

# OUR LADY OF AFRICA PARISH

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SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST SUNDAY - JUNE 5, 2022



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

**Pastor:** Fr. Bob Kelly, SVD, Fr. Carl Gales, SVD, Brother Alu Aisi, SVD,  
Frater Manie Manuel, SVD, Frater Andrew Wang, 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 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,  
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 Ahiaboru

**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

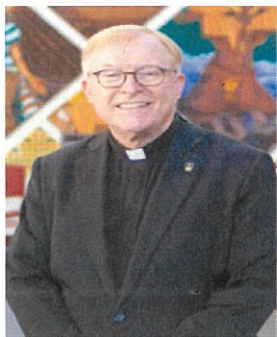
Every Thursday at  
4058 S. Michigan Ave, and every  
Fourth Saturday of month at  
44 E. 41st. Hours for both are:  
10:00 AM until 12:00 noon.

**All are welcome!**



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





## Message from our Pastor...



Dear Parishioners,

Our Confirmation Candidates, who have been preparing to receive the Sacrament for 2 years, will be Confirmed on Sunday at the 11:30 am Mass. We welcome Bishop Joseph N. Perry to Anoint them with the Gift of the Holy Spirit.

### *A Reflection on what this Feast means for us...*

"On Pentecost, we celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles gathered full of fear in the upper room in Jerusalem. This marks the beginning of the Church. Like the disciples on that first Pentecost, these last two years with the effects of the Coronavirus pandemic and the fears that come with it, this has been a time of waiting for the Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth.

We welcome the Holy Spirit into our hearts and lives to give hope to the hearts that are frightened. Today's Gospel tells of how Jesus gave the gift of the Holy Spirit to his disciples. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit into the disciples and by doing so he re-creates them. Jesus' life-giving breath mirrors the breath of God given to human beings at the beginning of creation when God breathes life into the clay and made humans a living creation. It is because of this divine indwelling that we have the power to forgive and thus continue Jesus' saving mission. We are the incarnation of the risen Lord in our world today. We are re-created by the Holy Spirit. The sign of this re-creation is forgiveness.

The Feast of Pentecost reminds us that there is an important connection between the gifts of peace and forgiveness and the action of the Holy Spirit. We are reminded that the Church is called to be God's reconciling presence in the world. This reconciling presence is also to be a way of life for Christians. In situations of conflict, we are to be agents of peace and harmony among all people.

Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. "Peace be with you," he says. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." He breathes the Holy Spirit upon the disciples and sends them to continue his work of reconciliation through the forgiveness of sins. Both the Greek and Hebrew words for "spirit" can also be translated as "breath."

As we celebrate this great feast of the Church's fifty days after the resurrection of Jesus, how have we been a sign of reconciliation in our families, in our world, and among people of faith everywhere? Have we been an instrument of God's peace to everyone we meet?"

A special thank you to All our Catechists who have prepared these young members of our Parish to receive this Sacrament. Let us Bless our Candidates and their Families with our Prayers today.

Fr. Bob Kelly, SVD







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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.



### June 5 – Pentecost Sunday

**A Vocation View:** The disciples of Jesus made bold proclamations through the promptings of the Spirit. What is the Spirit prompting you to do? Be courageous and act on it!

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



Camille Michelle Butler - Jonathan Costelo  
Samira Anayah Rawls - Casey Joy Wiggins  
Caesar Maximilian McDaniel IV

### Parish Up Coming Events

06/08 -NO BIBLE STUDY IN PERSON

06/11-12 -Second Collection for  
Priests Retirement Fund.  
Envelopes are available.

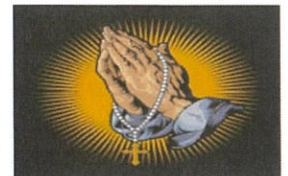
06/15 -Bible Study at 11:00 AM

06/18 -Health Prevention 10:00 AM—12:00 Noon  
in OLOA Hall.

06/19—First Communion 11:30 AM Mass

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

Argentry Mitchell  
Catherine Cosby  
David Berry  
Helen Brooms



### Mass Intention & Repose Souls

+Tamara Hudson & Arthemise Washington:  
From Taliva Tillman  
+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.



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



## Sick & Shut-in



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



Dear friends,

Jesus had just experienced the most profound expression of evil ever in His Passion and Death. This encounter with the consequences of sin and death had terrorized his disciples. They hid in fear and confusion. Despair had conquered the most minimal element of hope. Faith and trust had fled with the arrival of the mob in the Garden.

They now huddled together in the naked vulnerability of their humanity.

All of a sudden Jesus is in their midst. His message is not vengeance. Amazingly, He does not even point the finger at their cowardly collapse. His trusted disciples were too awe-struck to feel the shame. It was a “wow” moment to the thousandth degree.

His message was direct, clear, and simple: ***“Peace be with you.” (Jn 20:19)*** In addition to the peace He renders the power of forgiveness. These two gifts of peace and forgiveness are in the context of His commissioning of the disciples. ***“‘As the Father has sent me, I send you.’ As He said this He breathed on them and said, ‘Receive the holy Spirit.’ ” (Jn20:21-23)***

Receiving the Holy Spirit is a symbol of a new creation. Just as God breathed life into Adam in the Garden, so too, Jesus breathed new life into the disciples that makes them holy and leads them to conquer evil. This is made possible by the love expressed in the gifts of peace and forgiveness.

After the encounter, the disciples’ story is very different. Fear gives way to courage and commitment. A new conviction leads them to confront power with patience and perseverance. The Gospel is proclaimed in spite of conflict and confusion. Cultural barriers and native parochial narrowness open up to a universal community that continues to grow in openness to this very day.

Just as in the Resurrection of Jesus, the changed disciples witness to the victory of love over evil and death. The seeds of the new creation began in the transformed hearts of these very weak and pedestrian followers of Christ. They began an ever expanding community of faith that has survived and prospered over these two thousand years.

Paul draws us into the beautiful mystery of how this new creation flows from the Spirit-filled hearts of the recipients of the Holy Spirit. In Galatians Paul writes: ***“I say live by the Spirit and you will certainly not gratify the desires of the flesh...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.”(Gal 5:16, 22-23)***

Today, on this feast of Pentecost, we are invited again to receive the gifts of peace and forgiveness. To do so we need to turn away from sin which is a refusal to love. Like the first disciples, the Spirit beckons us to continually expand the horizons of our love. For most of us this demands forgiveness with a risk wrapped in courage.

The peace of Christ comes at a price. The patience and gentleness along with the joy and kindness and the other fruits of the Spirit described by Paul are ever so precious gifts. They are possible only in a heart seeking reconciliation that brings the new life of Christ into a world ravaged by sin and death. This is the call for us on this Pentecost: transform our lives by the gift of Christ’s peace and His call to forgiveness. Slowly, we must understand that for the Spirit there is no limit on forgiveness and the target of inclusiveness is ever expanding and dynamic. The numerous descriptions of “those people” in our heart have to give way a new definition of “us”. In this struggle to move out of our comfortable world, we will find the only way that leads to the prized gift of Christ’s peace.



Our Lady of Africa Medical Ministry  
Health Prevention Series

**Hypertension, Salt, Sodium, and Lifestyle Change**

Presenter

***Dr. Donna Perisee-McFarlane***

Saturday, June 18, 2022

10:00 AM to Noon

Our Lady of Africa Fr. Clements / Fr. Smith Parish Hall

607 East Oakwood Ave

Chicago, IL 60653

Registration required

Sign up in the back of the church

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Call the Parish Rectory

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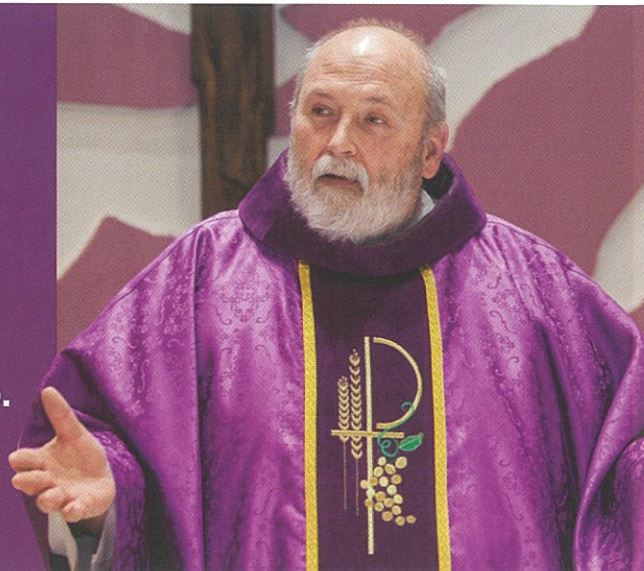


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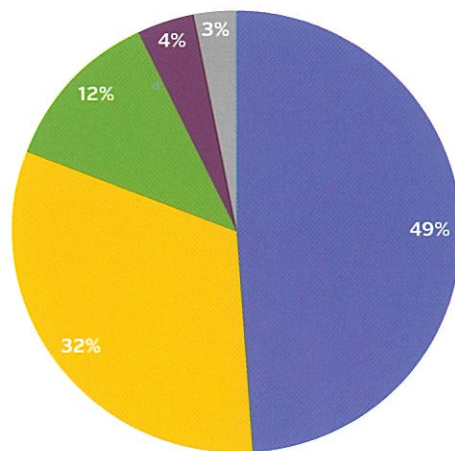
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Retirement Benefits	3,877,000
Nursing Care Assistance	1,479,000
St. Benedict's and Bishop Lyne Residences	435,000
Administration and Other	349,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 12,128,000</b>



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