

OUR LADY OF AFRICA PARISH

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 18, 2022



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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 Ahiaboru

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
Church of Christ



Message from our Associate Pastor...



Dear Members of Our Lady of Africa Church,

As promised a few weeks ago, I'd like to share a little bit about my life. I grew up as a member of the Church of God in Christ (C.O.G.I.C. - pronounced "koh-jick"). Church for me was a whole day affair on Sundays. Some of my earliest memories are picking up another family and carpooling together to a church way out in the boonies. We would have Sunday School and then Service. This was followed by going to the local buffet for some fellowship. Then we would have a prayer service with everyone on their knees and then a testimony service. Testimony service was followed by the Evening Service which would last until late. So we finally got home at about 11pm. What a Sunday!

When I became Catholic, I was so happy to go to Mass and then an hour or so later....we were finished!!! But this was deceptive!! As Jeremiah says to God..."you've duped me, O God, and I've let myself be duped!!" As my journey in the Catholic faith has evolved and my vocation has led me to the priesthood, not only are my Sundays fully occupied with going to Church....each day is pretty much devoted to going to Church!!

Being Catholic is about a life of prayer....a daily, hourly, way of life. God's day is not just Sunday...EVERY DAY belongs to God and EVERY DAY it is right and just to give Him thanks and praise!! Alleluia!

May you all be blessed to attend daily Mass if you can and offer up prayers continually for your brothers and sisters as well as all the beautiful Children of God that you encounter in your daily walk with the Lord!

**Yours faithfully in the Divine Word,
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

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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:**

Alice Thompson
Dorothy Williams
Evelyn Williams
Arthur Brooks
Judy Michaelis



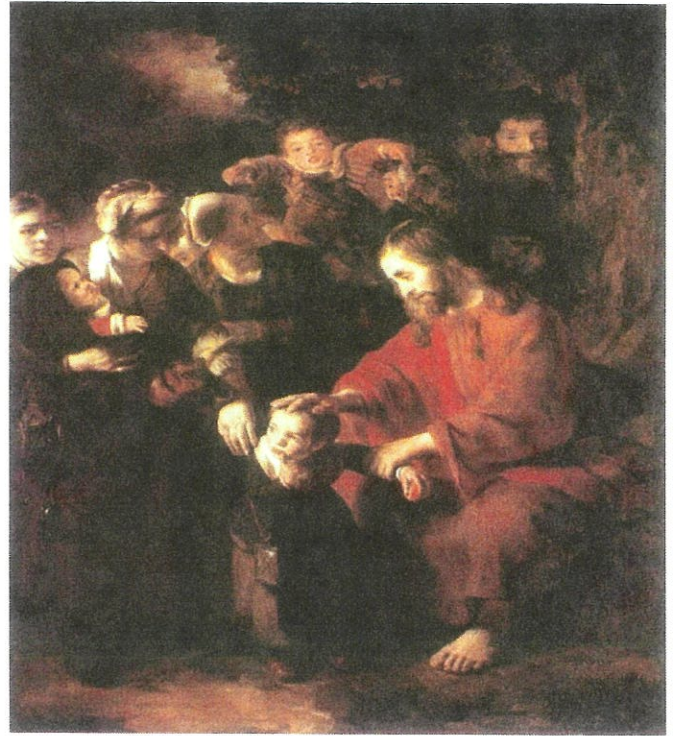
Mass Intention & Repose Souls

+Charmaine Calicott: Daughter of Thomas
and Alma Calicott

**September 18 – Twenty-Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time -**

A Vocation View: You cannot serve two
masters. Whom do you choose to follow?
You have to make a choice.

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Funeral Services for:
Ms. Charmaine Calicott, daughter of
Thomas and Alma Calicott:
Monday, Sept. 19th at Leak & Sons
Funeral Home located at 18400 S. Pulaski
Rd., Country Club Hills:
Viewing—5:00pm and Service at 6:00 pm

Parish Up Coming Events

- 09/17 - Health Prevention Series –10:00
AM to 12:00 Noon
- Perpetual Vows of Edwan “Manie”
Manuel, SVD
- 09/18 –Adoration after 9:00AM Mass
- 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.



Parish Registration Form:

**Have you completed your OLOA Parish
registration form? If not, please do so.
Forms are on the Usher's Table.**

Save the Date

October 2, 2022 at 11:00 AM,
there will be an Ordination of
Deacons at Our Lady of Africa
Parish. This will be the Ordination
of our very own, **Edwan (Manie)
Manuel.**

**11:30AM Mass moved up to
11:00AM**

Sick & Shut-in



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

Dear Friends,

When we finally work through this most puzzling of all the parables in today's Gospel, the message is clear and strong. We need to use our money and possessions to enter the Kingdom. You can call it a plea for Kingdom economics. It is an invitation to a rather difficult task: how to use our material gifts to facilitate, not obstruct, our journey to the Kingdom and ever-lasting life.

Discipleship demands a total commitment. Luke insists on examining the role of money for the followers of Jesus. How we use our possessions reveals our priorities. If Jesus is truly our priority, the approach to wealth and its trappings will be measured by how it draws us into the Kingdom values that Jesus proclaims.

Jesus' message in the parable is strong and simple: we are called to make a clear-cut choice. The steward did this in a short-run vision of reality. As disciples, we are called to the wisdom of a similar decisive conclusion in the long-range vision of the Kingdom.

The key to understanding the parable and its forceful teaching is to determine where the steward committed the injustice. On reflection, it had to be in the earlier use of the owner's goods. Therefore, he is being dismissed. The heart of puzzle is the owner's praise of the seeming theft involved in the steward's reduction of the bill to the various debtors. This had to involve his personal commission on the deal. Thus, the owner commended his foresight and action.

Jesus is inviting his followers to use their time, treasure and talent with similar foresight. Like the steward, we have to realize that our possessions have a mortgage on them. Their actual ownership belongs to another. In the disciples' case, God is the owner. The material blessings are to be shared to benefit the Kingdom. The wise use of wealth that Jesus is calling for needs to include the needs of the poor.

In the fourth century St. Ambrose had a great insight about wealth and the poor. He was commenting on the rich man and his barns (Lk 12:16-21): **"The bosoms of the poor, the houses of widows, the mouths of children are the barns that last forever."**

Luke's message today, as with the rich man's barns, and throughout his Gospel, offers a test for the true disciple to make the wise decision. We are constantly confronted to choose between what is necessary and what we want. This no easy choice. We are engulfed in the possessive claws of a multibillion-dollar advertising industry. It is always defining happiness for us. Our total satisfaction is at our fingertips if we just buy the next product that will gratify all the hungers in our heart.

Also, in the depths of our being, we have the gentle but unyielding whisper of the Gospel message. A faithful response to the word of God will be like the mustard seed in the heart, growing steadily in the wisdom and power of God. The Gospel journey is a long and arduous trip. This perennial battle of the heart is the stuff of our way forward in the footsteps of Jesus. Today's parable is an invitation to begin the process of embracing the Kingdom economics of Jesus. Our garage sales need to constantly grow more expansive as we seek funds for those in need. In the Kingdom, less is actually more, much more!

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PARISHIONER CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATE

All are welcome to worship at Our Lady of Africa Parish!

WE NEED YOU TO UPDATE CONTACT INFO AT
OUR LADY OF AFRICA PARISH

Visit www.ourladyofafricachicago.org for online Parishioner Contact Information Update!

NAME:

(First and Last Name; please include spouse's name if applicable)

Birthday: M/D/Y

Working ☐

Retired ☐

Mother/Father/Parent at Home ☐

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(House number and street name; include apt/unit number)

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