# OUR LADY OF AFRICA PARISH

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - AUGUST 21, 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





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 Weekly Bible Study:
Wednesday at 11AM (See
Parish Events for Dates)
Fr. Clements/Fr. Smith Parish

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.







## Message from our Pastor...

Dear Parishioners,

We are coming together today to celebrate our 2nd Church Picnic and one year of Our Lady of Africa Parish.

After one year of being together in the Lord Jesus, I do believe we have embraced it well. Yes, there are up and downs along the way, but Jesus is walking with us...just as he walks with us in every area of our life.

We have to remember that we are led by the Holy Spirit, and we are walking this new journey, this new road together in Faith, Hope and Love.

As the Scripture tells us today, "And people will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God." We have come together from east and west, north, and south, and our walk with Jesus continues.

In the next month, we are going to finalize our ministry team leaders. Fr. Carl Gales, SVD will lead our Religious Education Team. I will be speaking to the leaders of the teams and invite Parishioners to be a part of these ministries. Afterwards, we will create a core leadership team. This core leadership team will be our foundation as we prepare to choose a Finance Council and Parish Council.

As a new Parish, these are some special moments that we celebrated together in our first year: This is not an all-inclusive list, but it helps us to remember this past year: First Mass together on July 4, 2021- First Parish Picnic, August 29, 2021- Monthly School Masses / Family Mass in December; Transitional Diaconate Ordination, October 2022-First Multi-Cultural Mass; HIV Aids Ministry bringing Thanksgiving Dinner-Toys for Children & School at Christmas; First Advent Recollection with Sr. Pat Schneider, SSpS-December 2021; First Advent Mission with Fr. Brian Walker, OP-December 202; First Black History Month Celebration, February 2022-First Lenten Recollection; Bible Study in Person on Wednesdays beginning February 2022; First Greeters/Ushers Training/First Lectors Training/Domestic Violence Awareness; First Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, Tenebrae Service, Easter; Ordination of Fr. Carl and Fr. Derek, May 2022; First Confirmation/First Holy Communions/ First Reconciliations/First Baptisms.

May the Lord, Jesus, continue to lead us and guide us into the future!

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

Scan QR Codes
YouTube

**Online Giving** 



Facebook





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:

Alice Thompson
Dorothy Williams
Evelyn Williams
Arthur Brooks
Rosemary McGraw



# Mass Intention & Repose Souls

- +Sherry Armento
- +Janet McFarland (Ledbetter)
- +Delilah V. Shoemaker
- +Lasetta Nichols (Aunt of Deborah & David Powell)
- +Katie McEzilla

August 21 – Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time A Vocation View: Will you help gather people to be a part of the reign of God? Pray to be open if God calls you to serve as priest, deacon, brother, or sister.

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

## **Birthday Wishes**

Happy Birthday to all who are celebrating their birthday during the Month of August.



#### Words of Wisdom

The witness of the elderly unites the generations of life. Same with the dimensions of time: past, present and future. The various ages of life are not separate worlds competing with each other. The alliance of the elderly and children will save the human family.

#### **T-Shirts**

You may still purchase T-Shirts at the Picnic/Anniversary and after Mass. See the Following Committee Member: \$15.00 4:00PM – Keisha Chaves 9:00AM – Shirley McKinney 11:30AM –

## Parish Up Coming Events

08/20 –Social Justice Meeting 10:00AM-1:00PM

08/21 - Parish Picnic/Anniversary
Celebration 1:00PM—5:00PM

## 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.





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 Arthur Brooks 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 Crosby 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 Exie Haralson

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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.



# Save the Date September 18, 2022



# Our Lady of Africa Parish Blessed Sacrament Society Stay-At-Home Tea and Annual Raffle

# "WE'VE COME THIS FAR BY FAITH"

We invite you to enjoy a leisurely Cup of Tea on us in the comfort of your own home with your friends and family, or on your own in quiet solitude, while supporting Our Lady of Africa Parish.

Raffle tickets and donation letters will be available at the back of the Church and from Blessed Sacrament Society members in the near future.

The Raffle Drawing will be on Sunday, September 18, 2022 @ 1:30 in the Fathers George Clements / Paul B. Smith Hall. Winner need not be present.

## RAFFLE TICKET DONATION:

\$5 per ticket / 6 tickets for \$25

#### PRIZES:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize \$200 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prizes \$100 each 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> Prizes \$50 each 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> Prizes \$25 each

