

OUR LADY OF AFRICA PARISH

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - AUGUST 14, 2022



Served by: The Society of the Divine Word... Popularly known as the Divine Word Missionaries

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,
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

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2022 Annual Catholic Appeal

Making all things new...

Reconciliation and hope for the future



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

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



Message from our Associate Pastor...

Greetings to all the members of Our Lady of Africa!

Last week, I had the privilege of being the director of our parish's Catechist Retreat held in East Troy, Wisconsin. It was a transformative and soulful time: getting to know each person on a more personal level as we had sacred sharing and listening. During the second day of the retreat, one of the retreatants asked me, "You've asked us to share something about ourselves... What about you?" I was surprised by the question because I thought that I had shared my story over the course of the time that I had been at Our Lady of Africa.

Well, I was surprised to realize that most people didn't know that I was born in Baltimore! That's just the beginning. So, I will take this opportunity to share a little about my story!

I was born on September 8, 1977 in Baltimore, Maryland. If this date is familiar to you, it is most certainly significant to the Divine Word Missionaries. September 8th is the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is also the date of the founding of the Divine Word Missionaries! This isn't it. My mother's name is Mary...and I was born in Maryland...founded by Catholics! So you could say that my future as a Catholic and a priest was planned out for me from the beginning!

Music is a big part of my story. It all began with a music teacher, Ms. Emily Bedient. She talked to my mom about my musical abilities and recommended that I audition for the Phoenix Boys Choir. (I forgot to mention that when I was seven, my mom, sister and I moved out to Phoenix, Arizona!) Because of this audition and getting into the Phoenix Boys Choir, my musical future was laid out for me in a most special way.

I say all of this to say: life is a collection of people influencing you directly or indirectly. It is all about connection. We all have the purpose of building up the Kingdom. Our story can touch a heart, heal a wound, affirm someone's pain to help them move towards wholeness. Most important...healed people HEAL PEOPLE.

This serves as the first of my sharing about my life in the bulletin. I want you all to know as your Associate Pastor! I am looking forward to connecting with all of you individually in one way or another. Please know that my office is open – it will soon have a couch so you can sit and relax and talk!

God bless you and may God keep you in His loving care!

Father Carl



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

Scan QR Codes
YouTube

Facebook

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:

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



Mass Intention & Repose Souls

+Sherry Armento
+Janet McFarland (Ledbetter)
+Delilah V. Shoemaker

August 14 – Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Vocation View: Jesus wants to set our faith on fire, so we can share His love with zeal.

**DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES and
SISTER SERVANTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
800-553-3321**

Parish Picnic

The committee is asking for donations of School Supplies to be distributed at the Parish Picnic. You may place them in the container in the back of the Church or bring them to the Office.
Deadline is August 18th.

T-Shirts

You may purchase T-Shirts after each Mass.
See the Following Committee Member:
\$15.00
4:00PM – Keisha Chaves
9:00AM – Shirley McKinney
11:30AM - Regina Cook

Parish Up Coming Events

08/13 - Medical Presentation 10:00AM - 12:00 Noon in Parish Hall
08/20 -Social Justice Meeting 10:00AM- 1:00PM
08/21 - Parish Picnic/Anniversary Celebration 1:00PM—5:00PM

Funeral Service

Janet McFarland

Monday, August 15th Wake: at AA Raynor Funeral Home—71st from 3:00PM to 7:00PM

Tuesday August 16th, Our Lady of Africa Parish.

Visitation: 10:00AM to 11:00AM
Funeral Mass: 11:00AM

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.

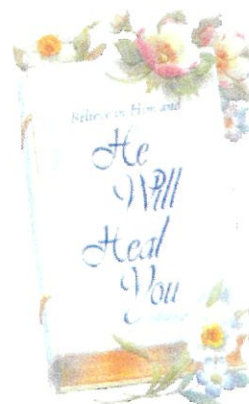
Amen.



Sick & Shut-in



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

Come Out and Celebrate Our 1st Anniversary!



Our Lady of Africa Parish Picnic

Sunday, August 21, 2022

1pm - 5pm

At the Fr. Augustus Tolton Center Hall

44 East 41st Street

FOOD ~ FUN ~ FELLOWSHIP

50/50 RAFFLE/360 CAMERA/GAMES & ACTIVITIES

*Our Lady of Africa T-shirts will be available for purchase after the
Saturday 4pm, Sunday 9am and 11:30 am Masses or at the parish
office M-F 9:00am to 3:00pm*

***We need volunteers and donations of Soda, Juice, Bottled Water, and
Bags of Ice. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the
Parish office at 773-624-5375***

*Please bring your donations to mass, to the parish office by Aug. 18th or to
the picnic*



Let Us Hold Your Hand

**Let Our Lady of Africa Parish Mobile
Pantry support you as you receive your
COVID-19 vaccine and/or booster shot.**



Date: Saturday, August 27, 2022

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: 44 East 41st Street, Chicago, IL 60653

- Anyone age 6 months and older is eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine
- All Chicagoans age 5+ should get a COVID-19 booster dose at least 5 months after completing their initial vaccination series
- Anyone age 50 and older or people over the age of 12 who are moderately or severely immunocompromised should get a second mRNA booster (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna) at least 4 months after their first booster dose

Members of **Our Lady of Africa Church** are available to hold your hand and offer support as you get your shot.

Call **773-642-6532** to secure your appointment.

All patients in eligible zip codes (60608, 60612, 60617, 60619, 60620, 60621, 60624, 60628, 60633, 60636, 60637, 60644, 60649, 60651, 60653, and Chicago residents living in 60827, 60707) who are vaccinated in the At Home program will receive a \$50 gift card for each dose of primary vaccine administered (1st and 2nd dose). Gift cards are not offered for booster dose appointments. Gift cards will be delivered by mail, not at the time of the appointment.

**Protect Yourself, Your Loved
Ones, Your Community**



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

BUILDING THE FOUNDATIONS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AT OUR LADY OF AFRICA



Our Lady of Africa Church Hall
607 E Oakwood Blvd, Chicago, IL
Aug 20, 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:

bit.ly/3ljCwAT

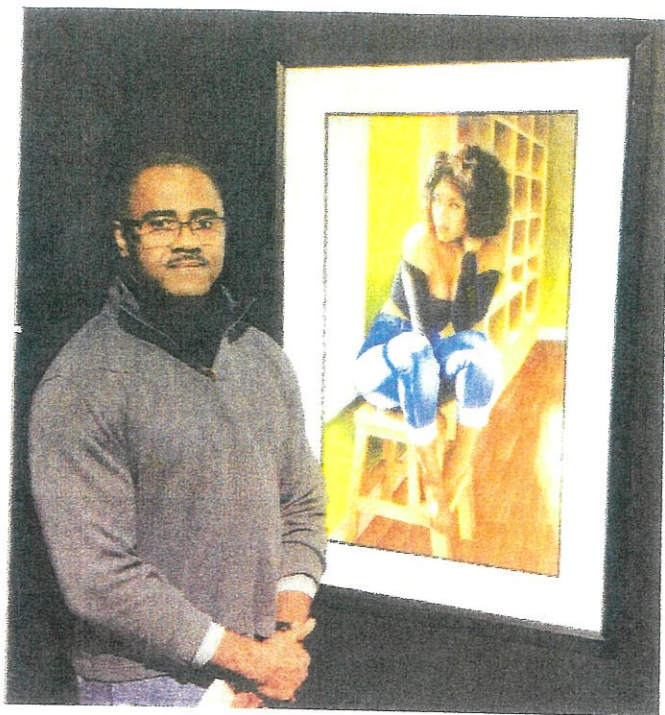
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FREE BREAKFAST
AT 9:15AM - 9:45AM



See the Artworks of Larry Oope



At the **Creative Artists Association's Summer Exhibit!**

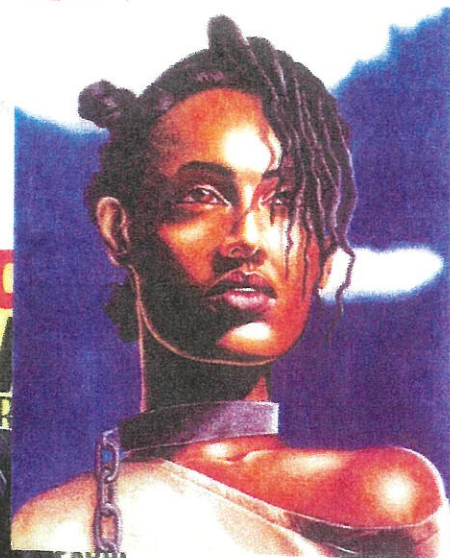
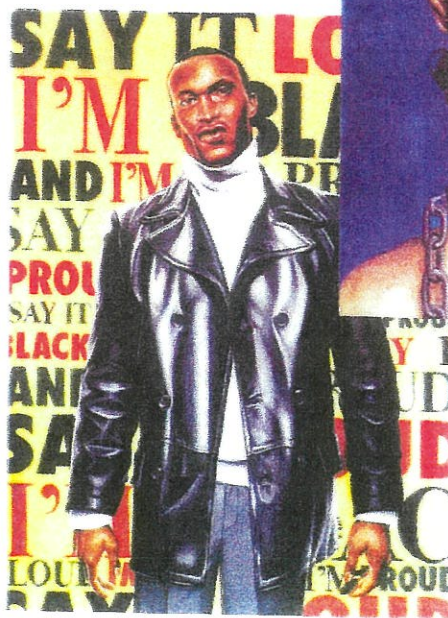
At the South Shore Cultural Center
7059 S. South Shore Dr., Chicago

Sunday, August 7, 2022, through
Friday, August 26, 2022
(Sunday's opening reception at 3:00 p.m.
to 6:00 p.m. Free to the public.)

Other participants in the show are:

Jean Lewis
Krista Shelton
Eugene Mitchell
Clifford Contreras
Johnathan Hadnott
Anna Lindsey
Roby Nyther

You can view all his works at lopeartwork.art
or scan the QR code



Rental Assistance Programs

Phalanx - Homeless Prevention (Rental & Mortgage Assistance & Utilities)

<http://www.phalanxgrp.services.org/contact.htm>

837 W. 119th Street

Chicago, IL 60643

1-773-291-1086

Featherfist

<http://www.featherfist.org/>

2255 E 75th Street

Chicago, IL 60649

1-773- 721-7088

Catholic Charities

Emergency Assistance Department

721 N. LaSalle St. Chicago, IL. 60654

Intake: 312-655-7500

La Casa Norte

3533 W. North Ave Chicago IL. 60647

773-276-4900

Heartland Alliance

208 N. LaSalle Suite 1300, Chicago. IL. 60604

312-660-1300

Dr. Martin Luther King Center Service Center

Address: 4314 S Cottage Grove Ave, Chicago, IL 60653

Hours:

9AM Until 5:00PM

Phone: (312) 747-2300



SENIORS ON THE MOVE

EXECUTIVE BOARD

PRESENTS

OLD SCHOOL DUSTY



COME AND LET'S DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY



Raffle, Fun, Food and Music

FRIDAY AUGUST 19, 2022

4859 S. WABASH AVE.

12:00(NOON)-4:00PM

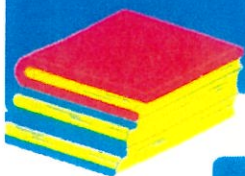
TICKETS \$13.00 OR 2 FOR \$20.00

COME AND ENJOY THE DAY WITH US

Host: President Patricia McMiller/Vice President Cila Clark

773-241-9465

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 #159 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!



ELLIS PARK
3520 S. Cottage Grove
Chicago, IL 60653

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2022
2PM - 6PM

Event will take place rain or shine!



Health Justice Illinois



PETERS

SOPHIA KING



Chicago
Urban League



Lawyers' Committee
for Better Housing



PREDESTINED OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Presents

BACK TO
SCHOOL

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SUMMER EVENT

SATURDAY, AUGUST 28, 2022

AT

NEW COVENANT GOSPEL TABERNACLE CHURCH – PASTOR DEWIN ROGERS

(HELD IN THE PARKING LOT)

4035 S MICHIGAN

11:00 - 2:00

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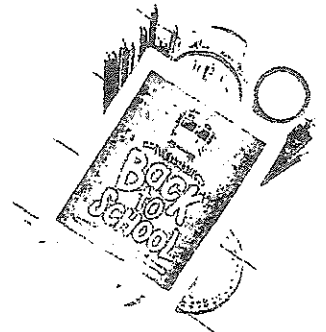
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F R E E A D M I S S I O N

CONTACT: EVANG. BETTY KELLUM (773-812-0834)

(Please WEAR MASK to event to receive supplies)

SOCIAL DISTANCING 6 FEET APART



Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time-C

Lk 12:49-53

Dear Friends,

Our Gospel today places us in the midst of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem. Luke's ten chapters dedicated to this passage are mostly an invitation to enter into the depths of Jesus' message. This movement is the most fundamental and clarifying experience of the human reality: the conflict of good and evil.

Whether we are aware or not, we are totally immersed in this conflict. Through Luke, Jesus is telling us we must make a choice. This choice has consequences. There will be fire and division. Jesus sees his mission, made very concrete on the road to Jerusalem, to expose the reality hidden by deception and corruption wrapped in the false face of a religious practice that does not want to offend anybody.

Much of religion is always in need of the prophet. Jesus embraced this role of the prophet. He came into the world to attack its mediocrity, its indifference and, most of all, its captivity in evil. Jesus states his desire for fire and baptism. This was his destiny from the beginning: the redemptive death on the cross that would unleash the firestorm of the Holy Spirit.

This ultimate conflict of good and evil was Jesus' life, death and resurrection. His proclamation of the Kingdom exposes a reality that is already in place even though it is hidden. He seeks to destroy the divisions that flow from sin and injustice. The fire and baptism of the saving love of the Cross lead to true unity and peace. However, his message and his life, and especially the death and resurrection, attack the superficial façade of peace that avoids and is blinded by the true violence of rampant poverty, separation and isolation of "the others."

When Jesus speaks of division in the family in today's Gospel selection, he was laying out the harsh realities his presence unleashed in the world. Fire and division are non-negotiables on the road to Jerusalem. We as a church, as a parish and as individuals need to examine ourselves in light of this encounter with God's word. Do we upset anyone by our commitment to Jesus? Does the level of our comfort allow for sufficient space to live the challenge of the true Gospel? Have we reduced Jesus' message to an inoffensive religious practice that upsets no one?

God's word always challenges the unthinking acceptance of the false peace. God's word will constantly produce confusion and uprooting as it leads to the true path of peace that is rooted in justice and concern for the poor. Love is never without a cost. Jesus challenges us to be on fire for the Lord. This is why his priorities transcend even the deepest of human loves in the family or elsewhere.

True peace demands conversion. This is the personal transformation that accepts Jesus as the center. Only a heart committed to Christ will experience this true peace. Jesus will create a heart in true harmony that will deliver us from the deception of evil and a comfortable mediocrity of indulgence and indifference. True peace in Christ transforms all human love into the true love that springs from the divine Mystery of Love.

Our Lady of Africa Parish
Blessed Sacrament Society

presents

"WE'VE COME THIS FAR BY FAITH"

Stay-At-Home Tea and Annual Raffle

Dear Family and Friends,

On September 18, 2022, the Blessed Sacrament Society will host its annual fund-raiser to support Our Lady of Africa Parish. We cordially invite you to participate in our *Stay-At-Home Tea* by enjoying a



leisurely *cup of tea on us* in the comfort of your own home, with family and friends, or on your own in quiet solitude. As our honored guest at this marvelous special tea, please enjoy the enclosed tea bag.

To make a donation, please complete the form below and include it with your donation in the enclosed envelope addressed to Our Lady of Africa Parish. Make your check payable to the **Blessed Sacrament Society**. All donations go to support Our Lady of Africa Parish. With this in mind, we hope you will send a very generous donation, and of course, donations of any size are greatly appreciated. Please send your donation by September 8, 2022.

Raffle tickets are also available for purchase. The raffle drawing will be Sunday, September 18, 2022 at 1:30pm in the Frs. George Clements / Paul Smith Hall. You may purchase raffle tickets after each Mass or from any Blessed Sacrament Society member at a cost of \$5.00 per ticket or \$25.00 for a book of six (6) tickets.

Raffle Prizes: 1st Prize \$200 ♦ 2nd, 3rd Prizes \$100 ♦ 4th, 5th, 6th Prizes \$50 ♦ 7th, 8th Prizes \$25

We sincerely thank you for your participation. May our Lord's peace and blessings flow abundantly to you.

Fr. Bob Kelly, SVD

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Linda Broadnax

Linda Broadnax

President, Blessed Sacrament Society

cut on line-----

Our Lady of Africa Parish *Stay-at-Home Tea* Fundraiser
615 East Oakwood Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60653



Yes, I will participate in Our Lady of Africa Parish Stay-at-Home Tea. Enclosed is my gift of \$ _____.

Name/Organization: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP Code: _____

Guest of: _____

Please make your check payable to the Blessed Sacrament Society.