OUR LADY OF AFRICA PARISH

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 25, 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 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,

Greetings. I hope you are all doing well.

Today, Sunday, September 25, 2022, there is a Second Collection for Seminarian Education Fund for the Archdiocese of Chicago at all the Masses. Envelopes for this collection are available from the Ushers in the Narthex of the Church.

Sunday, October 2, 2022-The 11:30 am Mass will be moved back ½ hour to 11:00 am-The Deaconate Ordination of Frater Manie Manuel, SVD, Frater Quang Ngoc Pham, SVD, Frater Jorge Zetino, SVD. Auxiliary Bishop Robert Casey, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Chicago, will be here to celebrate the Mass and Ordain them to the Transitional Deaconate. A reception will follow the Mass.

Beginning on Monday, October 3 rd, will be renovating the woman's bathroom on the lower level in the Parish Hall. Our men's bathroom will be open, and it will become a shared (unisex) bathroom with a closed door when used by women, and likewise a closed door when used by men. A sign will be placed on the door with instructions.

Thank you to all who came and participated in the Health Fair on September 15 th and our Parish Medical Ministry Health Series Presentation on September 17th. A special thank you to Christine Bowden for organizing the Health Fair and Donna Perisee McFarlane, M.D., Ph.D. of our Medical Ministry on her presentation on Hypertension, Salt, and Sodium and Lifestyle Changes.

Last Wednesday at Fr. Tracy O'Sullivan's Bible Study presentation, he told us about how the Scriptures in the Bible should engage our life. How do the Scripture stories we pray with or hear transform us to Prayer, Service, Community and living the Christian life? How do they teach us how to love? Both questions for us to ponder in our daily life.

The next in person Bible Study will be on Wednesday, October 5th at 11:00 am in the Parish Hall. Please join us if you can.

May the Lord Jesus lead you and guide you as you pray and read the Bible. Have a Blessed week!

Fr. Bob Kelly, SVD

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. The Mass will be at** 11:00AM





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

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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

Sr. Jamie Phelps, O.P. Marionette Phelps Jean Porter Deborah Powell Louise Ray Clara Reisner Tvna 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 Jovce 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



Take a moment to remember our sick & shut-in members by calling and keeping them in your prayers.

Allen Peoples

Please notify the office when a name need to be added to or removed from the Prayer List.

Thank you.



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

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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



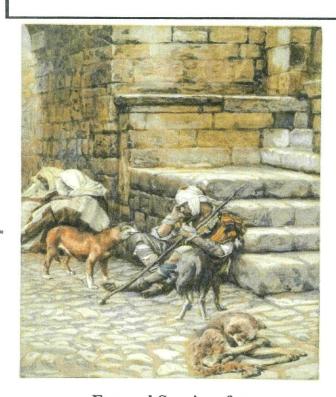
Mass Intention & Repose Souls

+Mark James—Nephew of Rosemary Gardner

September 25 – Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time A Vocation View:

Who do you identify with – the rich man or Lazarus? Choose to notice others and to reach out to those in need. Support those who serve the poor.

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Funeral Services for: Mr. Mark James, nephew of Rosemary Gardner will be held in Minnesota

Parish Up Coming Events

- 09/25 Second Collection—Seminarian Education Fund
- 09/29 School Mass 10:00AM
- 10/02 Ordination to the Diaconate: Edwan (Manie) Manuel, SVD Quang Ngoc Pham, SVD Jorge Zetino, SVD @11:00AM
- 10/05 Bible Study 11:00AM Parish Hall

Mass on October 2nd will be at 11:00AM



SOCIETY of the DIVINE WORD Chicago Province

is pleased to announce the

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

of

EDWAN 'MANIE' MANUEL, SVD QUANG NGỌC PHẠM, SVD JORGE ZETINO, SVD

by The Most Reverend
ROBERT G. CASEY
Auxiliary Bishop & Vicar General
of the Archdiocese of Chicago

Sunday | October 2, 2022 | 11:00 AM

Our Lady of Africa Parish 607 East Oakwood Blvd., Chicago, IL 60653



"DO NOT BE AFRAID."

Jeremiah 1:5, 8

Dear Friends,

In his Gospel, Luke puts great emphasis on the theme of reversal. Right at the beginning we have in Mary's great hymn, the Magnificat: "He has thrown down the rulers from their thrones but lifted the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich he has sent away empty. (Lk: 1: 52-53)" In the Sermon on the Plain this theme of reversal dominates. One clear contrast is, "Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours." (Lk 6:12). Then in Lk 6:20 we read: "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation." Then in Lk 13:30 we read: "For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last".

Jesus' entry into the human scene has had many consequences. The great reversal is one of them that awaits us. Today's parable about Lazarus and the unidentified rich man is a significant example of this turn-around. The two characters experience a deep transformation of their fortunes. There is a profound message in this story for us.

The first lesson for us is that all wealth, status, prestige, privilege, and power is transitory. Secondly, we need to learn that ownership is not absolute. It has consequences. When we do not accept these realities, we are subject to the great reversal. These great changes flow from the radically Good News that Jesus offers us.

The story does not describe either character as particularly good or bad. The problem is neglect and blindness. Luke, in this parable, found only in his Gospel, goes deeply into the details the reversal. First, in contrast to almost all of history, the poor man is identified, and the rich man is nameless. Then, the disparity in physical comfort is dramatically changed. Now the powerful rich man sees Lazarus as the one who can give him what he wants. First, it is water and secondly, it is help for his brothers.

In his lifetime the rich man was driven in an endless search for comfort. His wealth was a source of prestige and power. His possessions were a vehicle of security and control. Death destroyed these deceptions and revealed the truth. There is a social mortgage on God's blessings. They need to be an instrument of justice. In the story of Lazarus, Jesus is teaching us to open our eyes to the poor around us. Our heart needs to move us to respond to the needy at our doorstep whether that doorstep is in our family or neighborhood or the many borders we create to protect our comfort personally, communally, or nationally.

Pope Francis said that a lifestyle that is too comfortable leads to the gentrification of the heart. The results of a lifestyle driven by ever-expanding consumption diminishes the spirit. It does damage to the eyes of the heart. It is setting up our slippery slope into the great reversal that confronts us in the story of Lazarus.

Like the brothers of the rich man, the Word of God offers us a clear call to conversion. We also have the added advantage of experiencing the risen Christ. The question we must ask ourselves is whether we can see the poor in our midst? Does the message of the Risen Christ allow us to see in our possessions an instrument of love and service for those who are in need in our world?

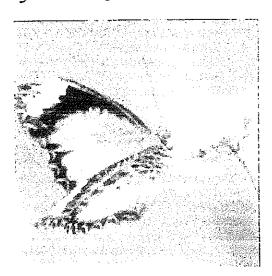
Today's parable has a simple and clear implication for us. We need to cast off our comfortable blindness and begin to see with a new heart rooted in the call of Jesus to walk in the light.



Voices of St. Thaddeus Presents its

Twentieth Annual Concert

Under the Dynamic Direction of Mr. Timothy D. Walker, Sr., and Mr. Bob Murphy



"Behold All Things Anew"

"Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

2Corinthians 5:17

Sunday, October 2, 2022, 4:00 PM

St. Margaret of Scotland Church 1244 West 99th Street Chicago, IL 60643

Rev. Donald Eruaga M.S.P. Pastor



OUR LADY OF AFRICA PARISH BLESSED SACRAMENT SOCIETY

2022 STAY-AT-HOME TEA RAFFLE WINNERS

Drawing Held on Sunday, September 18, 2022

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR 2022 STAY-AT-HOME TEA RAFFLE WINNERS

<u>Prize</u>	Prize Amount	Winning <u>Ticket Number</u>	<u>Winners</u>
8	\$25	001151	EDITH LANE
7	\$25	002053	ROSEMARY GARDNER
6	\$50	001690	SEDIASIA SIMS
5	\$50	002385	SUNETTE VERNADO
4	\$50	001239	SONIA DAVIS
3	\$100	002089	ERYN WHITAKER
2	\$100	001837	E. WILLIAMS
1	\$200	002327	V. M. BEAVERS



