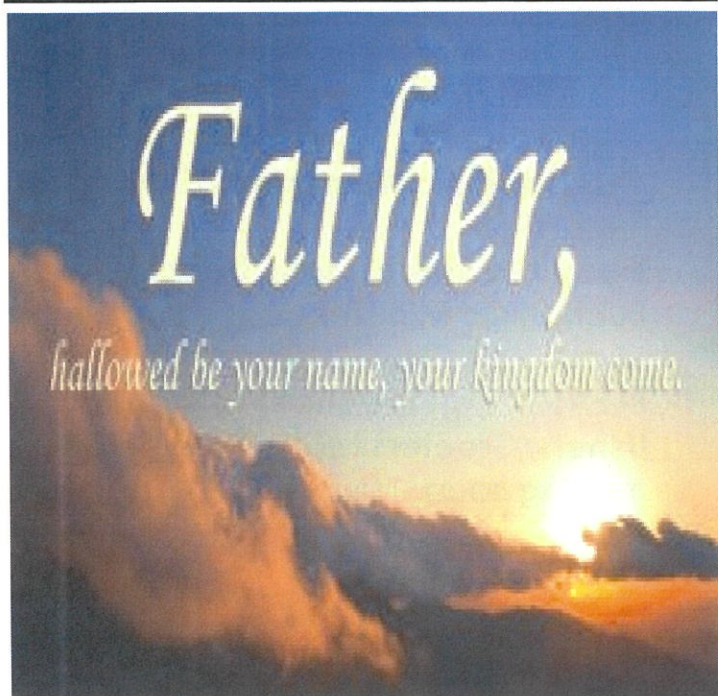
You, who are one with Christ
In suffering and in glory,
Be mindful of those assailed by trials,
That they may discover
His liberating Passover, and live by it in hope.

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.



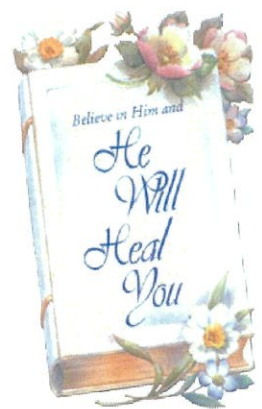
Sick & Shut-in



Ophelia Adams
Curtis Albright
Dorla Allen
Patrice Anderson
Jessie Andrews
James Barker
Donald Barner
Louise Bates
Myra Baugh
David Berry
Mary Berry
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
Michael A. Clark
Lydia Clark
Willie B. Clay
Catherine Cosby
Mary Crawford
Sr. Eleanor Doidge
Cecelia Douglas
Judith Easter
Deborah Edmundson
Elsie Freeman
Wanda Finney
Ola Mae Forde
Nazaree Fuller
Tyrone Fuller
Rosemary Gardner
Frederick Gibson
Florence Glenn
Andre D. Golden
Mable Gray
Bettie Green
Eleanor Griffin
Barbara Golden
Anna Marie Hampton
Vircy Spight-Harris
Marjorie Heard

Lorraine Henderson
Justin HendersonJim
Henkel
Barbara Edwards-Hill
Kelly Robin Hill
Velma Hill
Hugh Hodges
Rita Holland
Sandra Houston
Doris Humphries
Nolan Humphries
George James
Janet James
Leslie Jackson
Mildred Jackson
Trudy (Thelma)
Jackson
Majorbelle James
Therese Jessie
Cindy Jirsa
Annette Lee
Susan Larry
McKeever
Denise Lawson
Gloria Leonard
Lugenia Lewis
Jan Johnson
Pamela Jones
Betty Lumpkins
Lenda Mason
Anastacia Mebane
Donna Perisee-
McFarlane
Gail McGruder
McShan Family
Janet McFarland
Bernadine McNeal
Deborah Mitchell
Argentry Mitchell
Geraldine Moore
Jeff Moore
Michael Moore
Maria Jossey Owen
Gregory Papesh
Minnette Penman
Allen Peoples
Sr. Jamie Phelps, O.P.
Marionette Phelps
Jean Porter

Deborah Powell
Louise Ray
Tyna Rule
Phyllis Shackelford
Alfrances Sharpe
Beverly Sims
Shirley Simmons
Emma Stewart
Margaret Stewart
Alonzo Studstill
Janice Taylor
Alice Thompson
Cynthia Thompson
Renee Trotter
Audrey Tuggle
Joanne Wallace
Joyce Wallace
Tandra Watson
Rachel Watson
Mrs. P. Wells
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



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.

Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Lk 11: 1-13

Dear Friends,

Today, we have the Lukan version of the Our Father. This special prayer is the culmination and deepest expression of all the prayers in the Bible. It has been described as the summary of the Gospel.

Down through the centuries, the saints, and particularly the Doctors of the Church, have sung its praises. St. Thomas Aquinas called it a prayer of the end times. At our present moment we experience the mystery of salvation in what has been described as **“already but not yet.”** This means that the Pascal Mystery of Christ’s death and resurrection has accomplished our salvation. Yet we are in a process of moving toward the completion of that reality in our Christian life and final destiny of human history. We are moving toward the fullness of the Kingdom of God, the restoration of the original innocence. It still remains an object of hope, a time where we will be completely free of the consequences of sin: no more sickness, division, hatred, violence, ignorance, de-humanizing poverty and prejudice and, finally, death gives way to eternal life. St. Thomas’ point is that the Our Father is a prayer for the coming of the New Day and the New Creation that is God’s Kingdom.

When Jesus gave his followers the Our father, he was offering a way of life. This prayer was a guide of how they were to live and relate to God. This is the prayer for those who wish to walk with Jesus on the journey to the Kingdom.

Our Father

The great gift of Jesus is that we have become adopted children, allowing us to address our God as Father. When addressing the Father, Luke has Jesus using the term **“Abba”** and invites us to do the same. This is the most intimate and familial expression a child would use in addressing a parent. Matthew uses the term we translate as **“Father.”** This term is more distinguished and majestic. Both Evangelists direct us into the great mystery that Jesus reveals in the Our Father.

The term **“Our”** identifies us as part of the family of God. Jesus is creating a community of believers to share his relationship with the Father. All our prayers include the personal needs but also take account of all God’s children. All the petitions in this prayer are communal as well as personal.

Hallowed Be thy Name

Hallowed means to make holy. The request here is that recognizing God’s holiness that we respond to that divine holiness. We are called to be witnesses to God’s holiness as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus in search of his Kingdom.

Thy Kingdom Come

Jesus reveals the Kingdom as God’s plan. His works and teachings and especially in the death and resurrection disclose God’s action. This is the initiation of the destruction of all the consequences of Adam and Eve’s sin.

Love, justice and mercy have the final say in the Kingdom. Our sins are forgiven, the sick healed, enemies are reconciled, the poor share the blessings of the Lord in abundance and the captives are freed. Every desire in harmony with God's love is fulfilled. The human venture is brought to a just and peaceful resolution.

In the Lukan version, God's will clearly is part of the Kingdom we seek in our prayer. Jesus showed us the way in fulfilling the Father's will. God's plan is for our freedom leading to eternal happiness. God invites us into that treasure beyond our dreams. In Gethsemane, Jesus showed the power of his surrender to the Father's will. His acceptance of the divine will produced the passage from death to life for all humankind. God's will for us, both personally and communally, continues to call us into the fullness of life.

The Thou Petitions

Give Us this Day Our Daily Bread

By saying give "us" we are again showing our communion with all our brothers and sisters. The bread we ask for includes all material needs of ourselves and others, a steady supply of sustenance. As part of a communion, the needs of others, especially the poor, must be a priority.

At the same time, we are praying for the Bread of Life which includes the Word of God and the Body of Christ in the Eucharist. These gifts of the spirit strengthen and enable us to respond generously in making the petitions real in our life.

Forgive Us Our Trespasses as We Forgive Those Who Trespass against Us

Reconciliation looks forward to the coming of the Lord in judgment. We are asking for the great gift necessary to enter the Kingdom: forgiveness. Only our willingness to forgive will open the passage to new life. Lack of forgiveness hardens our hearts and closes the way into the merciful love of our God.

Do not subject us to the final test

We now recognize our human weakness caught in the battle of the spirit and the flesh. We are asking God to protect and guide us away from sin. We are asking for discernment, vigilance, and perseverance.

This final test means deliverance from the Evil One who is Satan. We are asking for guidance through the harsh and horrible appeal of all elements in the world that are in total opposition to our salvation. We are asking God to deliver us from all the evils that are the relentless work of the Evil One whose overriding desire is to draw us away from God.



*Institut des Sœurs de la
Providence de Saint Paul (psp)
de KARA-TOGO*

Mission Coop Second Collection, July 30-31



The Sisters of Providence of Saint Paul of Kara in Northern Togo was founded by the local Bishop, the Most Reverend Ignace Sambar TALAKENA, on October 1st / 1975. The charism is Hospitality. We are working in different fields according to the needs of the area we are in. Our mission is to evangelize people through our charisma which is Hospitality through the promotion of health care, education, and professional training. We contribute to the human and spiritual development of the population where our mission is implemented. We welcome everyone without exception, especially the most vulnerable.



We care for the elderly: We do home visits to the elderly and to the sick. There is no nursing home for elderly in the northern Togo. Sisters bring them food, medicine, and clothes in their houses by using a motorcycle or bicycle or even to walk.



We care for abandoned girls with a child: We have taken them and placed them in small communities, while ensuring their education and taking care of their children as well. A little contribution sisters have been giving in educating young girls is helping stop teenagers' marriages.



We care for orphans: We take orphans and find a family where they can stay or sisters bring them into our own families for their care and good education. We do this because we lack the place, food where orphans can stay together.



We care for those people with mental disabilities: There are many challenges taking care of disabled people because usually they roam, they are violent, and agitated. Sisters assigned to this ministry have always to seek help to catch disabled people because they don't have a place, and no one cares where they go. And the biggest problem is that there is no hospital for mentally disabled people in Northern Togo. So, when sisters manage to control them, we take them to Benin, where a religious order established a clinic for them. Now their numbers increasing yearly.

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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



REGISTER ONLINE:

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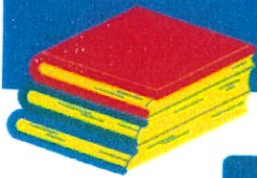
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FREE BREAKFAST
INCLUDED



Office of State Rep. Kam Buckner, State Sen. Robert Peters,
Comm. Bill Lowry, Ald. Sophia King, & Meridian



BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT

Free Activities:

- Face painting, arts & crafts, and music
- Internet safety program for children
- Financial literacy for all ages
- Housing and utility resources

Free Giveaways:

- Backpacks
- School Supplies
 - Provided by Ashler Lodge #139
M.W.P.H.G.L.I
- Food bags
- Raffles for prizes
 - Gift cards, Fitbits, tablets, and more!

Free Health Resources:

- Immunizations (*parent/guardian must be present*), and diabetic and high blood pressure education
 - Provided by Near North Health
- Mammograms and pap smears scheduling
 - Provided by Equal Hope
- Medicaid & SNAP enrollment
 - Provided by Chicago Public Schools
- Counseling services
 - Provided by Bright Star Community Outreach

Scan code below to register and for more details!



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3520 S. Cottage Grove
Chicago, IL 60653

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2022
2PM - 6PM

Event will take place rain or shine!



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