

OUR LADY OF AFRICA PARISH

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2022



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

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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)

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

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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 Ilo

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!



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Message from our Pastor...



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The Lenten and Easter Seasons offer us a chance to change our hearts, to renew ourselves and make the necessary changes that Jesus nudges us and encourages us to do. Lead us, Lord to where you invite us to be.

Our Lenten Schedule includes a Tuesday Call in Bible Study and a Bible Study in person every Wednesday at 11:00 am followed by a light Fellowship in our Parish Hall. Please embrace the Spiritual opportunities that are before us as we continue our journey through Lent and prepare to Celebrate Jesus' Life, Death, and Resurrection.

As you anticipate Easter, please consider an Easter Donation to Our Lady of Africa Parish. Your help is needed as we renew and create new ministries here in our Faith Community. If you can bless us with a gift this Easter, I know God will bless your wonderful generosity.

Let us walk by Jesus' side as we Celebrate Palm Sunday and Holy Week! It will bring us Easter Joy!

Holy Week Schedule 2022

Palm Sunday, April 9—10, 2022

Blessings of Palms and Mass at 4:00 pm, 9:00 am and 11:30 am
Simple Entrance at the 4:00 pm and 9:00 am Palm Sunday Masses
Solemn Entrance at the 11:30 am Palm Sunday Mass

Weekly Bible Study, Wednesday, April 13, 2022

11:00 am followed by a light fellowship
6:30 pm Evening Prayer Tenebrae Service

Holy Thursday, April 14, 2022

Seder Chicken Soup-5:00 pm Parish Hall
Mass of the Lord's Supper-6:30 pm

Good Friday, April 15, 2022

Stations of the Cross at 12:00 noon
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at 3:00 pm

Holy Saturday, April 16, 2022-Easter Vigil at 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022

Masses at 9:00 am and 11:30 am
Ghanaian Mass at 1:30 pm
French Mass at 5:00 pm
Igbo Mass at 2:30 pm Tolton Center Church and Hall

Fr. Bob Kelly, SVD



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Chicago, IL 60653

Website for Our Lady of Africa

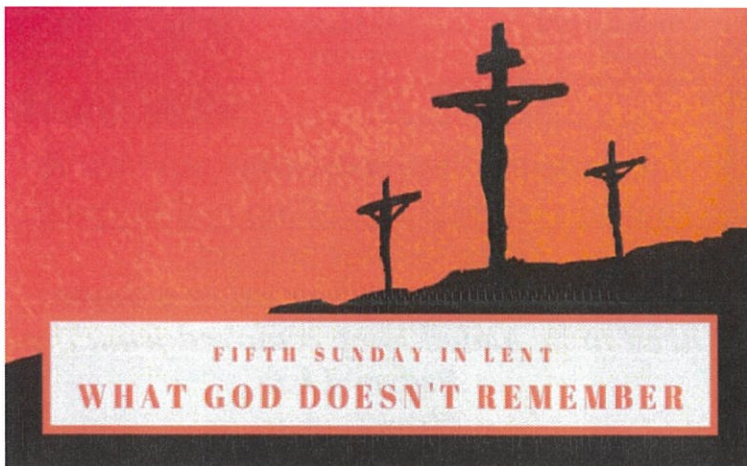


Father Tracy's Blog
Praying Alone Together

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.



April 3 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

A Vocation View:

God continues to open a way for us. How is God doing something new in your life? Perhaps God is inviting you to be a priest or religious.

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With patience and the help of God, many things changed in time. Perhaps at first something seems to be an unbearable cross, but later on, thanks to God, one notices how roses have bloomed out of all the thorns."

~St. Arnold Janssen

Parish Up Coming Events

- 04/06- 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
- 04/08- Stations of the Cross at 3:00 PM
Church Doors open at 2:15 PM

Please remember the following in your prayers for healing:

Argentry Mitchell
Florence Person
Donald McKinney, Jr.



Mass Intentions:

- +Elizabeth Upchurch-from the Credit and Upchurch Family at 11:30 am Mass
- +Ms. Tamara Hudson & Arthemise A. Washington from Taliva Tillman
- +Mr. Averil Baldwin-Son of Mr. Floyd Donaldson, Music Teacher of Holy Angels School

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 LIST

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

THE ROAD THAT IS
BUILT IN HOPE IS
MORE PLEASANT TO
THE TRAVELER
THAN THE ROAD
BUILT IN DESPAIR
EVEN THOUGH
THEY BOTH LEAD
TO THE SAME
DESTINATION

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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.**

LENT

We Belong to One Another

**Sacrament of Reconciliation on
Saturday: 3:00PM-3:30PM**



Fifth Sunday of Lent - C

Jn 8:1-11

Dear Friends,

Once again we have simple gospel story that draws us into the depths of our human condition. We are both the accusers and the accused. We need to let the teachings of Jesus help us understand this truth about ourselves. We share the sinful condition of both the mob and the woman.

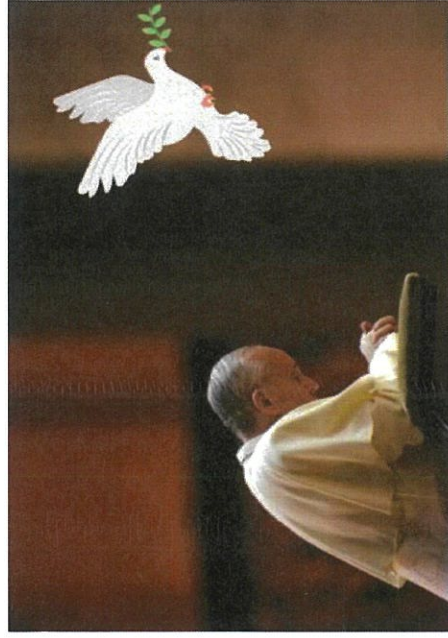
The Jewish leaders had little interest in the law and less in the woman. Their target was Jesus. They wanted to trap him in the choice of either the law or his constant message of mercy. In the eyes his accusers, Jesus faced nothing but destructive choices. He had to accept the Jewish faith and condemn the woman. This would put him against the Romans and their control of the death penalty. On the other hand, he had to reject the teachings of the law. The leaders saw no way out for Jesus. They felt excited about their victory and his defeat.

Jesus dabbled on the ground to show his disinterest in their supposed dilemma for him. He presented the real issue. It was a woman caught in the senseless blindness of a mob whose ideological rage and sham blinded them to the outrageous terror facing the woman: the stark and immediate probability of death by stoning.

Jesus cut through the layers of deception. He presented a choice that made the mob recognize that, in the end, they shared the fate of the woman. This was a condition common to all human beings. We are sinners and we need forgiveness. Without forgiveness, all of us must face a hopeless misery. The woman faced this stark reality in the clearest of terms: life or death. In the end, only mercy opens the possibility of life for all of us as it did for the woman.

Jesus said to the woman, **“Neither do I.”** (Jn 8:11) The miracle of these words for her and for us was that Jesus put no condition on his declaration of mercy. He accepted her and us as we are. He simply asked that we continue the struggle to sin no more.

This episode highlights the reality of misery and mercy that the Lenten journey presents to us. In the end, our story is about the mercy of God. The Lenten message is to cast away the stones of our misery. These are the stones of our pride and attachments, the stones of our neglect of prayer and sacrifice and service. We need to free our hands and open our hearts to receive the mercy of God in the awesome words: **“Neither do I.”** (Jn 8:11) Then we can cast away all the stones of our accusations, all the grudges and hurts. This Lent is the time to share the mercy and forgiveness of God with all our brothers and sisters, especially the ones we have not loved as we should.



Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace



Lord God of peace, hear our prayer!

We have tried so many times and over so many years to resolve our conflicts by our own powers and by the force of our arms. How many moments of hostility and darkness have we experienced; how much blood has been shed; how many lives have been shattered; how many hopes have been buried... But our efforts have been in vain. Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!"; "With war everything is lost". Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

Lord, God of Abraham, God of the Prophets, God of Love, you created us, and you call us to live as brothers and sisters. Give us the strength daily to be instruments of peace; enable us to see everyone who crosses our path as our brother or sister. Make us sensitive to the plea of our citizens who entreat us to turn our weapons of war into implements of peace, our trepidation into confident trust, and our quarreling into forgiveness.

Keep alive within us the flame of hope, so that with patience and perseverance we may opt for dialogue and reconciliation. In this way may peace triumph at last, and may the words "division", "hatred" and "war" be banished from the heart of every man and woman. Lord, defuse the violence of our tongues and our hands. Renew our hearts and minds, so that the word which always brings us together will be "brother", and our way of life will always be that of: Shalom, Peace, Salaam! **Amen.**

Source: USCCB Prayers

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SATURDAY

April 23, 2022

7:00 pm Doors Open at 6:30pm

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TICKETS:

Adults - \$20
Students - \$10

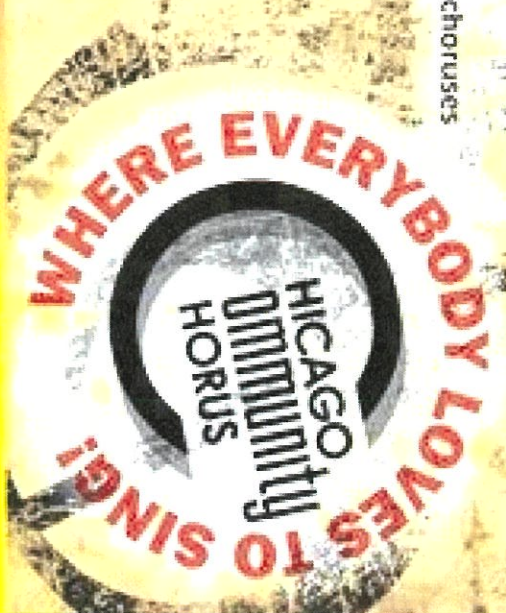
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