

OUR LADY OF AFRICA PARISH

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 22, 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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2022 Annual Catholic Appeal

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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

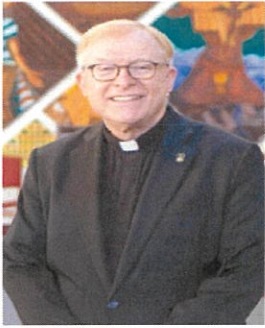
44 E. 41st. Hours for both are:

10:00 AM until 12:00 noon.

All are welcome!



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Message from our Pastor...



Dear Parishioners,

There will be two joyous Celebrations next Saturday and Sunday in our Parish.

First, on Saturday, May 28th at 10:00 am Transitional Deacons Carl Gales, SVD and Derek Nguyen, SVD will be Ordained to the Priesthood. They are both members of the Society of the Divine Word, the Religious Missionary Community who serves here at Our Lady of Africa Parish. Bishop Curtis Guillory, SVD, retired of the Diocese of Beaumont, Texas will be here to Ordain Carl and Derek.

Second, our new Fr. Carl Gales, SVD will celebrate his First Mass of Thanksgiving here next Sunday, May 29th at our 11:30 am Mass. Fr. Derek Nguyen, SVD will celebrate his First Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday evening at Holy Child Jesus Parish at 6:00 pm in Chicago, where he has been serving as a Deacon.

Fr. Carl Gales, SVD First Assignment as a missionary priest will be here at Our Lady of Africa Parish beginning on July 1, 2022. Fr. Derek Nguyen, SVD will go to Ecuador in South America for his First Assignment.

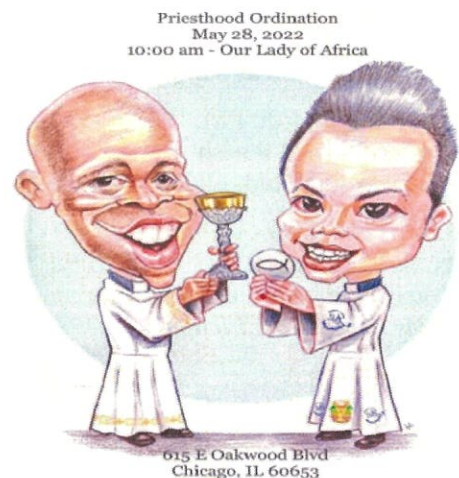
This weekend in the Archdiocese of Chicago Cardinal Cupich is Ordaining two men for the Priesthood. They are Transitional Deacons Colm Mitchell and Joseph Brom, SJC. They will both serve here in the Archdiocese.

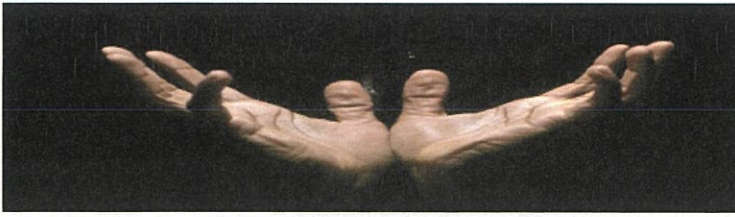
I ask you to keep All those being Ordained in your Prayers including all the Members of Religious Orders/Communities Professing Solemn/Perpetual/Renewing their Vows. They are the Sisters, Brothers, Priests who will serve All of us. Their Witness inspires us and gives us Hope in these challenging times. They are our future!

May God Bless Carl and Derek!

Fr. Bob Kelly, SVD

“The flexibility and resilience they have displayed, while always remaining grounded in their relationship with Jesus Christ, will serve them and the people extremely well. They have the hearts of true” disciples, and servants of the people of God.





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
Facebook YouTube

Online Giving



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

May 22 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

A Vocation View:

If we love, we know the presence of God. Take time to be aware of God's loving presence. Be open to the Holy Spirit.

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"PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU;
MY PEACE I GIVE TO YOU."



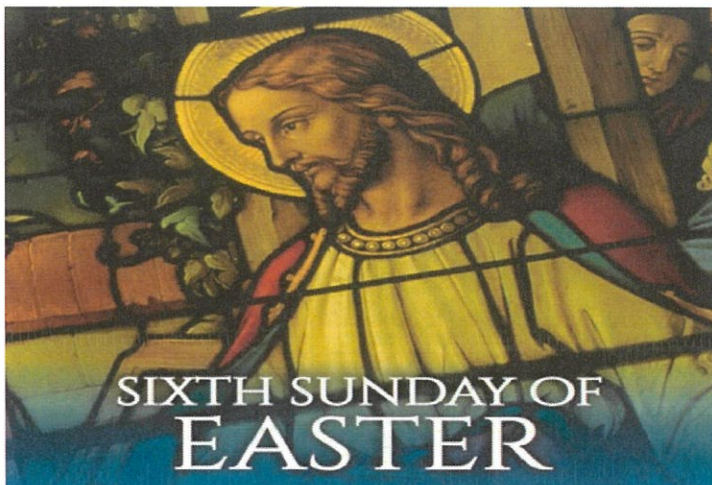
Website for Our Lady of Africa



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.



Parish Up Coming Events

- 05/25 -NO BIBLE STUDY IN PERSON
- 05/26 -Weekly Food Pantry - 10:00AM-12:00 Noon
Tolton Heritage Center.
- 05/28 -Ordination to Priesthood - 10:00AM
Carl Gales, SVD & Derek Nguyen, SVD
- 05/29 -Thanksgiving Mass - 11:30AM
Carl Gales, SVD & Derek Nguyen, SVD
- 06/01 -Bible Study in Person - 11:00AM
- 06/05 -Pentecost Sunday / Confirmation 11:30AM

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

Argentry Mitchell
Catherine Cosby
Dorothy Williams
David Berry
Helen Brooms

Repose Souls

+Lawrence Coombs
+Nelson M. McLemore, Jr.
+Dorothy Crawford



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.



Anyone who receives my
commandments and keeps them
will be one who loves me; John 14:21

Sick & Shut-in



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



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Sixth Sunday of Easter - C

John 14:23-29

Dear Friends,

These fifty days of Easter animate our journey of faith. We are invited to enter more deeply into the Pascal Mystery, the saving Death and Resurrection of Jesus. We are asked to bring this message of love into our hearts. In this experience, we continue to answer the most fundamental question in our lives, who is Jesus for us?

In today's gospel passage from John, Jesus is talking about his return to the Father and the double gifts of the Paraclete and peace. He does this in the context of his general invitation into love.

The peace Jesus is talking about is not the absence of conflict or struggle with life's many manifestations of evil. The peace Jesus offers is the presence of God bringing us salvation, a basic harmony within the depth of our being. It is the power to live life to the full no matter the circumstances. Jesus' peace, so different from the world's sense of a peace in prosperity and indulgence, begins and ends in love. Even in the midst of tension and turmoil, love can pass through the dark valley and, even in the dark valley, bring peace.

Today's gospel is taken from the message of the Last Supper. Jesus is calling the disciples and us to trust in him in spite of the impending horror of the Passion and Death. He is telling us that love will win out. He will reveal the fullness of God's love, God's presence and God's peace in the gift of the Paraclete. This Spirit will help us to both understand and embrace more deeply all that Jesus has taught us. Through our openness to life and with the guidance of the Paraclete, the truth of the gospel will unfold in our hearts. Jesus will truly become our way, our life and our truth. A commitment to deep personal prayer is the most reliable means to stay in touch with the Spirit.

As the power of the Resurrection emerges in our hearts, we can take in the daily events of evil and corruption with an awakening sense of hope. Gun violence and denial of climate change, racial and sexual prejudice, the dehumanization of migrants and the isolation and neglect of the poor and ever-present trial of deep conflict with our loved ones will remain the stuff of life. The unrelenting faces of evil will not leave the headlines any time soon. However, we have received the gift of God's peace and the Paraclete. Now we can bring a heart energized by hope to these certainties. We will feel empowered to enter the struggle for a better world, the coming world of God's kingdom.

Driven by the Spirit, in the footsteps of Jesus, we can face the challenges of a sinful church and a broken society. We can indeed be the instruments of peace in the midst of the social upheaval of immigration, continuing racial change, and the shattering of comfortable but often blind definitions of sexuality. We bring our hunger for justice no matter the depth or complexity of the forces of evil.

God has spoken in Christ Crucified and Christ Risen. Love will prevail! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Liturgical Significance of the Color Red









A few weeks ago, before the beginning of our Holy Week celebrations, we were asked to wear red for Palm Sunday. And come Palm Sunday, I saw many people decked in red and looking beautiful. I believed we all understood why we wore red that day. The Liturgical Color for the day is red and so we dress accordingly. Red is significant for Palm Sunday because we also celebrate the Lord's Passion. The color of oxidized blood is red, the color of fire is often seen to be red...for the Christian imagination red is the sign of life, trial, persecution, and also new beginnings. So it is fitting that it is a liturgical color for the Apostles and Martyrs who risked life and limb to spread the Gospel. Red is also indicative of the Fire of the Holy Spirit. Can you imagine seeing the tongues of flame over the heads of the disciples and the Virgin Mary in the Cenacle on the Day of Pentecost?

These are just a few of the reasons why we ask all parishioners to wear red on the Solemnity of Pentecost.

When you wear red for Pentecost, you will actively participate in our liturgical celebration in your dress and you will also be able to share your faith and tradition with one another.

Deacon Carl Gales, SVD

LITURGICAL COLORS AND THEIR MEANING:

GREEN:	RED:	WHITE:	VIOLET:
 <p>Used during Ordinary Time it means hope</p>  	 <p>Used on Feasts associated with the Lord's passion, the Holy Spirit and Feasts of martyrs. It represents blood, fire, God's love, martyrdom, and Jesus' Passion.</p> 	 <p>Used during the seasons of Christmas and Easter, and Feasts of the Lord (besides those of His passion), and for Feasts of Mary, angels, saints who were not martyrs and nuptial masses, it represents innocence, light, triumph and innocence.</p>	 <p>Used in the seasons of Advent and Lent as well as for funerals. It means penance and humility.</p> 

THANKSGIVING MASSES



Reverend
CARL E. GALES, SVD
assigned to U.S. Chicago Province

Sunday, May 29, 2022 at 11:30 AM
Our Lady of Africa Church
615 East Oakwood Blvd., Chicago, IL 60653



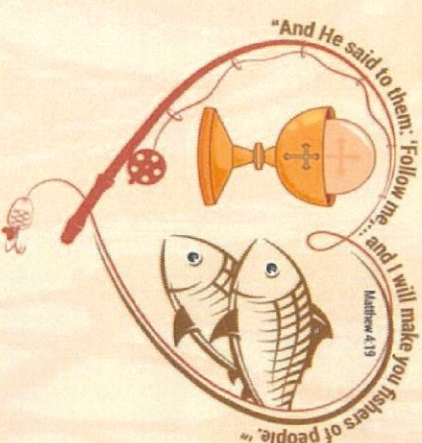
Reverend
DEREK NGUYỄN, SVD
assigned to Ecuador Province

Saturday, May 28, 2022 at 6:00 PM
Holy Child Jesus Parish
2324 West Chase Avenue, Chicago, IL 60645



The SOCIETY of the DIVINE WORD
Chicago Province

ORDINATION to the PRIESTHOOD



CARL GALES, SVD
DEREK NGUYỄN, SVD

Saturday, May 28, 2022 at 10:00 AM (CT)
at Our Lady of Africa Church
615 East Oakwood Blvd., Chicago, IL 60653

