

# OUR LADY OF AFRICA PARISH

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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - OCTOBER 16, 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 Zachary Smith, SVD

Senior Deacon Mervin Johnson, Deacon Ivan Lazcano, Deacon Michael Foggie, Deacon Manie Manuel, 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**

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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 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

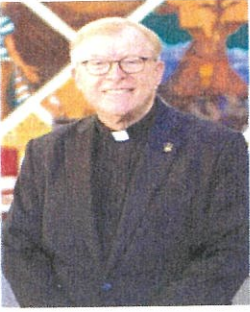
44 E. 41st. Hours for both are:

10:00 AM until 12:00 noon.



**Our Lady of Africa**  
**WE ARE ONE**  
Holy Catholic & Apostolic  
Church





## Message from our Pastor...

Dear Parishioners,  
Greetings to you. I hope you are all doing well.

As we all know, we are entering these cold months where we tend to stay inside. The Centers for Disease Control and our local health authorities are all recommending Flu Shots and the new updated booster Bivalent Vaccine for Covid. These Vaccines are all readily available from the City of Chicago, Hospitals and Medical Clinics.

On Sunday, October 23rd, these Vaccines will also be available from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in our Parish Hall. There is a Flyer in the Parish Bulletin about getting the Vaccine and you can also pre-register for it. As always, ask your Doctor (s) if they would like you get the vaccines.

I did get the Flu Vaccine this past week and I am planning to get the new updated Covid Vaccine this coming week. I am told you can get both Vaccines on the same day. I could not get the new updated Bivalent Covid Vaccine where I received my Flu Shot because they were not offering it.

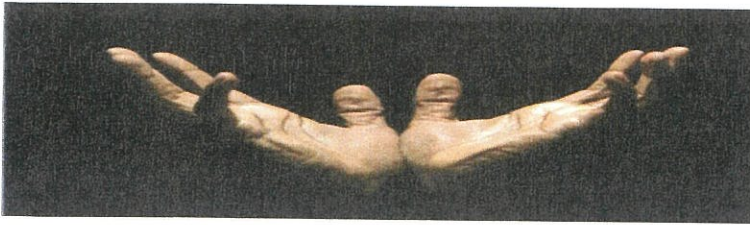
"NEXT WEEKEND we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's second collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith." Envelopes for this second collection will be available in the back of the Church.

I invite everyone to wear their Cultural Heritage clothing as we celebrate World Mission Sunday next week.

A sincere thank you to Fr. Carl and his Parish/School planning Team that helped to make the "Jammy Jam" at Holy Angels Catholic School on Friday, October 7th a grand success! That includes all the volunteers and parish organizations who cooked, served, welcomed, and sought donations of food, water, soft drinks, gifts, and gifted us with a DJ.

Please remember to read on in the Bulletin for important events/announcements.

Blessings of Health to All,  
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>

or

Scan QR Codes

Facebook

YouTube

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:**

Arthur Brooks  
Justine Henderson  
Alice Thompson  
Dorothy Williams  
Evelyn Williams



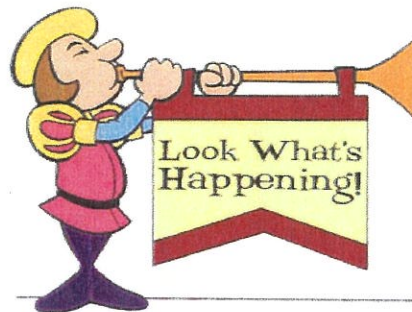
### Mass Intention & Repose Souls

+Renee' Dishman—Daughter-in-Law of Mrs. Tillie Dishman

October 16 – Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**A Vocation View:** Pray persistently and God will respond. Ask God to bless the Church with faith-filled ministers.

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



### Parish Up Coming Events

- 10/19 - Bible Study –11:00AM - Parish Hall
- 10/20 - Weekly Food Pantry - 10:00AM-12:00 Noon at Tolton Center
- 10/22 - Monthly Food Pantry 10:00AM - 12:00 Noon
- 10/23 - Covid Booster/Flu Shots - Our Lady of Africa 10:00AM –2:00PM
- 10/29 – Minister of Care Training (See Flyer)



## 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.



**OUR HELP IS FROM THE LORD,  
WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH.**

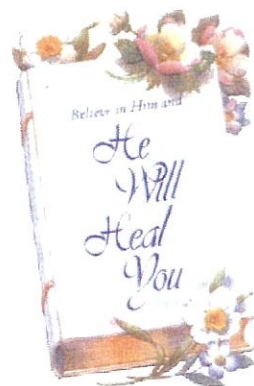
Psalms 121:2

young-catholics.com

## Sick & Shut-in



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



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 Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time-C

Lk 18:1-8

Dear Friends,

There are a couple of points we need to make right away. The parable of the judge and widow does not teach us that we can eventually win God over to our side by our strong-minded resolve. The real lesson for us in the story is this: not to lose hope despite, all the hardships and injustices that confront us daily. The parable is inviting us to a persistence that is rooted in loving trust in the goodness of God. We need not worry about God's perseverance. It is our faithfulness that is the issue.

One of the delightful aspects of the story is missing in English where it says that the judge finally gives way to the widow because he fears she may strike him. In the original language, it says he fears that she will give him a black eye.

The main point of the parable is contrasting the self-absorbed and crooked judge with a loving and merciful God. If the poor widow received her due from the corrupt minister of the law, how much more will be the loving response of the God of mercy, compassion, and limitless love. We are called to place trust in our prayer to a God of all goodness. Luke's message is one of exhortation to the disciples and us: be constant in your prayer no matter what.

We can easily see ourselves in the widow, a woman forsaken by society and locked into poverty that seemed ruthless in its destructive power. We may not be caught in the urgency of her immediate economic survival, but poverty attacks us in many ways. Our human condition is always caught in a sense of futility and mortality. We are caught in the consequences of the neglect of our environment. The on-coming horrors of climate change seem totally overwhelming. The issue of sexual harassment in the Church, society and, more often than we might imagine, in the family, often renders us longing for the liberation of a new day. The continual struggle of a fair and compassionate acceptance of sexual orientation begs for a sign of hope from the Church and society. Then there is the engulfing conflict in government where we see the politicians further and further removed from the common good by the parallelizing partisanship that is devoid of compromise. It locks everyone into a senseless stagnation. These are just a few examples how we all share some of the widow's' desperation whether we are aware of it or not.

The widow shows us that for the person of faith and trust, prayer is not the last resort. It is the first resort and always joined to our effort to make a difference. Prayer exposes a sense of God's loving allegiance to all. In the end, God will have the last word. That word is uttered in the victory of Jesus over evil and death In the Pascal Mystery of his death and resurrection.

Like the widow, we are urged to both pray and act for the justice of God. When we are faithful in our commitment to prayer and action, the Son of Man will truly find faith on earth when he comes again. (Lk 18:8)



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# Minister of Care Training

## Entrenamiento Para Ministros de Cuidado de Enfermos

**Minister of Care Training for  
new Ministers of Care part one  
and part two are required.**

Entrenamiento Para Nuevos  
Ministros de Cuidado de Enfermos  
parte uno y parte dos son requeridos.

### **PART 1/PARTE 1**

**Saturday, October 29/Sabado, Octubre 29**

### **PART 2/PARTE 2**

**Saturday, November 5/Sabado, Noviembre 5**

**8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

Cardinal Meyer Center

3525 South Lake Park Avenue, Chicago, IL 60653

Register at **[forms.office.com/r/q57QJUyTm8](https://forms.office.com/r/q57QJUyTm8)**.

**For English:** Valerie Jennings – 312.965.2284

**Para Español:** Carmen Arroyo – 312.534.8012



# **GUIDELINES FOR BREAST CANCER SCREENING**

**Before** your appointment for screening come prepared to answer questions about your **history** and your **family history**. For instance, history of breast cancer, ovarian cancer, pancreatic cancer and any history of a genetic risk if known. Partner with your HCP (health care provider) for recommendations regarding annual screening, CBE (clinical breast exam) and how often you should have one, genetic counseling, if after a **risk assessment** is completed, you fall into the 20 % or higher risk category of developing breast cancer during your lifetime.

**Risk** assessment is done by taking a history and with models that are available to assess this such as the **Gail Model**.

**Early detection is the goal of screening for breast cancer because if found early, treatments can be more successful.**

**Annual 3D mammography** or (**tomosynthesis**) is the standard of care for women over 40 and takes about 20 minutes to perform. For women 39 years of age or younger the care should be based on individual risk history and the appropriate screening based on clinical guidelines for the age group.

**Screening is recommended for the asymptomatic individual.** If **symptoms or signs** are present such as painful swelling, skin dimpling or thickening, skin changes or unusual rash in the nipple area or drainage, a nodule, a swollen gland in the armpit area, gynecomastia of the male breast, all are reasons to have a clinical breast exam, diagnostic mammogram and additional imaging such as ultrasound, or

MRI of the breast may be recommended. Findings can lead to the need for a biopsy. Similarly, if a screening mammogram is inconclusive or suspicious, additional studies and a possible biopsy may be needed.

**The guidelines** for screening are designed to diagnose cancer that arises in the milk ducts or milk glands of the breast tissue in individuals who were assigned a female gender at birth. All other scenarios should be discussed with an HCP or breast specialist.

**Ref: NCCN (National Comprehensive Cancer Network) guidelines for patients/2022.**

**Website NCCN.org/patients**  
**Summary by Dr. Barbara Fuller**





# *I'll Hold Your Hand*

Let **Our Lady of Africa Church medical ministry** support you as you receive your COVID-19 vaccine and/or booster shot.



**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

Members of **Our Lady of Africa Church** are available to hold your hand and offer support as you get your shot.

Call **(773)-642-6532** to secure your appointment.

**\*Flu Shots Also Available.**

Protect Yourself, Your Loved  
Ones, Your Community







# **Community Senior Business Institute**

*Helping Seniors Win*

## **Senior Resource Fair**

**Let's talk about...**

- Accessible Transportation for **Seniors** (65+)
- Reduced Fare Programs and **Applications**
- Health Insurance
- Life Insurance
- Medicare Advantage

**Thursday, November 3, 2022**

**10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

**Our Lady of Africa Parish**

**615 E. Oakwood Blvd**

**Chicago, IL 60653**



*Our Lady of Africa Parish*  
*Blessed Sacrament Society*

**"WE'VE COME THIS FAR BY FAITH"**  
*Stay-At-Home Annual Tea and Raffle*

Dear Family and Friends,

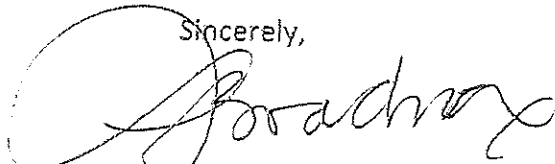
The Blessed Sacrament Society of Our Lady of Africa Parish genuinely THANK YOU for your support of our 2022 Stay-at-Home Tea and Raffle. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Each year we call upon you to assist in our endeavor to raise funds for our Church. You have always been supportive and encouraging. We are grateful and truly value your commitment.

We look forward to seeing you next year at our annual event.

Again, we send a heartfelt thank you for your contribution.

Sincerely,



Linda Broadnax  
President, Blessed Sacrament Society

Fr. Bob Kelly, S.V.D.

Fr. Bob Kelly, SVD / Pastor



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Church of the United States



# Christmas Toy Drive

**Please Donate New Unwrapped Toys  
to The Parish**

**For Children Ages 0-15 Years Old**

**Please Place Donations in The BIN  
located in the Church Narthex**

**Toy Drive Will Be From  
October 8<sup>th</sup> Until December 23, 2022**

**Our Lady of Africa 615 E. Oakwood Blvd**

**If you have any questions, please call the parish  
office at 773-624-5375**





# AUDITORIUM THEATRE

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