

OUR LADY OF AFRICA PARISH

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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - OCTOBER 30, 2022



Served by: The Society of the Divine Word... Popularly known as the Divine Word Missionaries

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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,
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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

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

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,

We celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints' Day this week. It is a Holy Day of Obligation and we will have two Masses on Tuesday to celebrate all those Saints who have gone before us and intercede for us in so many ways everyday. It is a day commemorating all the saints of the church, both known and unknown, who have attained heaven.

All Saints Day Masses-Tuesday, November 1st-11:00 am and 6:30 pm.

The month of November is also traditionally a time in which the Catholic community remembers those who have died. It is a time of remembrance of our loved ones who have gone before us and especially those who are in need our continued prayers.

In a special way, we will remember those who have died since November 2, 2021. On Sunday, November 13, we invite all those who have lost loved ones this past year to come to any Mass for a Blessing and we will read the names of All those connected with our Parish who have died this past year.

All Souls Day Mass-Wednesday, November 2nd-11:00 am

Due to our All Souls Day Mass, we will not have Bible Study this Wednesday. In person Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, November 9th.

November also celebrates "Black Catholic History Month." We are grateful for the beautiful sign brought to us from the Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary Convention held last July. It celebrates all the Venerable Black Catholics in process to become Saints here in the United States. Let us continue to pray and intercede to them for miracles that will recognize their Saintly ministry for building the Kingdom of God and a just society within the Church and outside the Church. Their deep faith and prayer, individual struggles in the Catholic Church and the challenging times in which they lived made a difference for all of us.

Fr. Bob Kelly, SVD



T THE FREE CONFERENCE CALL NEW NUMBER:
The new phone number is 1-267-807-9601 and the access code will remain the same: 340355967.

Facebook



YouTube



Online Giving



Donation offerings are mailed to the following address:
Our Lady of Africa Parish
615 E Oakwood
Chicago, IL 60653

Please remember the following in your prayers for healing:

Alice Thompson
Evelyn Williams
Todd Washington (Son of Rose Washington and brother of Parris Washington)
Silmon Reed
Ira Phillips -Brother of Debra Crosby
James Teemer
Joyce Lane



Mass Intention & Repose Souls

+Robert Brown, Jr. - Brother of Ola Credit
+Catherine Cosby - Mother of Susan White
+Wesley Eugene Jordan -
Son of Ms. Katie Jordan
+Sharon Annette Johnson: - Daughter of
Ms. Marilyn Massey

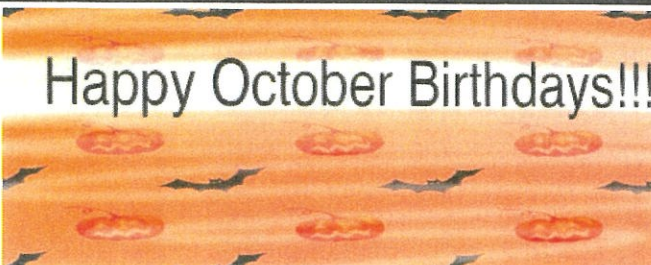
October 30 – Thirty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time

A Vocation View:

Jesus approaches us and wants to come stay with us. Be ready to change your ways, like Zacchaeus, to follow Jesus.

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

Happy October Birthdays!!!



Important Notice

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

- 10/30 – Usher/Greeter's Meeting after 9:00AM Mass
- 11/01 – All Saints Day –11:00AM & 6:30PM
- 11/02 – No Bible Study—Bible Study will resume on 11/09 & 11/6
- 11/02 - All Souls Month Start –Mass at 11:00AM
- 11/03 -Senior Resource Fair - 10:00AM - 3:00PM—Our Lady of Africa Parish
- 11/05-06 –Asylum Seekers 2nd Collection

Website for Our Lady of Africa



Father Tracy's Blog
Praying Alone Together

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



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
Marilyn Campbell
Esperanza Carr
Russell Carter
Lillian Cherry
Michael A. Clark
Lydia Clark
Willie B. Clay
Mary Crawford
Sr. Eleanor Doidge
Cecelia Douglas
Judith Easter
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
Exie Haralson
Catherine Harper
Marjorie Heard
Lorraine Henderson

Justine Henderson
Jim Henkel
Kelly Robin Hill
Velma Hill
Hugh Hodges
Rita Holland
Sandra Houston
Doris Humphries
Nolan Humphries
George James
Janet James
Leslie Jackson
Mildred Jackson
Majorbelle James
Therese Jessie
Cindy Jirsa
Annette Lee
Susan Larry
McKeever
Joyce Lane
Denise Lawson
Gloria Leonard
Lugenia Lewis
Jan Johnson
Pamela Jones
Betty Lumpkins
Lenda Mason
Gail McGruder
McShan Family
Bernadine McNeal
Anastacia Mebane
Judy Michaelis
Deborah Mitchell
Argentry Mitchell
Geraldine Moore
Jeff Moore
Michael Moore
Maria Jossey Owen
Gregory Papesch
Minnette Penman
Allen Peoples
Sr. Jamie Phelps, O.P.
Marionette Phelps
Ira Phillips
Clarence Phillips
Jean Porter
Louise Ray
Silmon Reed
Clara Reisner

Tyna 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
Joyce Wallace
Todd Washington
Tandra Watson
Rachel Watson
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.

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

Thank you.

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October 18, 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

The sudden and unexpected influx of men, women and children seeking asylum to U.S cities, including Chicago, over recent weeks has presented our community with significant challenges but also significant opportunities to share God's message of compassion and joy. The plight of these asylum seekers, most of whom are fleeing violence, political oppression and crushing poverty in their home countries causes us grave concern, but I am convinced that this is a moment for us to join together in a mission of love and mercy.

Over 3,000 asylum seekers arrived in our city as of mid-October. Almost all the migrants we have welcomed report that they plan to stay in the Chicago area and will need support to reestablish their lives. Unlike other migrants, most do not have relatives in the States with whom they can live and learn as they build new lives.

The Catholic community has shown an outpouring of compassion as churches, religious congregations, and other ministries have opened their doors, and Catholic Charities has deployed a team to connect people with loved ones and conduct initial needs assessments. Across the Church, many parishes have responded, and more help is needed. We have mobilized to create a coordinated Catholic response to assist asylum seekers so we might maximize the impact of our assistance as we bear witness to our faith. A Working Group has gathered to evaluate opportunities to serve. We are considering several options including transitional shelter, parish sponsorships, and pastoral care for asylum seekers.

In support of these efforts, parishes throughout the Archdiocese will hold a second collection for asylum seekers at all Masses celebrated the weekend of November 5-6. The commitment of faithful Catholics like you will help ensure the success of this mission. Please consider giving to this collection or giving directly to Catholic Charities which will serve as a central gathering point for donations. You can make a donation to this effort by following a link on the Catholic Charities website: www.catholiccharities.net, by emailing donations@catholiccharities.net or by calling (312) 655-7525.

Assisting asylum seekers will require significant time, talent and treasure. Anyone interested in knowing more about participating in this response may contact Tori Bawel at Catholic Charities (WelcomeTheStranger@catholiccharities.net). We will keep you informed and welcome your questions, prayers, and support.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Archbishop of Chicago

Thirty First Sunday of Sunday of Ordinary Time-C
Lk 19:1-10

Dear Parishioners,

"Zacchaeus, who was a chief tax collector and a wealthy man, was seeking to see who Jesus was." (Lk 19:2) Jesus shattered the norms of correctness and invited himself to dinner at Zacchaeus' home. In the process, the restless tax collector was introduced into the Jesus game where you win by losing.

Luke is the only evangelist who brings us into the delightful Zacchaeus story. He does so, in part, to highlight the difference between the chief tax collector and the rich official who did not want to play the Jesus game. (Lk 18:18-23)

On the surface, the two men were dramatically different. One had all the right credentials of social acceptability. If the rich official were operating today, he surely would be a daily communicant and probably on the pastoral council of his parish.

Zacchaeus was a low life. He not only would not go into the crowd to try to see Jesus because he was short. He knew it would be dangerous for him because as a tax collector for the despised Roman oppressors he was a hated man. On the other hand, both men shared that hunger in the heart that Jesus so easily surfaced by his presence and message.

Zacchaeus had to run ahead and climb a tree to get a glimpse of Jesus. The rich official was blessed with a close up and intimate encounter with the Lord.

After Jesus made his pitch the two men went in different directions. It is hard to find a more heartbreaking line in the Scripture than, **"But when he heard this, he became quite sad, for he was very rich."** (Lk 18:23) He was not buying into the Jesus game.

Zacchaeus, however, got the message. He understood this saving encounter with Jesus had immediate and concrete consequences in his life. He opened up not only the purse strings, but much more importantly, his hurting heart. So Jesus could say in joy, **"Today salvation has come to this house...For the Son of Man has come to seek and save what was lost."** (Lk 19:9-10)

Zacchaeus rejoiced in the Jesus game where you win by losing. He became wealthy in a new way by freeing his heart of the burden of his old wealth that had made him a poor man.

Each day in our lives, we are open to the possibility of the Zacchaeus surprise. In the daily flow of our life, with its myriad relationships and responsibilities and experiences, Jesus is saying to us, **"I mean to stay at your house today."** Like the beleaguered tax collector, we have the amazing opportunity to say yes to Jesus with a renewed hospitality. A new lease on life is Jesus daily gift to us.

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

SAFE LINK
FREE CELL
PHONES

Dr. Michael Washington
~
Pharmacist on Duty

Thursday, November 3, 2022

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Our Lady of Africa Parish

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Light
Refreshments

Live Entertainment
By
Charlie Brown
Former Bears Running Back

Christmas Toy Drive

Please Donate New Unwrapped Toys
to The Parish

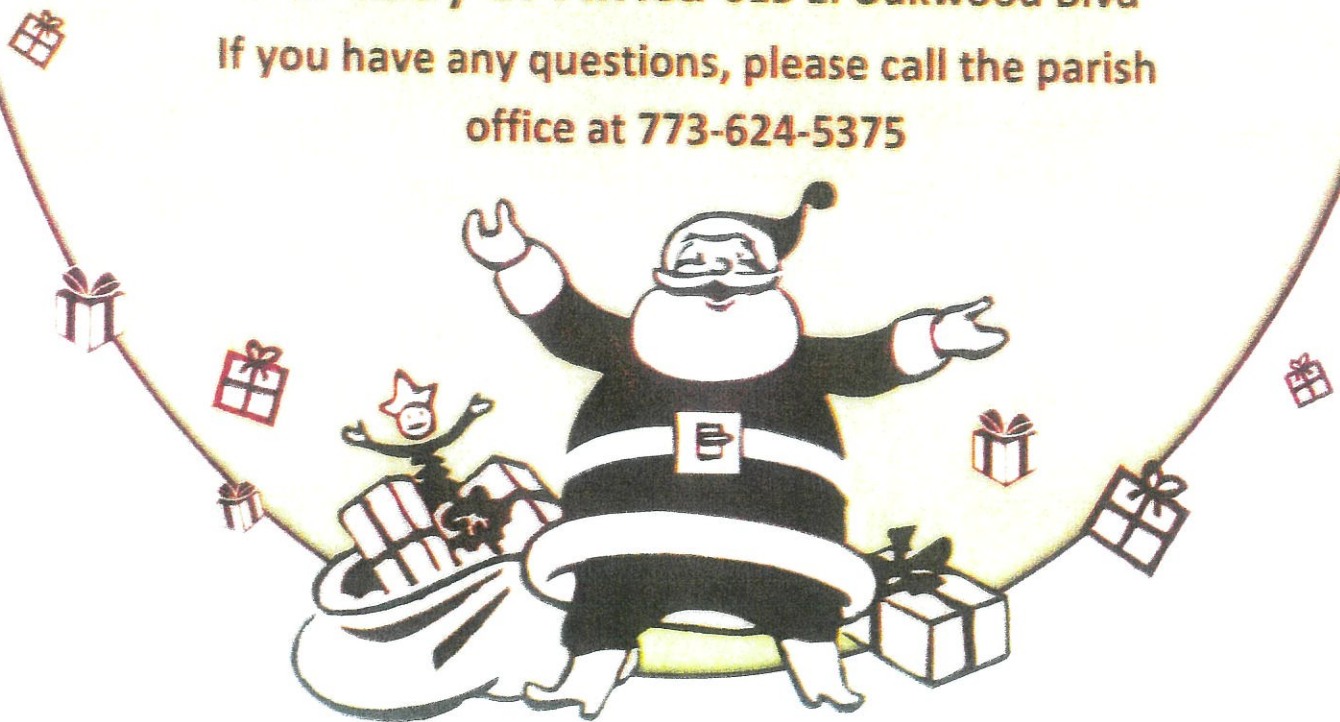
For Children Ages 0-15 Years Old

Please Place Donations in The BIN
located in the Church Narthex

Toy Drive Will Be From
October 8th 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





INVEST IN KIDS TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Get ready to donate on December 1! Illinois Letter ID Drive

You can support Catholic education by donating to the Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarship Program! If you want to take advantage of a tax credit and our 1-for-1 Matching Program, we can help you get started.

Obtaining a Letter ID is the first step. Follow the link below to get started and see the other side of this flyer for easy, 3-step instructions to request your Letter ID. It takes up to 10 days to receive your Letter ID via the USPS once the state receives your request.

Starting Dec. 1, take advantage of the 1-for-1 match and double the impact of your gift! Your support provides access to a high-quality, faith-based education for thousands of Illinois students.

"YOUR
GENEROSITY
HAS PUT MY
ENTIRE FAMILY
AT EASE
KNOWING
THAT MY SON
IS GETTING
THE BEST
EDUCATION
POSSIBLE."

*William J. St. John Seminary
Principal*

Visit **mytax.illinois.gov** today to start!

If you have questions, please contact the Tax Credit Scholarship Hotline at **312.534.2617** or **tcs@archchicago.org**. You can also visit **archchicago.org/tcs** for more information.



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**.

For English: Valerie Jennings – 312.965.2284

Para Español: Carmen Arroyo – 312.534.8012



TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Request a Letter ID in 3 easy steps

Step 1

Log on to mytax.illinois.gov to **REQUEST LETTER ID**

- If you already have an account, enter your username and password to verify.
- If you do **not** have an account, scroll down to the "Individuals" box on the left.

Step 2

Click on "Request a Letter ID."

Step 3

Enter your Social Security Number and one of the following:

- IL-PIN
- Most recent adjusted gross income
- IL driver's license number
- IL state identification number

Click "Submit," confirm your email address, then click "OK" and receive your confirmation.

Your Letter ID will arrive in the mail at the address on your previous year's tax return within 7–10 business days. The Letter ID expires 90 days from the date it is issued. Please activate your account upon receipt of Letter ID. If you have questions, call 312.534.2617 or email investinkids@archchicago.org.

Wait until Dec. 1 to make your donation and take advantage of the 1-for-1 Matching Program. Please view bit.ly/TCSSteps to find further detailed instructions on completing your donation. As a reminder, under the Invest in Kids Act, corporate donors are not permitted to direct their donation to a specific school.