

OUR LADY OF AFRICA PARISH

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - OCTOBER 2, 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,
Deacon 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,
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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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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.



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Message from our Pastor...



Dear Parishioners,

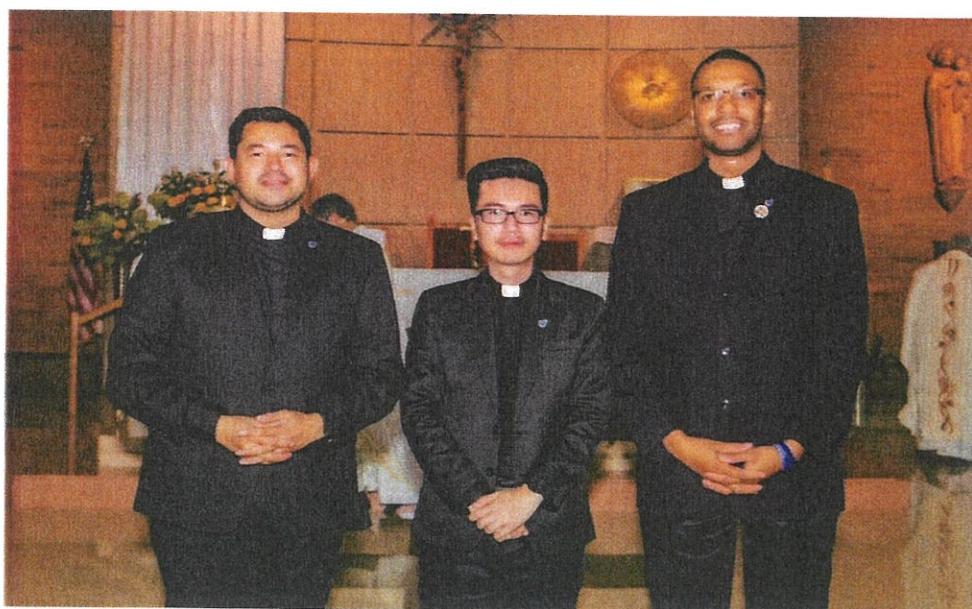
Today we welcome Bishop Robert Casey, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese, to Celebrate Mass and Ordain three of our Society of the Divine Word Seminarians to the Transitional Deaconate. We are blessed to have Frater Manie Manuel, SVD, Frater Quang Ngoc Pham, SVD, Frater Jorge Zetino, SVD currently serving the people of God in Parishes, Frater Manie here, and Frater Quang and Frater Jorge Parishes around the Archdiocese. They Professed Perpetual Vows in Religious Life on September 17th. It is their life commitment to serve God's people. Let us pray for them as they begin to serve as Transitional Deacons and continue their service, studies and prepare to be ordained to the Priesthood next May.

Please welcome their Families who are able to be with us today.

We also welcome the Society of the Divine Word Provincial, Fr. Quang Duc Dinh, SVD, and Deacon James Norman of the Archdiocese who will Deacon the Ordination Mass today.

It is a wonderful blessing for us to witness their Ordination here at Our Lady of Africa Parish. God Bless them and all our guests this weekend. Please join us for the Reception in our Parish Hall following the Mass today.

Fr. Bob Kelly, SVD



Jorge Zetino SVD Quang Pham SVD E. Manie Manuel SVD



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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
Danielle Wiley



Mass Intention & Repose Souls

+Craig D. Neal -

Requested by Sharon Crossley-Neal

+Tamara Hudson & Arthemise Washington -

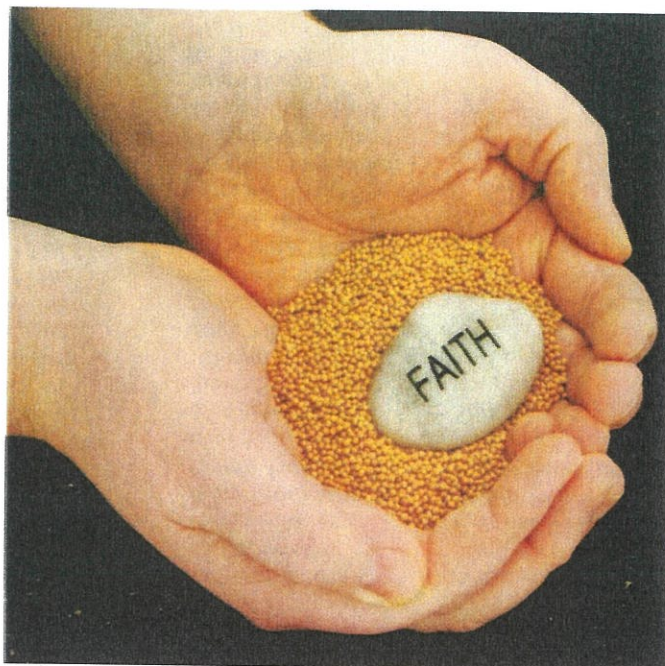
Requested by Taliva Tillman

October 2 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Vocation View: The Spirit of God makes us strong, loving and wise. How will you use these gifts to serve the gospel? Consider being a sister, brother, priest or deacon.

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Happy
October
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Parish Up Coming Events

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

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.

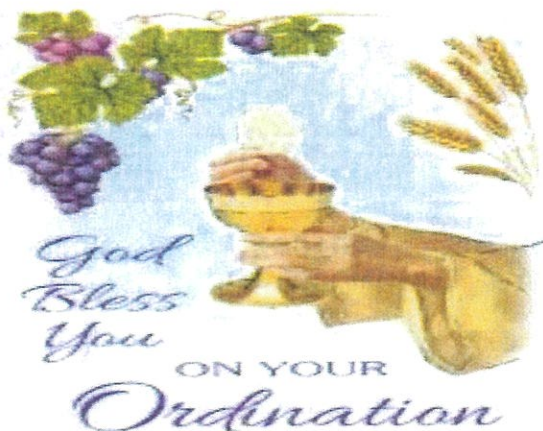
You, who are one with Christ
In suffering and in glory,
Be mindful of those assailed by trials,
That they may discover
His liberating Passover, and live by it in hope.

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.



Edwan "Manie" Manuel, SVD
Quang Ngoc Pham, SVD
Jorge Zetino, SVD

Sick & Shut-in



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

Twenty Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time-C

Lk 17:5-10

Dear Friends,

This short passage in today's Gospel is part of a longer section. Here Jesus is continuing to teach the disciples what it meant to be his follower. Immediately, before today's selection, Jesus presented the challenging news about forgiveness. For those listening in Jesus' presence, down to us today, it is a truly challenging task to forgive seven times a day. **"If he wrongs you seven times in one day, and returns to you seven times to say 'I am sorry', you should forgive him"**. (Lk 17:4) This lesson is why they asked the Lord to increase their faith.

The phrase about the mulberry tree flying off to the sea is just another example of the strong language that Jesus used to stress a point. What he is saying to the disciples and to us, is that the little faith we have is sufficient if we only trust it and express our confidence in God. Faith allows us to share in the power of God. The impossible becomes possible to the person of faith.

We should not be put off by the language about the servants. This was an example from the everyday reality of Jesus' listeners. Jesus is not accepting nor rejecting it. He is using it to convey a message that his listeners would understand. The real issue is not how the owner treats the servant but how the servant understands his role. It should help us understand the basic reality that defines us. God is God and we are the creature. We must fight the constant temptation to make ourselves good and God our servant.

Jesus is using the parable to teach about discipleship. Community leaders need to see their role as servants. Jesus is contrasting this understanding with the constant practice of the Scribes and Pharisees. They saw themselves in a position of privilege and expected special recognition and esteem at all times. On the other hand, the disciple of Christ should seek to lead by example and service even to the point of washing the feet of the community members.

Accepting ourselves as creature and God as Creator means among other things, that we can never put God in our debt. We can never have any claim on God. When we have done our best, we only have done our duty. We are not living in the realm of law with its exactitude in measuring our responsibilities. Jesus has called us into the realm of love where the boundaries of our giving are always expanding to new horizons.

St. Teresa of Avila understood her role as creature and servant with profound accuracy. All her teachings and wisdom flowed from her appreciation of this humble condition. She recognized, with ever-growing clarity and insight, that God is God and she is the creature. In spite of embracing her humble circumstances, she accepted God as a loving and merciful savior, and herself as a humble and sinful servant both loved and forgiven. She understood her life, in its deepest truth, as the story of God's mercy. It is the same for all of us.

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Date: Sunday, October 23, 2022

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Location: 615 E Oakwood Blvd, 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

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