OUR LADY OF AFRICA PARISH

615 E. OAKWOOD BLYD. CHICAGO, IL 60653-2309, PHONE: 773-624-5375 SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY - JUNE 12, 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



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 IIo

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!





Message from our Pastor...



Dear Parishioners,

Congratulations to all our young people who made their Confirmation last Sunday. That includes their Families, Sponsors and all the Catechists who especially prepared them over a two-year period.

Thank You to all of Our Catechists Tina Carter, Tiffany Swann Covington, Stephanie Gado, Barbara Edwards-Hill, Deacon Ivan Lazcano, Theresa Rhea.

Camille Michelle Butler-St. Josephine Bakita
Caesar Maximillian McDaniel IV-St. Moses the Black
Jonathon Costello-Venerable Augustine Tolton
Caesar Maximillian McDaniel IV-St. Moses the Black
Samira Anayah Rawls- St. Monica
Casey Joy Wiggins-St. Olga of Kiev

Congratulations to our young people who will make their First Confession on Saturday, June 11th at 3:00 pm, and who will also receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday, June 19th at the 11:30 am Mass.

Delali Amito Atchon, Joshua Prudencio Passah, Gabriella Nyarkowaah Owusu-Ansah, Stephen Sename Eklou, Gerald Liam Finney Cooke, Alexander Munaho, Mary Queen Chidiogo Nwogbu, Cole Sargent.

A special thanks to Mrs. Eileen Foggie and Seminarian Michelet Boncoeur SVD for preparing our young people to receive their First Holy Communion.

Fr. Bob Kelly SVD

Easy Chocolate Chip Cookies

By Frt. Manie Manuel SVD

Serving 24 small cookies



Ingredients:

1 cup butter, softened

1 cup white sugar

1 cup packed brown sugar

2 eggs

2 teaspoons vanilla extract

1 teaspoon baking soda

2 teaspoons hot water ½ teaspoon salt

3 cups all-purpose flour

2 cups semisweet chocolate chips

1 cup chopped walnuts

Directions

Step 1

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).

Step 2

Cream together the butter, white sugar, and brown sugar until smooth. Beat in the eggs one at a time, then stir in the vanilla. Dissolve baking soda in hot water. Add to batter along with salt. Stir in flour, chocolate chips, and nuts. Drop by large spoonful onto ungreased pans.

Step 3

Bake for about 10 minutes in the preheated oven, or until edges are nicely browned.



Your continued donations to support Our Lady of Africa Parish can be given by going to the following link:

https://donate.holyangelschicago.com/give

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Online Giving





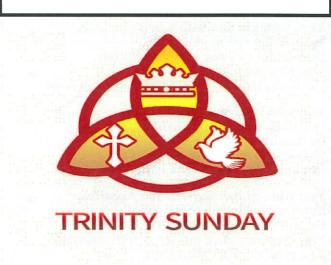


Donation offerings are mailed to the following address:
Our Lady of Africa Parish
615 E Oakwood
Chicago, IL 60653

June 12 - Trinity Sunday

A Vocation View: The love of God is being poured forth into our hearts. Open yourself to receive and share that love. Be open to God calling you to spread love through a Church vocation.

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



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

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 +Mrs. Wilma J. Tyson (Mother of Merrill Tyson)

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



Curtis Albright Dorla Allen ! Patrice Anderson Jessie Andrews James Barker Donald Barner Louise Bates Myra Baugh David Berry Helen Brooms Christine Brown Barbara McGee-Berry Patricia Brown Roscoe Burns Michael Burt Dean Brazier James Brazier Calicott Family Marilyn Campbell Esperanza Carr Russell Carter Lillian Cherry Michael A. Clark Lydia Clark Willie B. Clay Catherine Cosby Mary Crawford Ella Crossley Sr. Eleanor Doidge Cecelia Douglas Judith Easter Deborah Edmundson Elsie Freeman Wanda Finney Ola Mae Forde Nazaree Fuller Tyrone Fuller Rosemary Gardner Frederick Gibson Florence Glenn Andre D. Golden Mable Grav Bettie Green Eleanor Griffin

Barbara Golden Vircy Spight-Harris Marjorie Heard Lorraine Henderson Justin Henderson-Jim Henkel Barbara Edwards-Hill Kelly Robin Hill Velma Hill Hugh Hodges Rita Holland Sandra Houston **Doris Humphries** Nolan Humphries George James Janet James Thelma Jackson Leslie Jackson Mildred Jackson Trudy Jackson Majorbelle James Therese Jessie Cindy Jirsa Annette Lee Susan Larry McKeever Denise Lawson Gloria Leonard Lugenia Lewis Jan Johnson Pamela Jones Betty Lumpkins Lenda Mason Anastacia Mebane Donna Perisee-**McFarlane** Gail McGruder McShan Family Donald McKinney, Jr. Bernadine McNeal Deborah Mitchell Argentry Mitchell Geraldine Moore-Jeff Moore

Michael Moore Maria Jossey Owen Gregory Papesh Minnette Penman Allen Peoples Sr. Jamie Phelps, O.P. Marionette Phelps Jean Porter Deborah Powell Louise Ray Tyna Rule Phyllis Shackelford Alfrances Sharpe Beverly Sims Shirley Simmons Emma Stewart Margaret Stewart Alonzo Studstill Janice Taylor Alice Thompson Cynthia Thompson Renee Trotter Audrey Tuggle Joanne Wallace Joyce Wallace Tandra Watson Rachel Watson Mrs. P. Wells Doris Whitaker Eryn Whitaker Rita White Yvonne Whitenier Arlene G. Williams Dorothy Williams Evelyn Williams Naiya Williams Michael Williams Patricia Williams Sheila Williams Euphrasia Mutinda Sunnette Varnado Smith

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.

Trinity Sunday-C

Jn 16: 12-15

Dear Friends,

Jesus said, "I have much more to tell you but you cannot bear it." (Jn 16: 12).

Teresa of Avila, the great Carmelite Saint and Doctor of the Church, was one who learned how to bear the truth of God. Through a long process of purifying mystical experiences and a dedicated life of prayer and service, she learned much of Jesus' hidden message about the mystery of God that we call the Trinity.

She reduced her insights into a simple truth, a truth that transformed her life. God is the Creator. We are the creature. God, the Creator, is a loving and merciful savior. We, the creature, sinful and broken, are nevertheless loved and forgiven. This led Teresa to transform her life to put God at the center and herself at the fringe. She came to understand her life as the story of God's mercy. For Teresa, the Trinity was a love story that she encountered in the lived reality of her life.

A learned pagan philosopher described the Christians in the second century this way: They love one another. They never fail to help widows; they save orphans from those who would hurt them. If they have something, they give freely to the person that has nothing; if they see a stranger, they take him home and are happy as though he were a brother. They do not consider themselves brothers in the usual sense, but brothers instead through the Spirit, in God.

On this feast of Trinity Sunday, we recall that Jesus is the full revelation of God, a God of unlimited and unconditional love. All of Jesus' teachings are anchored and contained in this command that we love as Jesus has loved us. This is how we share in the mystery of the Trinity. It is not information to be gained. It is the very foundation of reality that must guide our lives.

The real message of the Trinity is not some profound super Jeopardy question. It is an invitation into the fullness of the gospel of Jesus Christ. In the ultimate mystical experience of union with God in the seventh dwelling places of *The Interior Castle*, Teresa has a simple message for us: embrace God's will in good works, love and forgive your sisters and brothers. In the end, it is all about love.

Jesus invites us into the mystery of love and life that is the Father and Son and Holy Spirit. The choice is ours. We can accept or reject. The problem is we do not get to set the terms of either the acceptance or rejection.

This choice brings us into the great irony of life. We are driven to think and act as if we have a better plan than God. Our choices drive us to seek true happiness. In the process many just reject Jesus altogether. Others spend a lifetime placing side bets and trying to reconfigure Jesus into a more comfortable, watered down version. We want the price to be right according to our standards and not the gospel. Few have the openness to live as the early Christians described by the pagan philosopher.

The great joy of today's feast and every proclamation of the gospel is that God never gives up on us. In Jesus, we are constantly called to accept Him as the way, the life and the truth. Slowly, life tends to teach us that Jesus really does have a better plan both for here and hereafter. We learn that our life, like that of Teresa's, is the story of the mercy of God.



🥻 Our Lady of Africa Medical Ministry



Health Prevention Series Hypertension: Salt, Sodium & Lifestyle Changes

PRESENTER Dr. Donna Perisee McFarlane

Saturday, June 18, 2022 10:00 AM to Noon

Our Lady of Africa Parish Hall

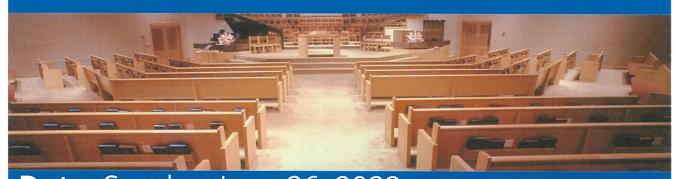
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REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Sign up in the back of the church
or Call the Parish Rectory 773-624-5375

T'll Hold Your Hand

Let Our Lady of Africa Church support you as you receive your COVID-19 vaccine and/or booster shot.



Date: Sunday, June 26, 2022 **Time**: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: 615 E. Oakwood Blvd, Chicago, IL 60653

- Anyone age 5 and up is eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine
- All Chicagoans age 5+ should get a COVID-19 booster dose at least
 5 months after completing their initial vaccination series
- Anyone age 50 and older or people over the age of 12 who are moderately or severely immunocompromised should get a second mRNA booster (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna) at least 4 months after their first booster dose

Members of **Our Lady of Africa Church** are available to hold your hand and offer support as you get your shot.

Call **773-642-6532** to secure your appointment.

All patients in eligible zip codes (60608, 60612, 60617, 60619, 60620, 60621, 60624, 60628, 60633, 60636, 60637, 60644, 60649, 60651, 60653, and Chicago residents living in 60827, 60707) who are vaccinated in the At Home program will receive a \$50 gift card for each dose of primary vaccine administered (1st and 2nd dose). Gift cards are not offered for booster dose appointments. Gift cards will be delivered by mail, not at the time of the appointment.

Protect Yourself, Your Loved Ones, Your Community

