

OUR LADY OF AFRICA PARISH

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - OCTOBER 23, 2022



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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...



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



Message from our Pastor...

Dear Parishioners,

Today, we celebrate World Mission Sunday. Ever since 1926, the Church has celebrated World Mission Sunday, which is October 23rd this year. Pope Francis message for this Mission Sunday focuses on the theme: "You shall be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8).

World Mission Sunday is celebrated with the entire Universal Church in response to the Gospel invitation to solidarity with all the world's peoples, especially those most in need of the Good News of God's love.

Dr. Vanessa White will give the Reflection today at the 11:30 Mass. She is an Associate Professor of Spirituality and Ministry at Catholic Theological Union in Hyde Park, here in Chicago. Dr. White is an experienced workshop presenter, retreat facilitator, spiritual director and teacher. Please welcome her as she joins us today on World Mission Sunday.

In the Acts of the Apostles Jesus tells his disciples just before his Ascension into heaven, "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8). Pope Francis reflects on this, "every Christian is called to be a missionary and witness to Christ. And the Church, the community of Christ's disciples, has no other mission than that of bringing the Gospel to the entire world by bearing witness to Christ. To evangelize is the very identity of the Church."

Throughout our world, mission dioceses and missionaries strive with limited resources to follow the model of Jesus. He calls upon the people of faith in the Archdiocese of Chicago to generously join in prayerful and financial support for this annual celebration. An envelope is available from the Ushers in the Narthex of the Church for this second collection today. Please be generous.

May we all be Jesus' witnesses in our daily lives.

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
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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:

Arthur Brooks
Justine Henderson
Alice Thompson
Dorothy Williams
Evelyn Williams
Todd Washington (Son of Rose Washington and brother of Parris Washington)



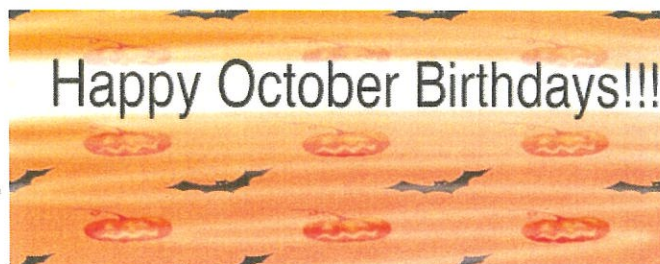
Mass Intention & Repose Souls

+Renee' Dishman - Daughter-in-Law of Mrs. Tillie Dishman
+Robert Brown, Jr. - Brother of Ola Credit

October 23 – Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Vocation View: Be humble and allow God to do great things through you.

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Funeral Services for Robert Brown, Jr.

Brother of Ola Credit services are Pending at this time.



The Women's restroom is temporarily closed due to remodeling. Please use the Men's restroom. Please read the signs posted.

Parish Up Coming Events

10/23 -2nd Collection - World Mission
-Covid Booster/Flu Shots - Our Lady of Africa 10:00AM -2:00PM
10/27 -Weekly Food Pantry—10:00AM - 12:00 Noon (Tolton Center)
10/29 – Minister of Care Training (See Insert)

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.

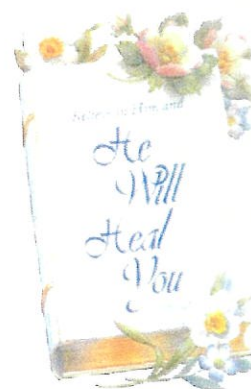
Amen.



Sick & Shut-in



<i>Ophelia Adams</i>	<i>Lorraine Henderson</i>	<i>Beverly Sims</i>
<i>Curtis Albright</i>	<i>Justine 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>Todd Washington</i>
<i>Barbara McGee-Berry</i>	<i>Mildred Jackson</i>	<i>Tandra Watson</i>
<i>Arthur Brooks</i>	<i>Majorbelle James</i>	<i>Rachel Watson</i>
<i>Patricia Brown</i>	<i>Therese Jessie</i>	<i>Doris Whitaker</i>
<i>Roscoe Burns</i>	<i>Cindy Jirsa</i>	<i>Eryn Whitaker</i>
<i>Michael Burt</i>	<i>Annette Lee</i>	<i>Rita White</i>
<i>Dean Brazier</i>	<i>Susan Larry</i>	<i>Yvonne Whitenier</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 Paphesh</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.

30th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

I grew up in St. Laurence parish on the South Side of Chicago. It was a very beautiful and enriching experience in many ways. But like anything else human, it suffered from the blindness revealed in today's Gospel. Over the years, I have found myself growing in awareness of the many prejudices and ignorance that were implanted in me by my early Irish Catholic formation.

First of all, we had a wide-open highway to hell for others. Protestants and fallen away Catholics, especially the divorced, led the parade. The role of women was very clear: in the kitchen and preferably pregnant. The "colored people", the operative term of respect for African Americans in my youth, were inferior and happy to stay on the other side of 47th St. where God put them. As Catholics we were very patriotic and in full support of the insanity of nuclear escalation.

We were proud to be Catholics leading the way in the censorship of movies to maintain pelvic orthodoxy. I think the Communion line in my parish would not have made it past the censors. We never gave a thought to Hollywood's glorification of booze, smoking and violence. Mexicans were the only Hispanics I knew and this only thru movies. They were always total losers only topped by the savagery of Native Americans who attacked the white settlers.

I could go on at length about clerical dominance, but the point is clear. Organized religion, no matter how beautiful and profound, is never too far removed from the Pharisee in today's Gospel.

I do not think often enough about what the next generation will see in our parish and today's Church that is so completely off the radar of Gospel values. I am sure that there is a lot to consider even if it is hidden from our awareness at this time.

There are two powerful points in today's parable. It continues Luke's often reaped theme of reversal. In God's coming revealed in Jesus, things will be put in the order of what God really is, not as that part of us similar to what the Pharisee likes to see a world with ourselves as the center of reality.

Secondly, the Pharisee exposes the tendency of the human heart that we all share to be an idol making machine. The Publican exposes the true reality of the goodness and mercy of God and our role as broken but loved and forgiven sinners.

To have the openness and integrity of the tax collector is quite a spiritual feat. St. Teresa of Avila teaches us of the utter importance of this self-knowledge. She practiced it so well that she could say at the end, her life story is all a story of God's mercy.

The most fundamental truth of today's parable is that every human heart is torn between the pull of the Pharisee's arrogance and the tax collector's humility and self-knowledge. The power of the message is that the God of mercy revealed by Jesus forgives sinners. All we need to do is to recognize that we need to get in line for this liberating gift!

In Christ,

Fr. Tracy



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- **Accessible Transportation for Seniors (65+)**
- **Reduced Fare Programs and Applications**
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Thursday, November 3, 2022

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Our Lady of Africa Parish

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Chicago, IL 60653

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



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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

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NOVEMBER 4TH
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