

OUR LADY OF AFRICA PARISH

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C - SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 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., 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)



Our Lady of Africa
WE ARE ONE
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Monday to Friday: 9:00AM—3:30 PM

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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

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 Associate Pastor...

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners:

We are in the second Sunday of Ordinary time, we are called to reflect on the readings. First reading is from the book of Prophet Isaiah. Isaiah promises the Lord God's protection for the people of Israel. He assures them that they shall experience happiness and joy because the Lord God has taken delight in them. He says that like a bridegroom rejoices over the bride so shall the Lord God rejoice over Israel. Second reading is from the first letter of St. Paul to Corinthians. Paul explains to the Corinthian community that different gifts received by individual members have come from the same Spirit. They are to be used for the common good. Gifts of healing, miracles, prophecy and the gift of tongues all these are inspired by the same Spirit of the Lord so that the whole community may benefit from them.

Water was turned into wine

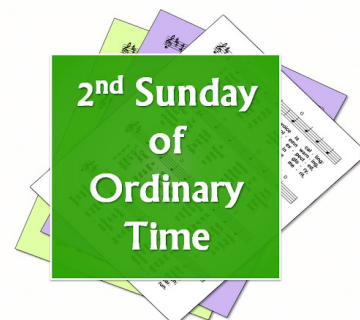
Today's Gospel reading is from St. John. The wedding feast at Cana of Galilee is narrated in detail. It was a typical marriage celebration of Palestine. Everyone ate and drank and at half way stage of the celebrations wine ran short and the organizers were in great distress. The bridegroom's family was facing deep embarrassment. Mother Mary came to know about their dilemma and she interceded with Jesus to help them out of their dire need. In spite of some initial hesitation from Jesus, Mary was so sure of her Son that she told the persons in charge of the event to do just as Jesus tells them to do. What resulted was a great miracle. Twelve stone jars full of water were turned into excellent wine and everyone continued to celebrate without a worry. This was the first miracle performed by Jesus.

This miracle gives us some significant lessons in our lives.

1. If we want miracles to take place in our lives, we have to invite Jesus into our lives.
2. When in trouble, we must take our burdens to the Lord. Blaming each other for the failures and lapses is not a solution.
3. When Jesus inspires us in difficult situations we must put our faith in the Lord and follow His promptings.
4. We should allow the grace of God to intervene in our lives.
5. Any miracle in our lives should be an occasion for rejoicing and should lead us to a deeper trust in the Lord.

Finally the miracle of Cana affirms that in times of great distress and difficulties we should not lose heart but turn to Mother Mary to intercede for us and she will definitely help us. Let us take our crisis times as challenges and opportunities because Jesus can truly turn 'water into wine' in our lives too.

Fr. Francis Rayappan, SVD





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Donation offerings are mailed to the following address:
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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.

Just to let you know...

Fr. Bob Kelly, SVD will be away from January 11-21. Fr. Francis Xavier, SVD will be in charge of All Sacraments, Masses and Pastoral and Spiritual needs. Frater Manie Manuel, SVD will be in charge of all Building needs. We welcome Fr. Mark Weber, SVD for Weekend help at our Masses.

May God Bless you All!



January Events

1/17 MLK Day of Leadership Training
9:00AM—1:00 Pm. (See Flier Insert for more information)

1/17 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

1/22 - CRP Training
- Food Pantry—Tolton Heritage Center
- Covid-19 Vaccinations and or Boosters (See Flier) Tolton Heritage Center

1/30 - Fr. George Clemen Birthday Celebration

Mass Intensions:

Rose Allen

Requested by Stephanie Tinker



Pope's Tweet:

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time:

"To really know people, we need to recognize them and recognize that each of them bears the inviolable beauty of a son or daughter of God, a reflection of the Creator's image."

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.*

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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.