# OUR LADY OF AFRICA PARISH

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2022



Served by: The Society of the Divine Word... Popularly known as the Divine Word Missionaries 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., Weekend Assistant

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)



### **Office Hours:**

Monday to Friday: 9:00AM—3:30 PM

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**Saturday Vigil:** 4:00pm Our Lady of Africa Parish, 615 E. Oakwood Blvd, 60653

**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

### Bible Sharing:

Friday at 1:00pm to 2:00pm

via Zoom:

Meeting ID: 586 893 3170

Passcode: 341080

### **Bible Study**

Tuesday at 6-7pm 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: 10:00am until 12:00 noon.

All are welcome!







### Message from our Pastor...

### **Dear Parishioners:**

We really began African American History Month early as we celebrated Fr. George Clements' 90th Heavenly Birthday last weekend. It was a beautiful Celebration, and I am very grateful to all who volunteered and served to make it so successful. Thank you so much! African American History Month, also known as Black History Month, celebrates all the gifts and talents of African Americans who did so much to build this nation. We all know it took great courage, sacrifice, suffering, education, and extraordinary work to succeed and contribute their time, talent, and treasure to our nation. As we celebrate all their lives and work throughout this month, we all know that freedom comes at a cost. And we know they all made a great difference for all of us.

God's promise and our responsibility...is to make a difference for All created in the image and likeness of God.

Many families in our parish will be receiving the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries, parishes, and schools that receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts.

"We should welcome all people into the church, not send them away."
- Fr. Augustus Tolton

The Annual Catholic Appeal offers a wonderful opportunity to answer the call "Making all things new ... God's promise and our responsibility." In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the archdiocese, the Appeal also funds services that are of great help here in our parish. For example, Appeal funds support...our Parish Renewal that is taking place. Recently, 3 of our Parishioners were Funded by the Archdiocese to go to the Alpha Experience of Evangelization in Phoenix, Arizona. The Parish Vitality for Vicariate VI paid for this experience. The Funds of the Archdiocese have also enabled Renew My Church to take place in our Parish. It supports our Weekly and now Bi-weekly Transition Meetings and enables our Project Manager and Vitality Coordinator to help us through our Renewal for the past 3 years. The Annual Catholic Appeal also supports our ministry of Religious Education to our young people, our outreach to Seniors and all Parishioners, and our School Children. Our Renewal is ongoing, and the Archdiocese will be with us throughout to help us on our Renewal Journey.

As we contemplate God's many gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude. Your financial support for the work of our parish, our archdiocese, and the Church throughout the world is one way to express this gratitude. Please give what you can to the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal.

Next week we will watch Cardinal Cupich's Homily at all our Masses as we contemplate what is possible for us to give to the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Let us pray that we may see the work of the Annual Catholic Appeal as an opportunity to extend our love and service to our parish, our community, and the world.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

2022 Annual Catholic Appeal

Making all things new...
God's promise and our responsibility

Fr. Robert Kelly, SVD



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

Scan OR Codes

https://donate.holyangelschicago.com/give

Facebook



Online Giving



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.



### Pope's Tweet:

### **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time:**

Let us #PrayTogether for religious sisters and consecrated women, thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.
#PrayerIntention

### NOTE:

The family of Mrs. Elizabeth Upchurch thanks everyone for the calls, cards, and prayers. My mother passed away on January 21, 2022. She was loved by many. Per her wishes, the family has chosen not to have a funeral. At a later date, we will have a Memorial Mass in her honor.

-Mrs. Ola Gredtt.

### Just to let you know...

The Tax Forms are available. We will need for you to update your information in order to create Our Lady Of Africa Parish Register. Forms are in the Bulletin and also in the Church Lobby.

May God Bless you All!

### Parish Up Coming Events

- 2/6 Blessing of Throats at All Masses
  - Blessed Sacrament Society Luncheon
- 2/9 Holy Angels School Mass at 10am

2/12/13-Annual Catholic Appeal at All Masses

- 2/13 Anointing of Sick for Spiritual/Physical Healing
- 2/19 COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic at Tolton Site 9am-1pm
- 2/20 Black History Month Celebration at 1:00pm.
- 2/22 -Holy Angels School Mass at 10am

### Please remember the following:

### Repose Souls of:

- + Carol Jamason
- + Elizabeth Upchurch,
- + Janet M. James-Millian
- + Donald Suggs
- + Hannah Vineyard

### **Mass Intention:**

Maxine Soshnik



### Renew My Church

Called by Jesus Christ, we are Making Disciples, Building Communities and Inspiring Witness.

### Prayer for Renew My Church

Lord Jesus, you speak to us today, as you spoke to holy men and women who have gone before us. In every age and in our own time, you call to us and say: Renew My Church.

Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us, and so enable us

to hear you clearly

to listen to each other attentively

to imagine our future boldly

to discern your direction wisely

to persevere in your holy will courageously

to stay together in charity

to surrender our own plans readily

to embrace the greater good

to hand on your gifts to future generations.

May we remain in the holy company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles and all the saints. May their example and presence inspire us with patient confidence in the work of your grace. We ask this of you who live and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. **Amen** 

St. Ambrose, Pray for Us.

St. Anselm of Canterbury, Pray for Us.

Corpus Christi, the Body of Christ, Pray for Us.

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Pray for Us.

All Holy Angels of God, Pray for Us.

Our Lady of Africa, Pray for Us.

Venerable Fr. Augustus Tolton Pray for Us.

### Website for Our Lady of Africa





### SICK & SHUT-IN LIST

Marjorie Heard

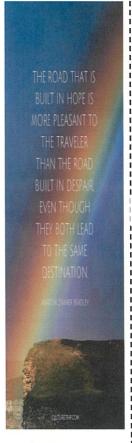
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Alfrances Sharpe Beverly Sims Shirley Simmons Sunnette Varnado Smith Emma Stewart Margaret Stewart Alonzo Studstill Janice Taylor Alice Thompson Cynthia Thompson Renee Trotter Audrey Tuggle Joanne Wallace Joyce Wallace Tandra Watson Mrs. P. Wells Doris Whitaker



Take a moment to remember our sick & shut-in members by calling and keeping them in your prayers.

Phyllis

Shackelford

Please notify the office when a name need to be added to or removed from the Prayer List.

Thank you.



### Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time – C Luke 5:1-11

### Dear Friends,

Like all Gospel passages, today's story has many levels. One that is especially helpful is the phrase that Jesus uses when he tells Peter to try again after a futile night's work where he failed to catch even a few fish. Jesus tells Peter, "Put out into the deep..." (Lk 5:4)

Peter follows Jesus' command. A night of disappointment is transformed into a spectacular feast of abundance. Then, there is a total switch in gears. What had been so profoundly desired, the large catch of fish, all of a sudden, is put aside for a deeper and richer reality. "When they brought their boats ashore, they left everything and followed him." (Lk 5:11)

What is the message for us today in this encounter between Jesus and Peter? The key is "Put out into the deep..." (Lk 5:4)

In this scene, Peter is performing his ordinary tasks, his usual human experience. He is a fisherman. Jesus transforms it by inviting him to enter more deeply into the experience. He is teaching Peter and us that the true spirituality is not outside of life, different from our ordinary experience. We will encounter God by being more present to our life situation and all the demands and responsibilities it places on us. A call to be spiritual, to have a more meaningful experience of God, is not to move outside of life but to re-possess life at the deepest level.

### "Put out into the deep..." (Lk 5:4)

The Good News is that God is present to life. We are not left to our destructive inclinations and the awful games we often play. Peter recognized his brokenness in this regard. He said, "Depart from me Lord, for I am a sinful man." (Lk 5:18)

Jesus did not abandon Peter to his sinful ways nor will he abandon us. Grace and new life are always possible, always beckoning us. Like Peter, we have to "Put out into the deep..." (Lk 5:4) We will encounter a new, gracious reality. We will see that our heart will be free to let go of all the obstacles that keep us from walking with Jesus.

# **NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE AFRICAN AMERICAN FAMIL February 6, 2022**



## God of Mercy and Love

we place our African American Families before You today. May we be proud of our history and never forget those who paid a great price for our liberation. Bless us one by one and keep our hearts and minds fixed on higher ground. Help us to live for you and not for ourselves, and may we cherish and proclaim the gift of life. Bless our parents, guardians and grandparents. relatives and friends. Give us the amazing grace to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Help us, as Your children, to live in such a way that the beauty and greatness of authentic love is reflected in all that we say and do. Give a healing anointing to those less fortunate, especially the motherless, the fatherless, the broken, the sick and the lonely. Bless our departed family members and friends. May they be led into the light of Your dwelling place where we will never grow old, where we will share the fullness of redemption and shout the victory for all eternity. This we ask in the Precious Name of Jesus, our Savior and Blessed Assurance. Amen. Holy Mary, Mother of Our Families, pray for us.

Prayer composed by FR. JIM GOODE. OFM, who in 1989 founded this National Day of Prayer for the African American Family.





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### The Legacy Project



### Tell us your story about:

- Your first memories of the parish you grew up in.
- The sacraments that you prepared for and took.
- The school you attended.
- The sisters and priests who taught you and left a lasting impression on you.
- The different church ministries and/or organizations that influenced you.

We capture our stories and share our histories to leave a legacy about our catholic identity and the parishes that influenced and shaped our lives. This legacy that we leave behind is for future generations to learn from and celebrate.

We are looking for anyone who is **70 years and older**, to begin with, who is willing to be interviewed. The interview will be recorded via audio and take 1 to 1½ hours. These interviews can take place at church, in your home and even over the phone. All interviews will be transcribed and may be available for a future historical program about our parish.

If you are interested in being interviewed, being an interviewer or for more information please contact Joyce Lane, Sharon Binion, Larry Cope, Keisha Chavers, Velma Barker-Hill or Tina Carter.

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# Occine Site

The following vaccines are available

Pfizer-Bio Tech

Johnson and Johnson & **Moderna & Boosters** 

Ages 18 and older

With Johnson & Johnson Free \$100 Visa eGift Card

\$50 Visa eGift Card

(OR)-

With Pfizer and Moderna

Our Lady of Africa / Tolton Site February 19, 2022 9:00am-1:00pm 4058 S Michigan Saturday













### **OUR LADY OF AFRICA PARISH**

### PARISHIONER CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATE

All are welcome to worship at Our Lady of Africa Parish!

# WE NEED YOU TO UPDATE CONTACT INFO AT OUR LADY OF AFRICA PARISH

Visit www.ourladyofafricachicago.org for online Parishioner Contact Information Update!

NAME:			
(First and Last N	Name; please include	spouse's name if applicable)	
Birthday: M/D/	Y		
Working $\square$	Retired	Mother/Father/Parent at Home □	
ADDRESS:			
(House number of	and street name; incl	ude apt/unit number)	
CITY & ZIP:			
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Please **submit** this form in the collection basket or drop it off in the Parish Office!

