OUR LADY OF AFRICA PARISH

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - AUGUST 7, 2022



Served by: The Society of the Divine Word... Popularly known as the Divine Word Missionaries Pastor: Fr. Bob Kelly, SVD, Associate Pastor: Fr. Carl Gales, SVD, Brother Alu Aisi, 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 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





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 Weekly Bible Study: Wednesday at 11AM (See Parish Events for Dates) 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.







Message from our Pastor...

Dear Parishioners,

In today's world, people do almost anything, in order to find peace. If they don't find it, they go even to the extent of destroying themselves. Peace is not found in technology, nor is it found in affluence. Mere success in one's career or in business or in social status does not bring peace.

Then how can we find peace?

Peace is a matter of heart. It is found in having something worthwhile to live for. Our culture puts so much emphasis on matters related to success in life through technological achievement, popularity and affluence. It is a pity that we forget the truth that peace is basically a gift from God. We can attain peace by praying for accepting the circumstances in which we live. Our efforts to change the circumstances, which we cannot change, lead us more towards frustrations.

Once we accept our present circumstances, we can not only find peace but also make use of it as a steppingstone for success in life.

Peace can be found also in self-acceptance or having a healthy self-image. Inner peace begins with having the right relationship with ourselves. We can build and strengthen our self-image by concentrating on our positive characteristics and success than on our defects and failures. Let us remember that our loving God has given us multiple talents, which we need to use them well and with right motive, so that we might gain inner peace.

Right relationship with others is another essential way for us to find peace. As long as one retains resentment and fails to forgive those who have hurt us, we cannot find inner peace. One of the main reasons why some people end their lives is because they are charged with too many negative feelings and act on them.

Finally, the most important way to find inner peace is to maintain a right relationship with Jesus and be alert and vigilant. St. Augustine says, "You have made us for yourself, O God, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you."

"Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7).

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

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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

Please remember the following in your prayers for healing:

Mary Berry Helen Brooms Jim Henkel Jeff Moore Alice Thompson Dorothy Williams



Mass Intention & Repose Souls

- +Sherry Armento
- +Janet McFarland (Ledbetter)
- +Tamara Hudson & Arthemise Washington-
- Requested by Taliva Tillman
- +Delilah V. Shoemaker

August 7 – Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time A Vocation View: Be alert to God's presence even in the least expected times, places and events. You will be ready to respond to God's call.

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

Parish Picnic

The committee is asking for donations of School Supplies to be distributed at the Parish Picnic. You may place them in the container in the back of the Church. Deadline is August 7th.

T-Shirts

You may purchase T-Shirts after each Mass. See the Following Committee Member:

4:00PM – Keisha Chaves 9:00AM – Shirley McKinney 11:30AM - Regina Cook

Parish Up Coming Events

08/13 - Medical Presentation 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon in Parish Hall

08/21 - Parish Picnic/Anniversary Celebration

Eucharistic Ministers TrainingIf you are interested in becoming a

Eucharistic Minister:

PLEASE: sign the sheet at the Ushers/Greeters table. There will be training soon. (Date TBD)



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.



Sick & Shut-in



Ophelia Adams Curtis Albright Dorla Allen Patrice Anderson Jessie Andrews James Barker Donald Barner Louise Bates Myra Baugh David Berry Mary 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 Lvdia Clark Willie B. Clay Catherine Cosby Mary Crawford 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 Barbara Golden Anna Marie Hampton Exie Haralson Vircy Spight-Harris

Marjorie Heard Lorraine Henderson Justin HendersonJim Henkel Barbara Edwards-Hill Kelly Robin Hill Velma Hill Hugh Hodges Rita Holland Sandra Houston **Doris Humphries** Nolan Humphries George James Janet James Leslie Jackson Mildred Jackson Trudy (Thelma) 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 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 Tvna 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



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.

Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Luke 12:32-48

Dear Friends,

I get the impression that most people come to worship on Sunday to change God. They have real problems and concerns. They have a plan for what is necessary for them and their loved ones to be happy. They know they need God's help to bring that plan to completion. Therefore, they come to pray and a major part of their prayer is asking God to buy into their plan.

On the other hand, God has a plan also. God wants us to change. God wants us to share in his love for all creation and especially our brothers and sisters in all their human flaws.

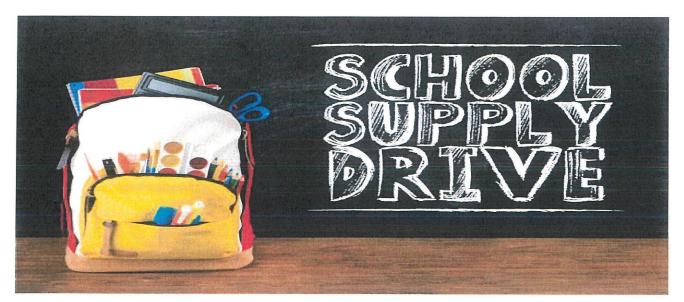
In the Gospel today, Luke has the seemingly harsh and unrealistic plea for us to sell our goods and give alms to the poor. This is a theme about property that Luke repeats often in different ways throughout his Gospel.

Luke's point is to put things in perspective. The perspective is that first of all there is more to life than our immediate security and convenience. Secondly, Luke teaches us that God's love for us in God's plan of his Kingdom is our real treasure. When we understand the wonder and beauty of this gracious gift of God revealed in Jesus and his teaching on the Kingdom, we then are able to put both our worries and possessions in perspective. This is how God wants us to change and to grow. We need to learn that God has a better plan than our plan. The message of the Gospel tells us to see our life and our possessions in light of God's Kingdom that is taking place now. We share in that Kingdom when we walk with Jesus in love. This love will carry us beyond our mortality to life beyond death

When we put Jesus' words in this context, they do not seem so harsh and unrealistic.

"Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the Kingdom. Sell your belongings and give alms. Provide money bags for yourselves that do not wear out, an inexhaustible treasure in heaven that no their can reach nor moth destroy." (Luke 12:32-33)

God has a plan. It is the Kingdom. We are invited to buy in. That is how God wants us to change. That is what it means when we say. "Let go and let God."





Our Lady of Africa Parish

Where: 615 E. Oakwood Blvd

When: Aug 1 to Aug 12th, 2022

Please Donate

New School Supplies and Backpacks

Bring the supplies to Mass there is a bin located in the Church Narthex or Bring them to the Parish Office M-F from 9am. to 3pm.

If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 773-624-5375 or via email at ourladyofafricachicago@gmail.com







Congratulations to



Dr. Dwight Hearns

on completing his Ph.D. Program in Business Psychology at THE CHICAGO SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY

On Thursday, July 8, 2022, he successfully defended his Dissertation topic, "The Psychological Effects of Previously Living within a Food Desert" without revisions. On Friday July 9, 2022, Dwight participated in Commencement Exercises. We are all very proud of his accomplishments and success.

We wish him well in all of his future endeavors. May God continue blessing him.





! APARTMENT WANTED!

One of our parishioners is in desperate need of a 3-bedroom apartment if you know of one that is available, please contact the parish office at 773-624-5375.

Lemon Zucchini Bread

By Frt. Manie Manuel SVD

Ingredients

1 ½ cups shredded zucchini ¾ cup white sugar 1 egg ½ cup vegetable oil 1 ½ cups all-purpose flour ½ teaspoon salt ½ teaspoon baking soda ¼ teaspoon baking powder 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon 2 teaspoons lemon zest



Directions

Step 1 Preheat oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C). Grease an 8x4 inch loaf pan.

Step 2 In a bowl, beat together the zucchini, sugar, egg, and oil. In a separate bowl, sift together the flour, salt, baking soda, and baking powder; stir in the cinnamon and lemon zest. Stir the flour mixture into the zucchini mixture just until blended. Pour the batter into the prepared pan.

Step 3 Bake 45 minutes in the preheated oven, until a knife inserted in the center comes out clean. Remove from heat, and cool about 10 minutes before turning out onto a wire rack to cool completely.

PREDESTINED OUTREACH MINISTRIES

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SUMMER EVENT

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2022

AT

NEW COVENANT GOSPEL TABERNACLE CHURCH – PASTOR DEWIN ROGERS

(HELD IN THE PARKING LOT)

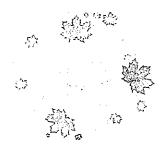
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11:00 - 2:00

S C H O O L S U P P L I E S G I V E A W A Y S

FUN FOOD MUSIC

FREE ADMISSION



CONTACT: EVANG. BETTY KELLUM (773-812-0834)

(Please WEAR MASK to event to receive supplies)

SOCIAL DISTANCING 6 FEET APART



Office of State Rep. Kam Buckner, State Sen. Robert Peters, Comm. Bill Lowry, Ald. Sophia King, & Meridian



BACK TO SCHOOL EVENT

Free Activities:

- · Face painting, arts & crafts, and music
- · Internet safety program for children
- · Financial literacy for all ages
- · Housing and utility resources

Free Giveaways:

- Backpacks
- School Supplies
 - Provided by Ashler Lodge #139 M.W.P.H.G.L.I
- Food bags
- · Raffles for prizes
 - o Gift cards, Fitbits, tablets, and more!

Free Health Resources:

- Immunizations (parent/guardian must be present), and diabetic and high blood pressure education
 - Provided by Near North Health
- Mammograms and pap smears scheduling
 - Provided by Equal Hope
- · Medicaid & SNAP enrollment
 - Provided by Chicago Public Schools
- Counseling services
 - Provided by Bright Star Community Outreach

ELLIS PARK 3520 S. Cottage Grove Chicago, IL 60653 Scan code below to register and for more details!



TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2022 2PM - 6PM

Event will take place rain or shine!



















Lawyers' Committee for Better Housing



















I'll Hold Your Hand

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



Date: Saturday, August 27, 2022

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Location: 44 East 41st Street, Chicago, IL 60653

- Anyone age 6 months and older 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

