

OUR LADY OF AFRICA PARISH

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2022



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Pastor: Fr. Bob Kelly, SVD, Associate Pastor: Fr. Francis Xavier, SVD, Brother Alu Aisi, SVD, Frater Andrew Wang, SVD, Deacon Carl Gales, SVD and Frater Manie Manuel, SVD, Deacon Michael Foggie, Deacon Ivan Lazcano, Senior Deacon Mervin Johnson, 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)



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Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Our Lady of Africa Parish,
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Sunday Mass: 9:00am and 11:30am:

Facebook Livestream during Mass
hours and YouTube after 6:00pm at:
Our Lady of Africa Chicago

Conference Call

Phone Number: 1-267-807-9601

Code to enter: 340 355 967#

Weekday Masses: Monday-Friday
8:00am Tolton Heritage Center Rectory.

Holy Days: 10:30am: Site TBD

French Community Mass: 6:00pm
First Sunday of Month

Ghanaian Community Mass: 1:30pm
First and Second Sunday of Month

Igbo Community Mass: 2:30pm
Third and Fourth Sunday of Month

Lenten Bible Study:

Every Wednesday at 11AM

Fr. Clements/Fr. Smith Parish
Hall with
Fr. Tracy O'Sullivan, O.Carm

Bible Study

Tuesday at 6-7pm

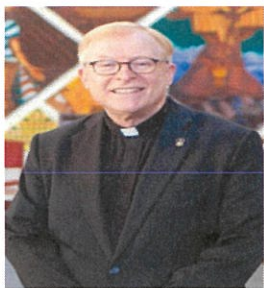
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Food Pantry

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

All are welcome!





Message from our Pastor...

Dear Parishioners: This following is an *Extract from a recent interview of Pope Francis*

“I feel very close to the suffering of those families, of those fathers and mothers who are experiencing particular difficulty, worsened above all due to the pandemic.

I think that not being able to feed one's children, feeling the responsibility for the life of others, is suffering that is not easy to face. In this regard, my prayers, my closeness but also all the support of the Church is for these people, for these least ones.

But I also think of many fathers, many mothers and many families that flee war, who are rejected at the borders of Europe and elsewhere, who experience situations of suffering and injustice and who no one takes seriously or willingly ignores.

I would like to say to these fathers, to these mothers, that for me they are heroes because I see in them the courage of those who risk their lives for love of their children, for love of their family.

Mary and Joseph too experienced this exile, this trial, having to flee to a foreign land due to Herod's violence and power. Their suffering makes them close precisely to these brothers who are suffering the same trials today.

And I would like to say to all of them and to their families, do not feel alone! The Pope Francis remembers them always and as far as it is possible, will continue to give them a voice and will not forget them.”

Right now there are 1 Million Refuges because of Russia's Invasion of Ukraine.

A Message from Fr. Francis Xavier Rayappan, SVD

Greetings from Fr. Francis Xavier Rayappan SVD.

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you and with your families. I take this opportunity to thank you all for being part of my journey of life. I was so happy to know you all as we began new life in this new parish. I enjoyed being with you and know this great African American Culture. Since it has been for four years I have not gone home to see my sick father, our provincial Fr. Quang SVD and Fr. Bob Kelly SVD, gave me permission to visit my parents for 3 months. I would like to inform you that I have got a new assignment in my Province. I also request your prayers so that I may continue to do God's mission. Let's pray for each other. May the peace of Christ be among you always.

Fr. Francis will celebrate the 11:30 am Mass this Sunday, March 6th. We have a Reception following the Mass with Cakes and Coffee. We wish his father healing and we wish him many Blessings in the future!

Fr. Robert 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

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 p.m., the Prayer Line on Thursday morning at 9:00 am and the Dial in Prayer Service on Sunday Morning at 10:00 am.

March 6 – First Sunday of Lent

God brings us through difficult experiences and always leads us to life. Depend on the Holy Spirit to guide you on the path of life.

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



Parish Up Coming Events

March 9th & 16th

Lenten Bible Study 11:00 am:

at Fr. Clements/Fr. Smith Parish Hall
with Fr. Tracy O'Sullivan, O.Carm

followed by a light Fellowship

03/13 - Daylight Saving Time-Spring Forward

03/19 - Lenten Retreat—Holy Spirit Mission

Deadline date to sign up 3/6/2022

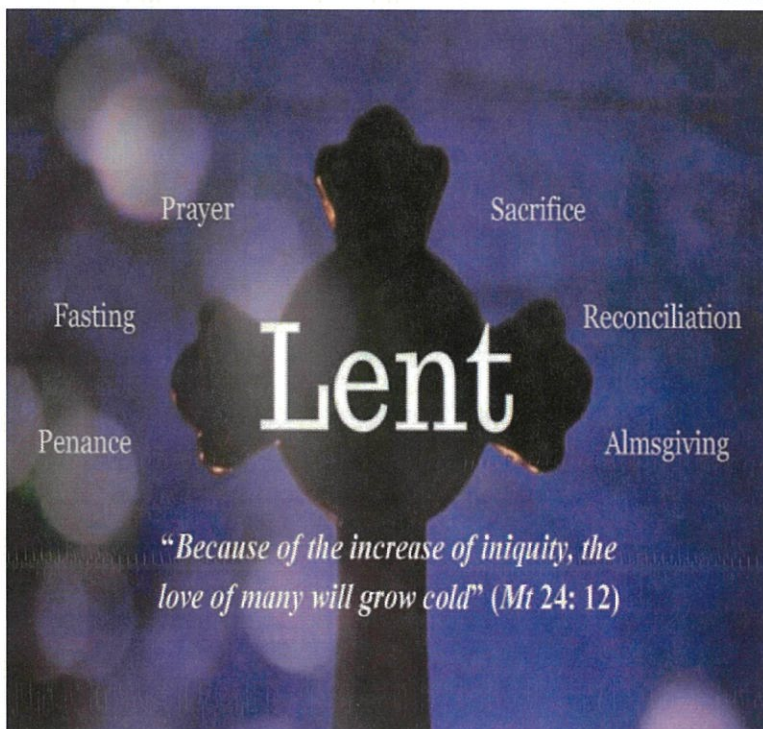
Please remember the following:

Repose Souls of :

+ Dolores L. Young

Mass Intention:

Keith Wilson for healing.
Ms. Tamara Hudson &
Mrs. A. Washington
from Taliva Tillman



The Prayer of Our Lady of Africa

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SICK & SHUT-IN LIST

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

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WISDOM: JIMMY BRADLEY

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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First Sunday of Lent

Luke 4:1-12

Dear Friends,

Today we continue our Lenten journey that we began on Ash Wednesday with the command, **“Repent, and believe in the Good News.”** Lent, we need to remember, is a time to free our heart, our mind and our life to celebrate the great truth of our faith, Jesus crucified and Jesus risen in the three holy days of the Triduum at the end of Holy Week.

On this first Sunday of Lent, we have the story of Jesus’ temptation. In the story, we have echoes of the temptation of our parents in the Garden and the rebellious followers of Moses in the desert. Contrary to these earlier victories of Satan, Jesus is the victor over the devil.

The temptations all come down to what kind of Messiah Jesus was going to be. The devil offered an attractive expression of a leader who would save the world with the values of the world: power, military might and wonder working aimed at enthralling the masses. Jesus chose a different path. Jesus chose to simply share our humanity with all the consequences of being faithful to God in a sinful and unfair world. This would lead to a suffering Messiah, a Messiah of humility and service, not power and privilege. Jesus chose his way of leadership and the power of weakness that was revealed in the washing of the feet after a faithful and fateful journey to Jerusalem.

In his rejection of Satan, Jesus opens up to us the truth of our own lives. We are rooted in and called by a gracious God who has a great plan infinitely better than all the attractions and deceptions of power, pleasure and control that make up the devil’s trickery.

God shows us in Jesus that his love will win out in the end. We need to use this time of Lent to pray, reflect and especially enter into the beautiful selections of the scriptures available to us each weekday and, above all, on the Lenten Sundays. The Church wants to guide us in the faithful footsteps of Jesus. We are invited into the “Jesus game” where you win by losing.

This is the choice Jesus reveals today. The devil is still playing his destructive games. He still calls us with his deceptions wrapped up in the attractions and allurements of the world. They seem like a sure way to happiness and success. Jesus offers another choice. It is a choice that leads to the victory of good or evil, of life or death. We need to keep our eyes on Jesus!



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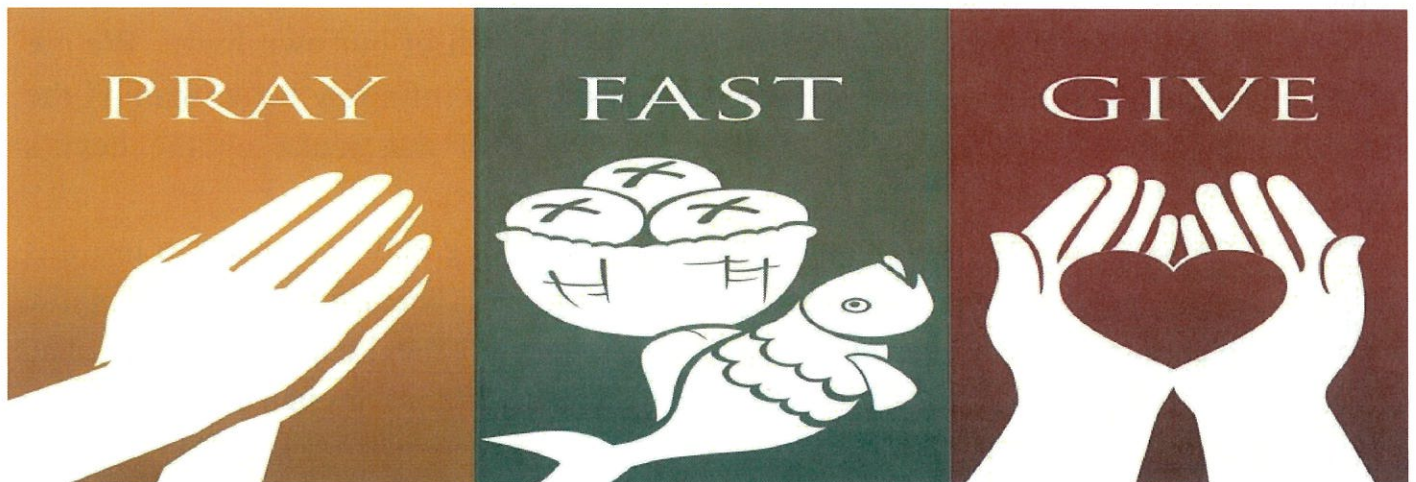
LENTEN REGULATIONS

(from Ash Wednesday to the Paschal Triduum)

ABSTINENCE from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent.

FASTING is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. The special Paschal fast, as well as abstinence, are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women. In all cases, common sense should prevail, and individuals who are ill should not jeopardize their health further by fasting.



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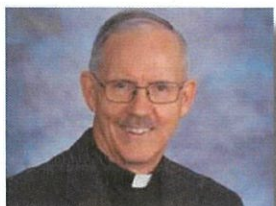
Since early July, seven Divine Word Missionaries have been working to gather together Black Catholics from Chicago's South Side into a newly created parish dedicated to Our Lady of Africa. The new parish continues the legacy of five Black Catholic communities: Corpus Christi, Holy Angels, St. Ambrose, St. Anselm and St. Elizabeth.



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For more than a century, SVD's have been working in African American ministry in the south side neighborhoods of Bronzeville, Washington Park, and Kenwood. In the early 1890's, Venerable Fr. Augustus Tolton, the first publicly recognized Black priest in the USA, began ministry with African Americans in the Bronzeville neighborhood. In 1915, twenty years after Tolton's death, SVDs were asked to continue the work Tolton started.

DWC has a strong connection to Our Lady of Africa Parish. Fr. Bob Kelly SVD, originally from the Chicago south side, is the new pastor; he served at DWC for eight years as a vocations director, formator, and Rector of the Epworth community. Fr. Francis Rayappan SVD, from Tamil Nadu in India, is the associate pastor; he was at Epworth until recently as a vocations director. Br. Alu Oa Aisi SVD came to DWC from his native Papua New Guinea to study English and to get acquainted with US culture; now he lives at Our Lady of Africa and continues work in jail and HIV ministry. Seminarian Andrew Wang, SVD is doing his cross-cultural training program



at the parish. He is involved in everything from A to Z; advent retreats to youth ministry! From nearby Divine Word Theologate,

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Fr. Bob Kelly, SVD



Fr. Francis Rayappan, SVD



Bro. Alu Oa Aisi SVD

there are some former students from DWC who finished their studies here not long ago; Deacon Carl Gales SVD, and seminarians Manie Manuel SVD and Zach Smith SVD are regular and enthusiastic helpers at the parish. The extended SVD community involved in the parish really do give witness to the parish motto: WE ARE ONE.



Fr. Andrew Wang, SVD



Deacon Carl Gales SVD



Fr. Manie Manuel, SVD



Fr. Zach Smith, SVD



To celebrate Black History Month, Fr. Bob asks us, along with the new parish, to pray for blessings upon all African peoples through the intercession of Our Lady of Africa.

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