## OUR LADY OF AFRICA PARISH

615 E. OAKWOOD BLYD. CHICAGO, IL 60653-2309, PHONE: 773-624-5375
SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST SUNDAY - JUNE 19, 2022



Served by: The Society of the Divine Word missionary Priests and Brothers.

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!

#### Brothers and sisters:

I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and, after he had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes. (1 Cor 11:23-26)

#### **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

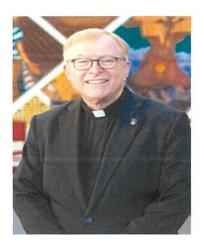
Tuesday at 6-7 PM Use Conference Call & Code

#### **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,

As we celebrate Father's Day this Sunday, June 19, 2022, we pause to think of the importance of a loving father — his guiding hand, his wisdom, his help.

God the Father gave up his only son, Jesus Christ, so that we might be saved through him. In doing so, God provides an example of the very vocation of fatherhood.

Fatherhood is a vocation, a call from God. Fathers are called to serve as teachers, models, guides, authority figures, and companions to children. But fathers are real and imperfect people who, for many different reasons, make mistakes. However, they often offer committed love over the years, which in turn helps form them in holiness.

Studies show that the personal example of a father teaches children how to live and cope with life and how to practice faith. A father's example is more than just words.

#### Today, in a special way, let us be grateful for:

- Our fathers by birth or adoption who love us and support us through life.
- Our single parents (mom or dad), who love us and walk with us through life.
- Our priests' deacons and church leaders, who take on the role of guiding us through life.
- · And God our Father, who will always teach justly and grant us boundless mercy.

And if, for any reason, your father is not present in your life or not as perfect as you wish, let us pray for our fathers and that all might experience the love of a good father.

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

Scan QR Codes

YouTube

**Online Giving** 



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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



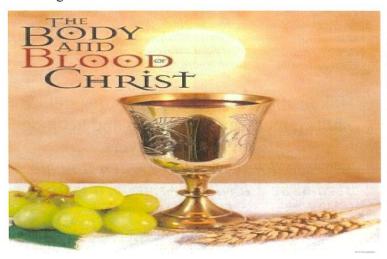


Father Tracy's Blog Praying Alone Together

#### THE FREE CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER

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

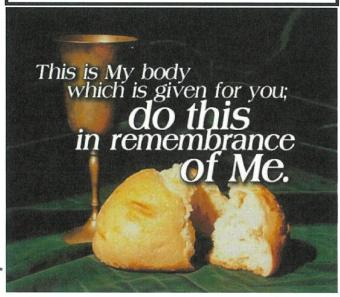
Currently this line is used for Bible Study on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 PM, the Prayer Line on Thursday morning at 9:00 AM and the Dial in Prayer Service on Sunday Morning at 10:00 AM.



#### June 19 – Body and Blood of Christ A Vocation View:

Jesus asked, "Why do you not give them something to eat yourselves?" What do you have to offer to the hungry world?

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



#### Parish Up Coming Events

06/19 -First Communion 11:30 AM Mass

06/22 -NO IN PERSON BIBLE STUDY

06/25 -Food Pantry 10:00 AM—12:00 Noon Tolton Heritage Center Hall

06/26 -Covid-19 Vaccine and/or Booster 10:00AM—1:00PM

-Covid-19 Testing 10:00 AM—1:00 PM

## 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) +Michael J. Harris

#### 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.





Congratulations!

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

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 Gray Bettie Green Eleanor Griffin

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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 Jovce 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.

#### Body and Blood of Christ Lk 9: 11B-17



#### Dear Friends,

When Jesus called his disciples to ministry, he knew they needed help. They needed food for the spirit. This began with his teachings. It was symbolized in the story of the loaves and fish in today's gospel. He comforted them with the message of God's saving love. Jesus knew they would be challenged in many ways. In the Eucharist, He gave them the gift of his abiding presence to strengthen their security in a continuing experience of his love.

Ever since Vatican II we, as a Christian community, have worked to create a similar experience of Jesus. This is through the renewal of the liturgy as the driving force of our communal transformation. In the active participation in the liturgy we continually try to make the liturgical prayer the source and summit of our faith. Here we encounter Jesus as the first disciples did. This insight is part of the iconic statement from the Council's liturgy document. "The celebration of the Eucharist, as an action of Christ and the people of God...is the center of the whole Christian life, for the universal church, the local church and for each and every one of the faithful....the Liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; it is also the fount from which all its power flows....All who are made children of God by faith and baptism should come together to praise God in the midst of the church, to take part in the sacrifice and to eat the Lord's supper." (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, 1963, #2, 10, 41)

In the Eucharist, true active participation means that we are asking God to make us an instrument of his peace and a contributor to God's plan for salvation. Through the liturgy we are becoming the Body of Christ to continue the proclamation of the Good News to all humanity.

In the reception of Communion, we are energized in this call to continue Christ's work. Jesus comes to us in the most intimate way possible to renew us into his image. This presence is first and foremost about Jesus calling us into a new reality. It is a time to share at the deepest level with One we know loves us. This conversation should be about God's plan first. Then we can approach our many concerns and worries. Love is the dominating dimension of the basic Eucharistic moment of grace and intimacy in the reception of Communion. Jesus is calling us into a new way. There should be less concern about ourselves and more concern about God's presence in our brothers and sisters along with the needs of our family, friends, community and the world.

In the time of reception of the Eucharist we are never closer to the words of Teresa of Avila that describe prayer as a loving conversation with someone we know loves us.

The depth and beauty of this encounter with Christ cannot be more personal and intimate if we are truly aware, accepting and attentive to Jesus' presence in the depth of our heart. Along with the personal experience of love, Jesus' presence is always calling us out of ourselves and our petty concerns to the loving service for others especially in sharing the Good News of God's love in Christ Crucified and Christ Risen.

We all would do well to examine ourselves to see how much effort and attention we give to this encounter with the living Christ at the time of communion.

## 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





## MINISTER OFCARE REFRESHER

for current Ministers of Care only in Vicariate VI

Spanish Facilitator

#### Contact

Valerie Jennings for English at 312.965.2284 Carmen Arroyo for Spanish at a

Limited seating due to COVE motocols



# COME OUT TO OUR COVID TESTING

& CHURCH FUNDRAISING EVENT

### **INSURANCE IS REQUIRED**

#### WHEN:

OUR LADY OF AFRICA CATHOLIC CHURCH SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2022 615 E. OAKWOOD BLVD, CHICAGO, IL 60653 10 AM - 1 PM

#### REQUIREMENTS:

- AVAILABLE TO ALL ADULTS
- PROVIDE A VALID ID OR OTHER DOCUMENTATION WITH YOUR NAME.
- ALL INSURANCES WELCOMED

#### FOUR EASY STEPS!!

- 1. REGISTER. (ON-SITE)
- 2. SWAB YOURSELF. (ORAL TEST)
- 3. DONATION YOUR INCENTIVE TO THE CHURCH
- 4. WAIT FOR RESULTS. (VIA CONFIDENTIAL E-MAIL)
  RECEIVE CONFIDENTIAL RESULTS WITHIN IN 2-4 BUSINESS DAYS

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