

OUR LADY OF AFRICA PARISH

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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 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 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)



Our Lady of Africa
WE ARE ONE
Holy, Catholic & Apostolic
EST. July 4, 2021 - Chicago

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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

Lenten Bible Study:

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

11:00 am at Fr. Clements/Fr.
Smith Parish Hall with
Fr. Tracy O'Sullivan, O.Carm

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...

Dear Parishioners:

I am deeply grateful to All who made our Black History Month/African American History Month an “awesome” Celebration last Sunday. All the Liturgy Planners, All the Choirs, the Decorators, All those who Donated/Catered/Provided Food, the Food Servers, the Altar Servers, the Readers, the Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters/Ushers/Servers, the Deacons, Fr. Stan Chu Ilo, etc., etc.... It was a Parishioner who emailed me and said it was “awesome” but there were so many others who emailed or texted me and said it was a wonderful Celebration of our uniqueness as Our Lady of Africa Parish. Some wonderful Quotes to reflect on as we finish this month...

There are still many causes worth sacrificing for, so much history yet to be made.

– Michelle Obama

The cost of liberty is less than the price of repression.

– W.E.B. Du Bois

I had to make my own living and my own opportunity. But I made it! Don't sit down and wait for the opportunities to come. Get up and make them.

– Madam C.J. Walker

Our 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal has begun. Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments. The new Annual Catholic Appeal theme, “Making all things new ... God's promise and our responsibility,” is an important theme as we prayerfully consider our support for the Appeal but also important for “embracing the life that the Lord wants us to live.” Each pledge makes a big difference! All parish communities participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our parishes, schools and ministries to deliver much needed services. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response. To make your gift, you can complete the mail-in giving envelope available at church, drop it in the regular collection or make a gift online at annualcatholicappeal.com

Our Lenten Journey begins on Ash Wednesday this week. Let us be open to “Lead me, Lord” throughout this Lenten Season. We know there is so much to pray for in our own Lives, in our Families, in our Community, and in our World. “Lead us, Lord.”

Ash Wednesday Services-March 2, 2022

10:00 am Mass for the Holy Angels School Children

12:00 Noon Mass with the Distribution of Ashes

6:30 pm Mass with the Distribution of Ashes.

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11:00 am Bible Study in person at our Fr. Clements/Fr. Smith Parish Hall with Fr. Tracy O'Sullivan, O.Carm. followed by a light Fellowship.

Fr. Robert 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
YouTube

Facebook

Online Giving



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.

With the creation of our new parish, Our Lady of Africa, we intend to consolidate the 5 "To Teach Who Christ Is" Accounts.

All accounts from the five former parishes will go into one Our Lady of Africa Parish "To Teach Who Christ" Account.

The "To Teach Who Christ Is" Account will be used to fund capital projects for our active worship sites and buildings.

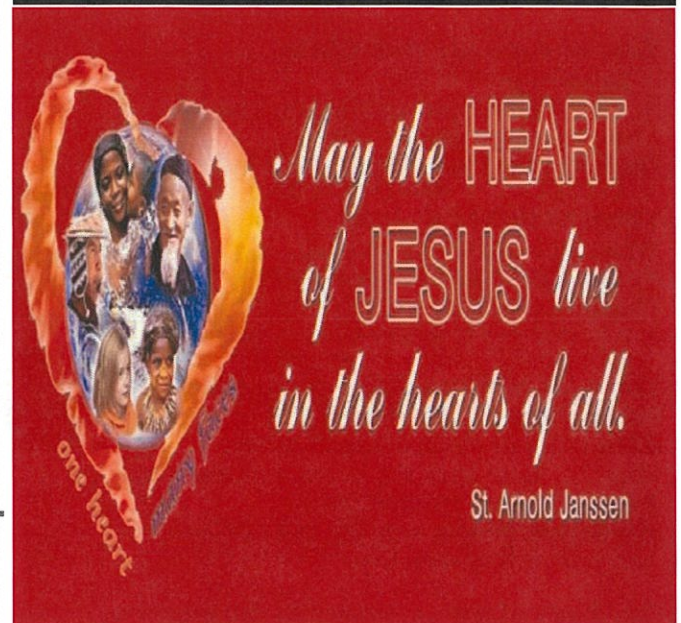


TO TEACH WHO CHRIST IS

A Campaign for Parishes, Catholic Education and Faith Formation

February 27 – Eighth Sunday of the Year
A Vocation View: Jesus leads where we need to go. Do not close your eyes, your ears or your heart to Jesus plan for your life.

**DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES and
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800-553-3321**



Parish Up Coming Events

- 2/27 - Pick Up Paczki Orders all Masses
- 3/2 - Ash Wednesday Services
 - Holy Angels School Mass at 10am
 - Distribution of Ashes and mass at 12:00 Noon and 6:30pm
- 3/9 - Bible Study in person 11:00 am at Fr. Clements/Fr. Smith Parish Hall with Fr. Tracy O'Sullivan, O.Carm followed by a light Fellowship

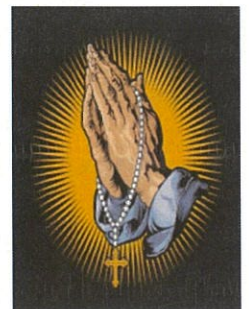
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Repose Souls of :

+ Dolores Young

Mass Intention:

Cecelia Douglass
+ Wesley Eugene Jordan
+ Albert Hem



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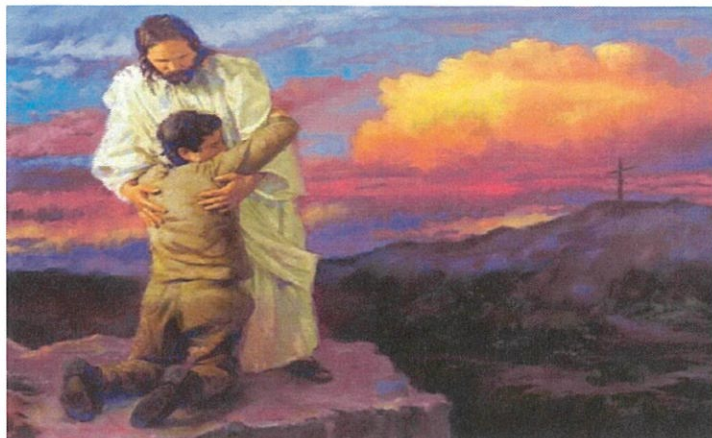
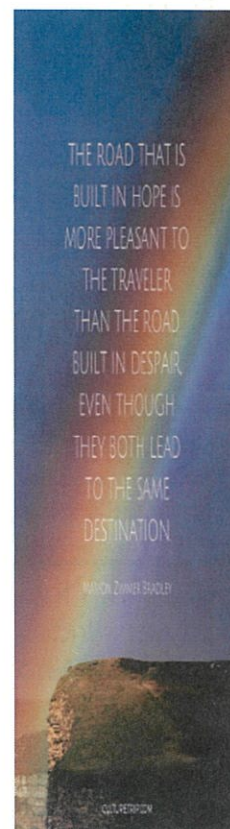
Amen.

Website for Our Lady of Africa



SICK & SHUT-IN LIST

<i>Curtis Albright</i>	<i>Kelly Robin Hill</i>	<i>Smith</i>
<i>Dorla Allen</i>	<i>Velma Hill</i>	<i>Emma Stewart</i>
<i>Patrice Anderson</i>	<i>Hugh Hodges</i>	<i>Margaret Stewart</i>
<i>Jessie Andrews</i>	<i>Rita Holland</i>	<i>Alonzo Studstill</i>
<i>James Barker</i>	<i>Sandra Houston</i>	<i>Janice Taylor</i>
<i>Donald Barner</i>	<i>Doris Humphries</i>	<i>Alice Thompson</i>
<i>Louise Bates</i>	<i>Nolan Humphries</i>	<i>Cynthia Thompson</i>
<i>Myra Baugh</i>	<i>George James</i>	<i>Renee Trotter</i>
<i>Christine Brown</i>	<i>Janet James</i>	<i>Audrey Tuggle</i>
<i>Barbara McGee-</i>	<i>Thelma Jackson</i>	<i>Joanne Wallace</i>
<i>Berry</i>	<i>Leslie Jackson</i>	<i>Joyce Wallace</i>
<i>Patricia Brown</i>	<i>Mildred Jackson</i>	<i>Tandra Watson</i>
<i>Roscoe Burns</i>	<i>Majorbelle James</i>	<i>Mrs. P. Wells</i>
<i>Michael Burt</i>	<i>John Q. Jennings</i>	<i>Doris Whitaker</i>
<i>Dean Brazier</i>	<i>Therese Jessie</i>	<i>Eryn Whitaker</i>
<i>James Brazier</i>	<i>Annette Lee</i>	<i>Rita White</i>
<i>Calicott Family</i>	<i>Susan Larry</i>	<i>Yvonne Whitenier</i>
<i>Marilyn Campbell</i>	<i>McKeever</i>	<i>Arlene G. Williams</i>
<i>Esperanza Carr</i>	<i>Denise Lawson</i>	<i>Evelyn Williams</i>
<i>Russell Carter</i>	<i>Gloria Leonard</i>	<i>Naiya Williams</i>
<i>Lillian Cherry</i>	<i>Lugenia Lewis</i>	
<i>Michael A. Clark</i>	<i>Jan Johnson</i>	
<i>Lydia Clark</i>	<i>Pamela Jones</i>	
<i>Willie B. Clay</i>	<i>Betty Lumpkins</i>	
<i>Mary Crawford</i>	<i>Lenda Mason</i>	
<i>Ella Crossley</i>	<i>Anastacia Mebane</i>	
<i>Sr. Eleanor Doidge</i>	<i>Donna Perisee-</i>	
<i>Cecelia Douglas</i>	<i>McFarlane</i>	
<i>Keith Devers</i>	<i>Gail McGruder</i>	
<i>Judith Easter</i>	<i>McShan Family</i>	
<i>Deborah Edmund-</i>	<i>Deborah Mitchell</i>	
<i>son</i>	<i>Geraldine Moore</i>	
<i>Barbara Edwards-</i>	<i>Michael Moore</i>	
<i>Hill</i>	<i>Euphrasia Ann</i>	
<i>Elsie Freeman</i>	<i>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>Allen Peoples</i>	
<i>Rosemary Gardner</i>	<i>Marionette Phelps</i>	
<i>Frederick Gibson</i>	<i>Sr. Jamie Phelps,</i>	
<i>Florence Glenn</i>	<i>O.P.</i>	
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<i>Mable Gray</i>	<i>Deborah Powell</i>	
<i>Avis Green</i>	<i>Louise Ray</i>	
<i>Bettie Green</i>	<i>Tyna Rule</i>	
<i>Barbara Golden</i>	<i>Phyllis</i>	
<i>Virgy Spight-Harris</i>	<i>Shackelford</i>	
<i>Marjorie Heard</i>	<i>Alfrances Sharpe</i>	
<i>Lorraine Henderson</i>	<i>Beverly Sims</i>	
<i>Justin Henderson</i>	<i>Shirley Simmons</i>	
<i>Juanita Hern</i>	<i>Sunnette Varnado</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
need to be added to or removed from the
Prayer List.
Thank you.**



Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time – C

Lk 6:39-45

Dear Friends,

Today's gospel is actually a summary of Jesus' Sermon on the Plain and its invitations into the upside-down world of Jesus. The blind guides he warns us about are those who think they see clearly. The people who admit their limited vision and pocket-sized understanding of God's ways are the ones who we can trust to direct us toward the light that helps us to see as Jesus.

Today, Luke again addresses the incredibly demanding task of being fair and just with our neighbor. Luke is reminding us of the severe difficulty of the relations between human beings. It is exceptional to really know what is going on inside another person. When it comes to retribution or justice we need divine wisdom. God sees the heart and acts with generosity, understanding and compassion. We are invited through today's gospel message to try to do the same.

Last week's selection ended with the admonition not to judge and condemn our brothers and sisters and everybody else! Today's first set of examples has two statements that are brilliantly clear about not judging and condemning our neighbor. They are the blind leading the blind and the hilariously obvious observation about the beam in the eye. Both of these insights surround and enlighten the main message of Luke in this section: **"No disciple is superior to his teacher; but when fully trained every disciple will be like his teacher."** (Lk 6:40)

The carpenter-shop example of the beam seems quite appropriate to our common experience. Our awareness of judging and condemning others most often comes slowly and in small steps. It is not as if we can simply pull the beam out of our blinded eye. We have to do the carpenter thing. We need to shave it down in a small step-by step-process.

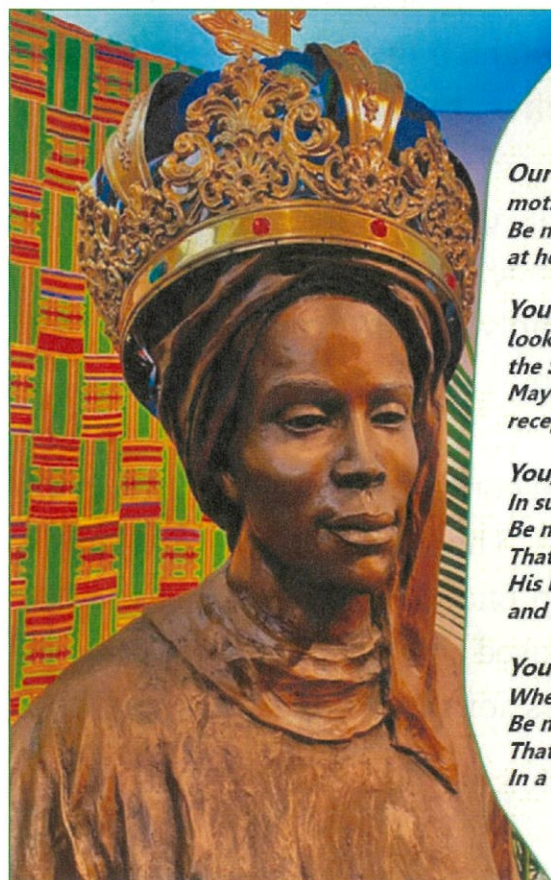
An example of this is how we get rid of some of the common destructive forces in our culture: racism, sexism, consumerism and ageism. These realities block us in our relationship with our neighbor. We do not wake up one day and have mindset totally free to embrace racial equality or completely enthused about the LBGT agenda or free of desire for the next upgrade on our many possessions or really accepting of the aging process.

We constantly struggle to enter into Jesus' gospel reality. So often, it is the blind leading the blind. We see this in the sexual abuse scandal in the Church. It is the beam that hinders our experience of the "other" whether that "other" is our mother-in-law or the illegal immigrant driving the car without the smog sticker.

Getting the beam out of our eye is a long journey. We move forward with the help of our Sunday liturgy, daily personal prayer and truly compassionate patience with others. It is all about becoming like our teacher. The sayings in today's gospel are simply making concrete what Jesus taught us last week: **"Be merciful as you Father is merciful."** (Lk 6:36)

We begin to become like our teacher when we acknowledge our sinfulness and blindness. This is the easiest way to shave the beam of our egoism and self-grandiosity. This gentle but consistent shaving of the beam frees us to see with eyes of compassion, forgiveness and love. This is keeping our eyes on Jesus.

In the final section of today's gospel, Jesus makes the clear and obvious point. Our heart is the true indication of our commitment. Only a clean heart produces good fruit. The image of the tree and its yield of good fruit demonstrate what is happening when there is authenticity in the person. The words of our lips ultimately only have meaning if they are connected to a wholesome heart. Good fruit happens only when the heart is focused on God's call to walk with Jesus.



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