

OUR LADY OF AFRICA PARISH

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SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD YEAR C - SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022



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Welcome to Our Lady of Africa Parish.

We are overjoyed with your presence here with us today. We have been walking with Jesus on the Road to Emmaus. All of us are the 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: 9:00AM—3:30 PM

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Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Our Lady of Africa Parish,
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Sunday Mass: 9:00am and 11:30am:

Facebook Livestream during Mass
hours and YouTube after 6:00pm at:

Our Lady of Africa Chicago

Conference Call

Phone Number: 1-267-807-9601

Code to enter: : 340 355 967#

Weekday Masses: Monday-Friday:
8:00am Tolton Heritage Center
Rectory.

Holy Days: 10:30am: Site TBD

French Community Mass: 6:00pm
First Sunday of Month

Ghanaian Community Mass:
1:30pm
First and Second Sunday of Month

Igbo Community Mass: 2:30pm
Third and Fourth Sunday of Month

Bible Sharing:

Friday at 1:00pm to 2:00pm
via Zoom:

Meeting ID: 586 893 3170

Passcode: 341080

Bible Study

Tuesday at 6-7pm

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:
10:00am until 12:00 noon. All are
welcome!





Message from our Pastor...

The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Dear Parishioners,

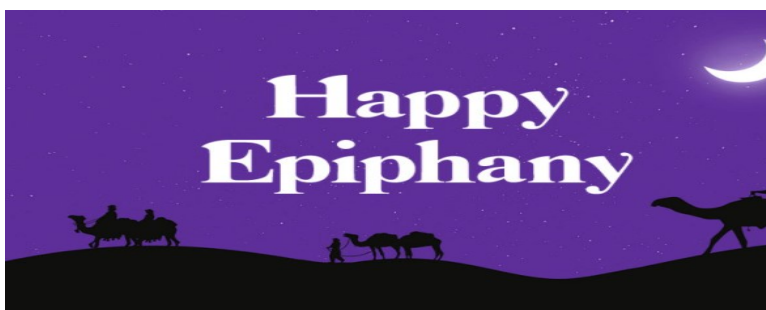
While the hustle and bustle of Christmas ends for the majority of people throughout the world on December 26th, for us as Catholic Christians it DOES NOT. Christmas lasts for twelve days! So, during these twelve days it is certainly appropriate to continue to wish one another Merry Christmas!

The Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord, we must remember that the very word “Epiphany” means “manifestation.” The Epiphany is a celebration of the revelation of God in human flesh. It could also be said that an epiphany is: “an intuitive grasp of reality through something simple and striking.” Something as simple as a child brings us the reality of God among us. Something as striking as a star, the star of Bethlehem, bring us the reality of God among us.

The story of the visit of the Magi makes an important point about the role of the Messiah. Jesus is called “the newborn king of the Jews” by the magi who traveled from the east. These men were not Jewish, yet they paid homage to the King of the Jews. Matthew, who wrote to a Jewish audience, hoped to express the universal role of Christ in this story. These men were foreigners, but they honored Jesus as their king. Jesus is shown now to the whole world. God cares about all creation regardless of race, creed, or ethnicity.

Don’t let yourself miss this message! We can be so caught up in everything that we risk missing the simple reality of God becoming man to save us from our sins! Jesus is the Savior for ALL, He is the Prince of Peace for ALL, He is the way to the Father for ALL. May we see in Him the love of God for ALL.

Fr. Bob Kelly, SVD





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

THE FREE CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER

The new phone number is 1-267-807-9601 and the access code will remain the same: 340355967.

Currently this line is used for Bible Study on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 p.m., the Prayer Line on Thursday morning at 9:00 am and the Dial in Prayer Service on Sunday Morning at 10:00 am.

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Prayer

Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. **Amen!**



Pope's Tweet:

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord:

"Like the Magi, may we also journey and be attentive, untiring and courageous on the path to find the invisible God who was born among us. "

If you received doubles or triples of our Christmas Mailing, please contact Shirley McKinney in the Church Office.

Wishing you a Safe and Happy New Year!

Spirituality has its place in everyone's life. So, there is a need to touch it on the New Year day as it is considered as a new beginning by many. If you are an elder and want to send these quotes to the younglings at home or office then do that as they will act as blessings to them. These will spread positivity and will make the New Year much more prosperous. **Our Lady of Africa Parish!**

Renew My Church

Called by Jesus Christ, we are Making Disciples,
Building Communities and Inspiring Witness.

Prayer for Renew My Church

Lord Jesus, you speak to us today, as you spoke to holy men and women who have gone before us. In every age and in our own time, you call to us and say: Renew My Church. Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us, and so enable us

to hear you clearly
to listen to each other attentively
to imagine our future boldly
to discern your direction wisely
to persevere in your holy will courageously
to stay together in charity
to surrender our own plans readily
to embrace the greater good
to hand on your gifts to future generations.

May we remain in the holy company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles and all the saints. May their example and presence inspire us with patient confidence in the work of your grace. We ask this of you who live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. **Amen**

St. Ambrose, Pray for Us.

St. Anselm of Canterbury, Pray for Us.

Corpus Christi, the Body of Christ, Pray for Us.

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Pray for Us.

All Holy Angels of God, Pray for Us.

Our Lady of Africa, Pray for Us.

Venerable Fr. Augustus Tolton Pray for Us.

Holiday Mass Schedule 2021

**New Year's Eve, Friday, December 31,
2021—Mass at 4:00 PM**

**New Year's Day, Saturday,
January 1, 2022—Mass at 10:30 AM**

**Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord,
Sunday, January 2, 2022**

**Masses at 9:00 am and 11:30am
Ghanaian Mass at 1:30PM
French Mass at 6:00 pm.**

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

SICK & SHUT-IN LIST

<i>Curtis Albright</i>	<i>Lorraine Henderson</i>	<i>Janice Taylor</i>
<i>Dorla Allen</i>	<i>Justin Henderson</i>	<i>Alice Thompson</i>
<i>Patrice Anderson</i>	<i>Juanita Hern</i>	<i>Cynthia Thompson</i>
<i>Jessie Andrews</i>	<i>Kelly Robin Hill</i>	<i>Renee Trotter</i>
<i>James Barker</i>	<i>Velma Hill</i>	<i>Audrey Tuggle</i>
<i>Donald Barner</i>	<i>Hugh Hodges</i>	<i>Elizabeth Upchurch</i>
<i>Louise Bates</i>	<i>Rita Holland</i>	<i>Joanne Wallace</i>
<i>Myra Baugh</i>	<i>Sandra Houston</i>	<i>Joyce Wallace</i>
<i>Christine Brown</i>	<i>Doris Humphries</i>	<i>Tandra Watson</i>
<i>Barbara McGee-</i>	<i>Nolan Humphries</i>	<i>Mrs. P. Wells</i>
<i>Berry</i>	<i>George James</i>	<i>Doris Whitaker</i>
<i>Patricia Brown</i>	<i>Thelma Jackson</i>	<i>Eryn Whitaker</i>
<i>Roscoe Burns</i>	<i>Leslie Jackson</i>	<i>Rita White</i>
<i>Dean Brazier</i>	<i>Mildred Jackson</i>	<i>Yvonne Whitenier</i>
<i>James Brazier</i>	<i>Majorbelle James</i>	<i>Arlene G. Williams</i>
<i>Calicott Family</i>	<i>John Q. Jennings</i>	<i>Evelyn Williams</i>
<i>Marilyn Campbell</i>	<i>Therese Jessie</i>	<i>Naiya Williams</i>
<i>Esperanza Carr</i>	<i>Annette Lee</i>	<i>Michael Williams</i>
<i>Russell Carter</i>	<i>Susan Larry McKeever</i>	<i>Patricia Williams</i>
<i>Lillian Cherry</i>	<i>Denise Lawson</i>	<i>Sheila Williams</i>
<i>Michael Anthony</i>	<i>Gloria Leonard</i>	<i>Craig Wright</i>
<i>Clark</i>	<i>Lugenia Lewis</i>	
<i>Lydia Clark</i>	<i>Jan Johnson</i>	
<i>Willie B. Clay</i>	<i>Pamela Jones</i>	
<i>Mary Crawford</i>	<i>Betty Lumpkins</i>	
<i>Lisa Crosby-Fields</i>	<i>Lenda Mason</i>	
<i>Matthew Crosby-Fields</i>	<i>Anastacia Mebane</i>	
<i>Chiyenne Crosby-Fields</i>	<i>Donna Perisee-</i>	
<i>Ella Crossley</i>	<i>McFarlane</i>	
<i>Sr. Eleanor Doidge</i>	<i>Gail McGruder</i>	
<i>Cecelia Douglas</i>	<i>McShan Family</i>	
<i>Keith Devers</i>	<i>Carrie Miller</i>	
<i>Beverly Elliston</i>	<i>Deborah Mitche</i>	
<i>Judith Easter</i>	<i>Geraldine Moore</i>	
<i>Barbara Edwards-Hill</i>	<i>Michael Moore</i>	
<i>Elsie Freeman</i>	<i>Euphrasia Ann Mutinda</i>	
<i>Wanda Finney</i>	<i>Maria Jossey Owen</i>	
<i>Ola Mae Forde</i>	<i>Minnette Penman</i>	
<i>Nazaree Fuller</i>	<i>Marionette Phelps</i>	
<i>Rosemary Gardner</i>	<i>Sr. Jamie Phelps, O.P.</i>	
<i>Frederick Gibson</i>	<i>Jean Porter</i>	
<i>Florence Glenn</i>	<i>Deborah Powell</i>	
<i>Andre D. Golden</i>	<i>Louise Ray</i>	
<i>Mable Gray</i>	<i>Tyna Rule</i>	
<i>Avis Green</i>	<i>Phyllis Shackelford</i>	
<i>Bettie Green</i>	<i>Alfrances Sharpe</i>	
<i>Barbara Golden</i>	<i>Beverly Sims</i>	
<i>Vircy Spight-Harris</i>	<i>Shirley Simmons</i>	
<i>Marjorie Heard</i>	<i>Sunnette Varnado Smith</i>	
	<i>Emma Stewart</i>	
	<i>Margaret Stewart</i>	
	<i>Alonzo Studstill</i>	
	<i>Donald Suggs</i>	

THE ROAD THAT IS
BUILT IN HOPE IS
MORE PLEASANT TO
THE TRAVELER
THAN THE ROAD
BUILT IN DESPAIR.
EVEN THOUGH
THEY BOTH LEAD
TO THE SAME
DESTINATION.

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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 to or removed from
the Prayer List. Thank you.**