

# OUR LADY OF AFRICA PARISH

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - APRIL 24, 2022



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

**Pastor: Fr. Bob Kelly, SVD, Brother Alu Aisi, SVD, Frater Andrew Wang, SVD**

**Transitional Deacon Carl Gales, SVD, Frater Manie Manuel, SVD, Frater Zachary Smith, SVD**

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

**Fr. Tracy O'Sullivan, O.Carm., Fr. Mark Weber, SVD, Weekend Assistants**

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: 9:00 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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**Weekday Masses:** Monday-Friday

8:00 PM Tolton Heritage Center Rectory

**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

**Lenten Bible Study:**

***Every Wednesday at 11AM***

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**

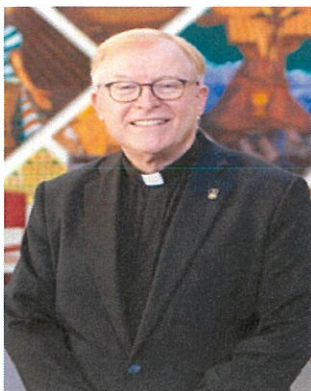
Every Thursday at  
4058 S. Michigan Ave, and every  
Fourth Saturday of month at  
44 E. 41st. Hours for both are:  
10:00 AM until 12:00 noon.

***All are welcome!***



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## Message from our Pastor...

**Dear Parishioners,**

The Catholic Church, and some Anglican Churches, celebrates Divine Mercy Sunday today. Divine Mercy Sunday focuses on the gift of mercy and love given through Christ's life, death, and resurrection. As Pope John Paul II stated, "Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified."

There are three main themes to the Divine Mercy devotion: to ask for and obtain the mercy of God, to trust in Christ's abundant mercy, and finally to show mercy to others and be a person of mercy, someone who always lives God's mercy and shows it to others daily. May we always be channels of God's wonderful love and mercy!

I am sincerely grateful to All who helped to make our celebration of Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and the Sacred Triduum a deeply prayerful and spirit filled experience! Thank you so much!

Fr. Tracy O'Sullivan always invites us to be an Easter People, living the Gospel and walking with Jesus. May we continue our walk with Jesus this Easter Season.

***Some Important events to keep in mind the next few weeks follows:***

Saturday, April 30 - Lectors/Readers Training and Re-Certification-10:00 am to 12:00 noon

Sunday, May 1 - Blessed Sacrament Association May Crowning at the 9:00 am Mass. They will also honor their Mother of the Year at this Mass.

Saturday, May 7 - Pre-Mother's Day Luncheon From 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm at the Tolton Heritage Center Hall sponsored by Community Senior Institute. You must RSVP and Register no later than April 30. For more information see the Flyer in this Bulletin.

Saturday, May 7-Vigil Mass at 4:00 pm - Fr. Tracy O'Sullivan will celebrate his 60th Anniversary as a Priest. Some of his Family will be with us. He prefers to keep it low key. We will serve Cake and Coffee following the Mass in our Parish Hall.

I will be away for a week beginning April 27 and return on May 4 in the evening.

God Bless All of you!

**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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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

### THE FREE CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER

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

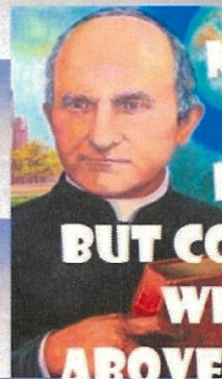
Currently this line is used for Bible Study on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 PM, the Prayer Line on Thursday morning at 9:00 AM and the Dial in Prayer Service on Sunday Morning at 10:00 AM.



### April 24 – Second Sunday of Easter

**A Vocation View:** Are you like Thomas? Do you need to see to believe? Pray for faith and trust.  
**DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES and  
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**800-553-3321**

### "THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN MEDITATION IS NOT REFLECTION BUT COMMUNION WITH GOD, ABOVE ALL IN LOVE."



ST. ARNOLD JANSSEN

### Parish Up Coming Events

4/27 –Weekly Bible Study in Person at 11:00 AM

4/28 -Weekly Food Pantry—10:00AM-12:00 Noon  
Tolton Heritage Center.

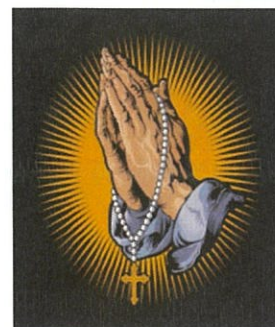
5/07 -Pre Mothers Day Spring Fling 12 Noon-3:00 PM  
Tolton Heritage Center

**Please remember the following in  
your prayers for healing:**

Argentry Mitchell  
Donald McKinney, Jr.

### Mass Intention: Repose Souls

+Dennis Johnston  
+Keith Devers





## 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.**



GIVE THANKS TO  
THE LORD FOR HE  
IS GOOD, HIS LOVE  
IS EVERLASTING.

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

Lord Jesus, who have died for us, and  
who are still alive, we praise you and thank you.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation on  
Saturday: 3:00PM-3:30PM**

## SICK & SHUT-IN LIST

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

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.

WILSON ZIMMER BAUDLEY

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.**





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## The Second Sunday of Easter

*John 20:19-31 (4/7/13)*

When you think about it, the disciples had a really devastating seventy-two hours from the washing of the feet on Thursday to the visit of the Risen Christ on Sunday evening. Of course, Peter leads the way in the trauma department.

Wash my feet! Never! Then my hands and face also! I will be willing to die rather than deny you! I do not know the man! Peter ***“went out and wept bitterly.”*** (Lk.22:62) ***“The doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews.”*** (Jn 20:19) It was a short trip from total arrogance to total devastation.

They were engulfed in shattered dreams and wrapped up in fear and pain. Slowly they realized the events of the weekend not only exposed them as losers for wasting three years of their life chasing an illusion but now they were in danger of doing time in prison and maybe even losing their lives.

Crisis management did not give them much time to let the depth of their loss sink in. Likewise, they were unable to see with any clarity the extent of their personal cowardice in their flight and rejection after three years of intimacy at the feet of Jesus. Self-knowledge does take a long time!

Then in the midst of the pain, the fear, the loss and utter confusion they see Him and hear, ***“Peace be with you.”*** Jn 20:19.

They had a lot of experience with the upside-down world of Jesus. However, nothing prepared them for this. In an instant defeat and failure are now victory and triumph. Darkness is now light. Abandonment leads to embrace. Sin and denial are washed away in love and healing. Indeed, ***“Peace be with you.”***

No wonder the Church invites us to ponder and pray about this awesome mystery of the Resurrection for the next seven weeks. There is a lot to take in.

If we are willing to dig deep enough, we gradually will see the story of our lives in the vulnerability of the disciples. We will see the dominance and control of our fear and anxieties giving way to hope. We will see and embrace our God’s forgiveness, ***“Whose sins you shall forgive are forgiven them”.*** (Jn 20:23)

Indeed, Christ is risen! Alleluia! When we enter into this deepest reality of our lives nothing will ever be the same again.

Like the disciples we are loved in our brokenness. We are accepted in our weakness. Slowly we will get a glimmer of the love Jesus has for us. It is without limit or condition. It is a treasure we can hardly grasp. Whether we grasp it or not, the goal of our spiritual journey in life is to let the power and beauty of this love transform us into a new creation just as it did for the disciples.





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**Saturday, May 7th, 2022      Time: 12 Noon - 3:00 PM**

*Adults only & Parishioners of the Church*

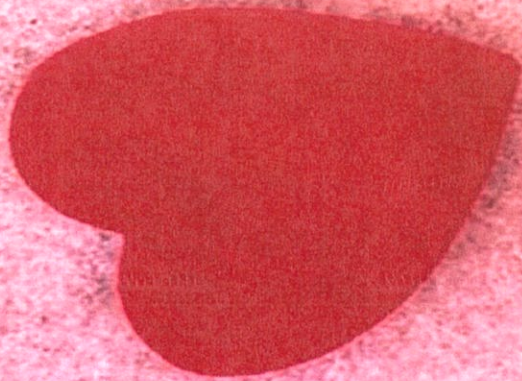
**Tolton Heritage Center      44 East 41st Street**

**\*Health Fair    \*Covid Testing    \*Luncheon    \*Raffle**

**Limited Seating**

***You must R.S.V.P no later than APRIL 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022***

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**HAPPY**  
**Father's**  
**DAY**

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