

OUR LADY OF AFRICA PARISH

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 11, 2022



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

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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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2022 Annual Catholic Appeal

Making all things new...
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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 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 Catholics & Apostles
For Every People



Message from our Associate Pastor...



Dear Parishioners,

QUESTION: Are your beliefs found in the Bible?

ANSWER: This week's bulletin is aimed at answering some questions about the Catholic faith. As you may know, I am a convert to Catholicism. To my knowledge, I am the only Catholic in my family and among my relatives. I have been asked many questions about the faith and so I thought that I would answer them in a series of Q&A about Catholicism.

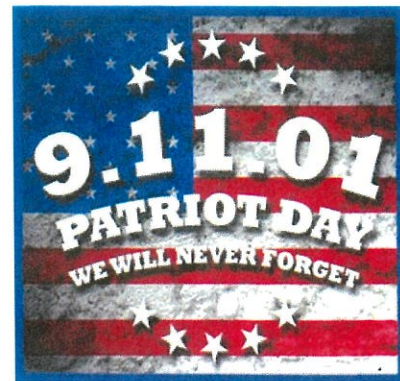
Many people like to ask Catholics about where to find certain things in the Bible. The most important aspect of this question is to understand that Catholics hold to the Scriptures as well as the Traditions that have been handed on through the centuries. Through the years, our Liturgy (worship) has developed as well as our Doctrine. This is not new. The Church in the New Testament was evolving and developing the ways of building community and organizing themselves. This can be found most notably in Saint Paul's Second Letter to the Thessalonians: "Stand firm and **hold to the traditions** which you were taught by us, **either by word of mouth or by letter**" (II Thessalonians 2:15, I Corinthians 11:2, II Thessalonians 3:6, II Timothy 1:13-14; 2:2).

It's important to note that in addition to all the Epistles and Letters of the New Testament, there are many documents that speak of an oral tradition that has been handed on. Reading one of the earliest documents such as the Didache and letters of the Church Fathers, one understands that our Catholic Faith is rich in history and development. Many of the issues that confront our Church today have been dealt with and hotly debated over the centuries.

This is just one of the reasons why I became Catholic and I encourage everyone to get to know a little more about our Catholic faith. Next week's Q&A will deal with the Pope. If you have questions that you would like answered, please send them to my email: cgales@archchicago.org.

God Bless!

In the Divine Word,
Father Carl, 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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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:**

Alice Thompson
Dorothy Williams
Evelyn Williams
Arthur Brooks
Judy Michaelis



**Mass Intention & Repose
Souls**

+Rosemary McGraw
+All who Lost their lives on 9/11/2001

**September 11 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time - A Vocation View:** We are
called to proclaim God's abundant love for all
people. Become an instrument of that love.

Our world needs you!

**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 *September*.



Parish Up Coming Events

09/15 - Health & Wellness Fair 10:00AM—
4:00PM

09/17 - Health Prevention Series –10:00
AM to 12:00 Noon

- Perpetual Vows of Edwan “Manie”
Manuel, SVD

09/21 – Bible Study 11:00AM –Parish Hall

09/24 – Eucharistic Minister Training
8:30AM—12:00 Noon

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
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

Catherine Harper
Vircy Spight-Harris
Marjorie Heard
Lorraine Henderson
Justin Henderson
Jim 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
Donna Perisee-
McFarlane
Gail McGruder
McShan Family
Bernadine McNeal
Anastacia Mebane
Judy Michaelis
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
Clara Reisner
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
Smith



In Remembrance of
September 11, 2001



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.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time-C

Lk 15: 1-32

Dear Friends,

All three parables have one dominant and common theme. They are totally excessive in their contradiction of common sense. They all point to the extravagance of God's mercy. Particularly, the story of the father and the sons changes the theme from sin and forgiveness. This was the concern of the Pharisees and clearly the driving anxiety of the younger son. Jesus saw the issue differently. It was about a human being lost and a human being found.

We need to see ourselves in both sons. When we repent, like the first son, we have our story ready. The father has no interest in the story. His son was dead and now is alive. The father will have nothing to do with hired servant nonsense. This is his son. The ring and sandals and feast are all symbols of his unconditional welcoming of the son in his merciful embrace. Like the shepherd and the woman, the father knows what was lost and has been found. It is time to celebrate.

As we move on to the second son, we can recognize ourselves as the victim in many of our life situations. His complaints have a good deal of merit. However, they miss the point that the father sees so clearly. It is not about things but people. Possessions and privileges just do not make sense when measured against life, love and mercy. **"My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found"** (Lk 15: 32).

This story opens itself into an immeasurable panorama of interpretations. They all expose our human condition in the depth and breadth of its brokenness. It is this very brokenness that displays the mercy of God. We are fond of saying that this mercy knows no limits. The actions of the father help us journey from the head to the heart when pondering this great mystery of a God calling us to the banquet of life despite our sinfulness.

All the great spiritual teachers of the Christian tradition emphasize the only way to know God is to know ourselves first. The story of the two sons shows us this profound truth. Only when they accept their own weakness are they able to begin to appreciate the love and mercy of the father.

We never find out if the older brother was able to break through his blindness of the commercial relationship by which he defined the father. What we do know is that the father was relentless in his pursuit of both sons. Their choice was to accept or reject this love and mercy. On the father's part, there was only the continuing offer of love and the invitation to the banquet.

The message comes across in so many different levels. God is always accepting us. God is always forgiving us. God is always pursuing us. In the end, the call could not be clearer. We need to let God's mercy and love define our lives in every way possible.



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



Mercy
Hospital
Mammogram
Screening

Fun In The Sun

JUST TO NAME A FEW

Our Lady of Africa Catholic Church
and

Community Senior Business Institute

Host A FALL Holistic

Community Fair

Free
Cell
Phone

Medical
&
Life
Insurance

Free
Eye
Exam

Free
Dental
Exam

Free
Hearing
Screening

Free
Blood
Pressure

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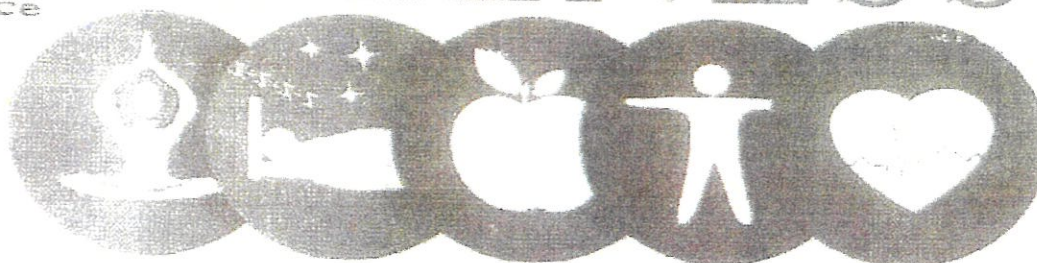
Horse
Shoe
&
Bean
Bag
Prizes

Free Resource
Booklets

Jessie
White

Tomi Moore
Nutrition
Specialist

HEALTH & WELLNESS



FAIR

Thursday, September 15th, 2022 from 10am—4pm

615 East Oakwood Chicago, IL 60653

There will be light refreshments,
Games and Prizes

Don't Miss Exercise, Line Dancing and More

Veterans
Affair

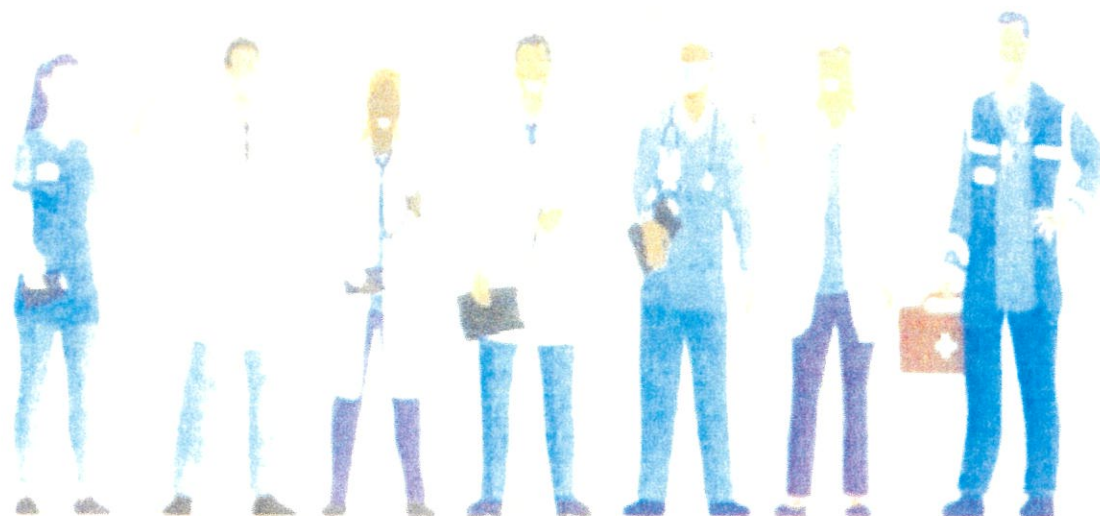
Personal
Gifts

Prize
Drawings

Legal Wills
and
Resources

Free Resource Booklets

✿✿ Our Lady of Africa Medical Ministry



**Health
Prevention
Series**

**Hypertension:
Salt, Sodium &
Lifestyle Changes**

PRESENTER

Donna Perisee McFarlane M.D. Ph.D.



Saturday, September 17, 2022

10:00 AM to Noon

Our Lady of Africa Parish Hall

605 East Oakwood Ave Chicago, IL 60653

REGISTRATION IS FREE!

Sign up in the back of the church

or Call the Parish Rectory 773-624-5375

Join us as we unite hands of different churches, denominations and backgrounds as we
RALLY, WALK & STAND in prayer saying NO to Domestic Violence!



Saturday, October 8, 2022 Time: 9am-11am Registration: 8:30am

**Location: St. Katharine Drexel Parish, 9047 S. Harper
(91st & Stony Island - Parking Lot)**

PRESENTER

Steven Gregory Watkins

Judge

Criminal Division

State of Illinois

Circuit Court of Cook County

Click here to Register: <https://forms.gle/GWoVyEeC9j8cFr1k8>

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*For further information, please contact Deborah Hammond, Catholic Charities at 312-948-6529 or
Bernita Johnson, St. Katharine Drexel at 773-315-1323.*