



OUR LADY OF AFRICA

PARISH BULLETIN

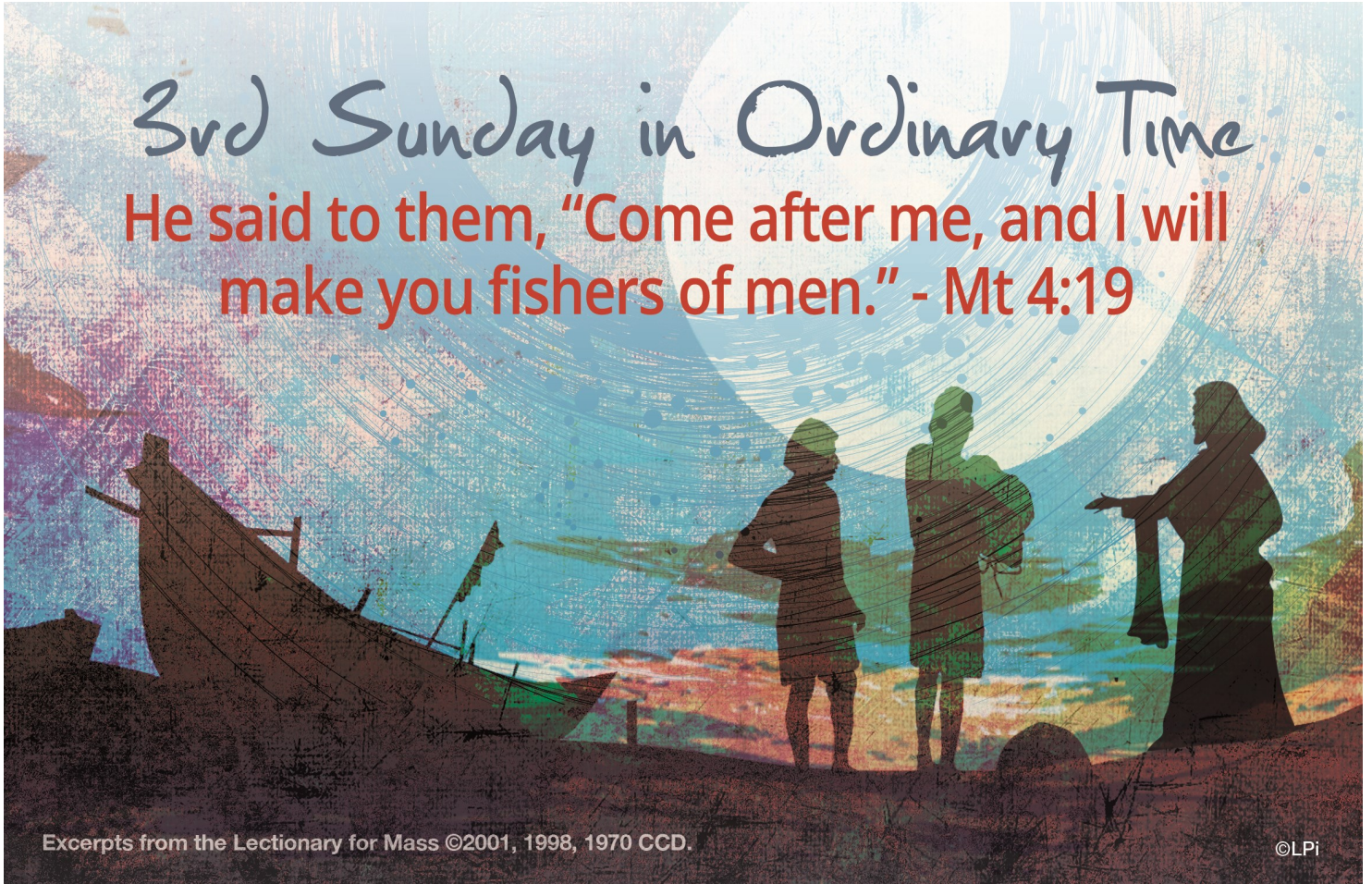
Sunday, January 22, 2023



Served by the Society of the Divine Word

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

He said to them, "Come after me, and I will
make you fishers of men." - Mt 4:19



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Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. (Livestream)

1:30 p.m.—Ghanaian Community (1st and 2nd
Sunday each month)

2:30 p.m.—Igbo Community (3rd and 4th
Sunday each month)

6:00 p.m.—French speaking Community (1st
Sunday each month)

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

By appointment—(773) 624-5375

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.

Pastor

Father Bob Kelly, SVD

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Church Address

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Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Parish Administrator: Ms. Shirley McKinney



This Week at OLA

Sunday, January 22

- First Communion - 10 a.m. | Tolton Center
- Sunday School - 11:30 a.m. Mass
| Parish Hall
- OLA Book Club - after 11:30 a.m. Mass
| Tolton Center Reception Hall

Tuesday, January 24

- Phone-in Bible Study - 6 p.m.

Wednesday, January 25

- Holy Angel's School Mass - 10 a.m. | Gym
- In-Person Bible Study - 11:00 a.m.
| Parish Hall

Thursday, January 26

- Angels on Air Phone Prayer Line - 9 a.m.
- Food Pantry - 10 a.m. to noon
| Tolton Center

Saturday, January 28

- Mobile Food Pantry - 10 a.m. to noon
| Tolton Center Reception Hall
- Choir Rehearsal - 1 p.m. | Parish

Scriptures for the Week

January 22 SUN: THIRD SUNDAY IN ORD TIME

Is 8: 23 9: 3/ Ps 27: 1. 4. 13-14 (1a)/
1 Cor 1: 10-13. 17/ Mt 4: 12-23

January 23 Mon: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children M

Heb 9: 15. 24-28/ Ps 98: 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4. 5-6/
Mk 3: 22-30

January 24 Tue: Francis de Sales, bp, rf, dr M

Heb 10: 1-10/ Ps 40: 2 and 4ab. 7-8a. 10. 11/
Mk 3: 31-35

January 25 Wed: Conversion of Paul, ap F

Acts 22: 3-16 or Acts 9: 1-22/ Ps 117: 1bc. 2/
Mk 16: 15-18

January 26 Thu: Timothy and Titus, bps M

2 Tm 1: 1-8 or Ti 1: 1-5/ Ps 96: 1-2a. 2b-3. 7-8a. 10/
Mk 4: 21-25

January 27 Fri: Ordinary Weekday/ Angela Merici, v, rf

Heb 10: 32-39/ Ps 37: 3-4. 5-6. 23-24. 39-40/
Mk 4: 26-34

January 28 Sat: Thomas Aquinas, p, r, dr M

Heb 11: 1-2. 8-19/ Lk 1: 69-70. 71-72. 73-75/
Mk 4: 35-41

Ministry List for Next Weekend

Saturday 4:p.m.—January 28

- Lectors: Theresa Rhea
Silmon Reed

Sunday 9 a.m. - January 29

- Lectors: Debra Causay
Patricia Brown

- Eucharistic Ministers:
Sonia Davis
Rosemary Sykes

Sunday 11:30 a.m. - January 29

- Lectors: Marcheta Smith
Liz Mardis

- Eucharistic Ministers:
Sharon Binion
Lena Young

Pick Up Church Envelopes

This weekend is the final week to pick up your church envelopes in the vestibule/narthex. After this weekend, please call the office to pick up your box of envelopes at the Parish Office. Thank you for your attention.

Rest in the Peace of Christ

Justine Henderson, formerly of St Anselm, passed away on Tuesday, January 17th. Please remember Ed Randle, her son and family in your prayers. She was currently living in Merrillville, Indiana.

We remember +Rakwan Crosby, grandson of Debra Crosby, who was laid to rest on Friday, January 20th. May his soul be at peace.

Requesting Mass Intentions

For those who would like to remember a loved one (living or deceased), a special occasion or a specific concern, Masses can be offered for those intentions. Please submit a Mass Intention request by calling the Parish Office.

January Birthdays

1/07 Edith Lane	1/18 Florence Person
1/08 Mary Jefferson	1/19 James Brown
1/08 Shawnece Wilson	1/21 Marcella Aguda
1/12 Wendell Smith-Williams	1/23 Brenda Boston
1/15 Ed Scott	1/25 LaTanya Berry-Johnson
1/16 James Burgess	1/27 Sonia Davis
1/16 Clarisse Credit	1/31 Lillian Cherry
1/16 Reggie Seay	1/31 Samira Rawls
1/17 Norman Dunbar	

Volunteer for Prison Ministry



Have you thought about becoming a volunteer to help serve those who are in the jails and detention centers in Cook county? Please consider volunteering at **Kolbe House Jail Ministry**.

Fr. Carl is looking for volunteers from OLA to come with him to minister and help with Bible Sharing, Prayer sessions, listening sessions, as well as the ALPHA course.

Please call the office and leave your name, number and email. To find out more information, please visit their website: **Kolbehouseministry.org**

African American History Month

Beginning the first Sunday of February until the last Sunday of February, OLA will be celebrating African-American culture, tradition, and excellence.

We will have new music presented, drumming, dancing, presentations, as well as featured preachers topped with a celebratory feast! Please stay tuned!! Know that it will be a month-long celebration that will be remembered and our inspiration for further excellence throughout the coming year!

Donations

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

<https://donate.holyangelschicago.com/give>

Or Scan this QR Code

Or mail to: Our Lady of Africa Parish
615 E Oakwood Blvd
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Parish Directory

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Dcn. Ivan Lazcano
Dcn. Merv Johnson
Dcn. Manie Manuel, SVD

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Keisha Chavers - Chairperson

First Communion

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Lisa Littleton

Food Pantry

Ladell Johnson

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Knights of Peter Claver

Thomas Rich - Grand Knight

Knights of Peter Claver Lady's Auxilliary

Lena Young - Grand Lady

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Tyrone Smith

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Michael Morman - President

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Tyrone Pittman

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Shirley McKinney
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Religious Missionary

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LaTanya Berry-Johnson

Seminarian

Frazer Zachary Smith, SVD

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Eileen Foggie

Tolton Heritage Center

Regina Cook
773-268-1518

Ushers and Greeters

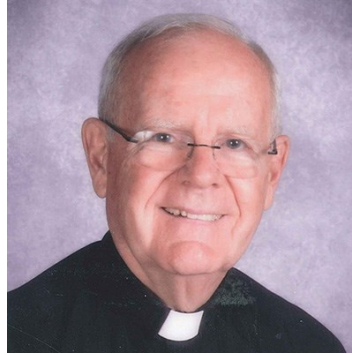
Jackson Lucas

Youth Ministry

Taleah Cage
Simlon Reed



Father Tracy's Reflection for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Dear Friends,

Today's Gospel has the frequent Biblical theme of the call. From Abraham down to Paul there are repeating variations of the Biblical and very common human experience. The call is one of the basic ways we all experience God. The pattern is a vague sense of promise of a better future with the demand of letting go that tends to be very specific and concrete.

I would like to share a personal experience. When I was in seventh grade, I made a mistake of signing a card telling a Carmelite vocation director I had once thought about being a priest. I quickly repented and got over it but he hounded me for the next year and a half trying to get me to go the Seminary located five hundred miles away at Niagara Falls. My choice was football and a growing awareness of how interesting the young ladies were becoming.

Little did I know how fast high school football would come and go. In my first three years we won the city championship. In my final year I was the quarterback and co-captain on the first team in four years to lose the city championship.

I took it very hard. My world was crushed and I was really hurting. Little did I know that I was being called into the Jesus game where you win by losing.

I was confused and I had to make a decision about college. I had several scholarships to college with the prospect of more but none basically interested me.

Finally, one day that I recall clearly (2/8/54) I was walking home from school and I was in front of my parish church. A thought came to me. I will go to Niagara. With that decision peace began a very slow ascent in my heart over the next several weeks.

I was facing a real change but I was up for the consequences of the decision in some vague way. What was not vague was I had rediscovered a sense of purpose in my life. Over a lifetime of reflection a few things have become much clearer about that February afternoon:

- I was making a decision to go to a place, Niagara, the seminary. Later I would bring into focus much more slowly the idea of becoming a priest and a Carmelite.
- Now at the age of seventy five I am hard pressed to identify any decisions that have been more influential in my life.
- Only over many years did the consequences of this first response to the call get fleshed out with countless other responses to the ongoing call from a God who takes us where we are and is very patient with us.



When you think of prophets, you often think of people who are the mouthpiece of God...The ones that are called forth from the people to speak to the rulers of nations. Speak to the people. Have them come to their senses or face reality. Prophets are called to hold up the standard. A standard of righteousness. And bring people back to God.

Most times, the prophet is unwilling to put out his neck for fear of the backlash...fear of the people's anger. Especially for Israel, being a prophet meant having a death sentence. How funny....when you look at the lives of Malcolm X, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Medgar Evers, and a host of prophets in the Black community...very little has changed.

And still, they press on. They press on despite pushback. They press on even when all the cards are stacked against them. They press on even if they know that what they say will carry with it threats of assassination.

They press on because what they have to say doesn't really come from themselves. They were called by God to speak Truth. The truth whether it was in season or out of season... casting their nets far and wide to get the message out that God is about Justice

And that we are all called to raise up our brothers and sisters to a place that God has called us all to be his instruments of peace and justice, proclaiming the Good News that Jesus is the Rock in a Weary Land.

Isaiah speaks of a time when peace and security will be abundant in the land. Well, I don't know about you, but looking around our

world...looking at our country...looking at our politics....our streets riddled with violence....violence in the homes...violence in our hearts...this prophecy has not been fulfilled in our day and age. And as I think back on it, I can't remember a time in my life when these issues didn't affect our lives.

We have four options.

1. We can choose to accept this as life and just the nature of humanity and just live our lives as best we can.
2. We can choose to not accept this as how things are supposed to be and make small, medium and sometimes big efforts to advocate for change and fight for justice.
3. We can choose to play the game and try as best we can to win... knowing that the game is rigged....you can cheat and play the system... so you can have security and a bit of peace...without worrying or caring about anyone else
4. Or you can simply....do nothing.

And unfortunately, the last option is the one that most people choose.

The fact that you could be anywhere today and yet you chose to come and pray for peace and justice, I believe that you are probably in the first or second option. And this is what we are called to be. For as baptized believers and children of God. we share in Christ's Priestly, Prophetic and Kingly ministry. This means that we are all in a position to make a difference.



FOOD PANTRY



Our Lady Of Africa/Tolton Site
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OUR LADY OF AFRICA FOOD PANTRY

Fresh fruits, vegetables, meats and non-perishable
groceries.

Info for Thursday food pantry...
Every Thursday
@10:00AM-12:00PM

Meats and non-perishable food

*You can only receive once a
month, identification is required
and no boundaries

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**THIS THURSDAY
JANUARY 26, 2023**

Info for Saturday food pantry...
Every fourth Saturday
@10:00AM-12:00PM

Fresh fruits, vegetables, and
non-perishable groceries.

44 E 41St
Chicago, IL 60653

**THIS SATURDAY
JANUARY 27, 2023**





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The National
BLACK CATHOLIC
Congress

A DAY OF REFLECTION

State of the Union: Black Catholics in Chicago

National Black Catholic Congress XIII

Our Prophetic Call to Thrive

Preparing for Congress XIII

February 4, 2023 | 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Registration will close January 31 at 12 p.m.

Cardinal Meyer Center

3525 South Lake Park Avenue
Chicago, IL 60629

Registration is available at forms.office.com/r/VcXi2Qy5Ah.

For more information, please contact Valerie Jennings at
312.965.2284 or vjennings@archchicago.org.





Please Remember Those on Our Sick and Shut-In List in your Prayers

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
Arthur Brooks
Patricia Brown
Roscoe Burns
Michael Burt
Dean Brazier
James Brazier
Marilyn Campbell
Esperanza Carr
Russell Carter
Lillian Cherry
Michael A. Clark
Lydia Clark
Willie B. Clay
Catherine Crosby
Mary Crawford
Sr. Eleanor Doidge
Cecelia Douglas
Irene Dove
Judith Easter
Elsie Freeman
Wanda Finney
Ola Mae Forde
Nazaree Fuller
Tyrone Fuller
Dywanda D. Gales
Rosemary Gardner
Frederick Gibson
Florence Glenn
Andre D. Golden

Mable Gray
Bettie Green
Eleanor Griffin
Barbara Golden
Anna Marie Hampton
Exie Haralson
Catherine Harper
Marjorie Heard
Lorraine Henderson
Justine Henderson
Jim Henkel
Kelly Robin Hill
Rita Holland
Sandra Houston
Doris Humphries
Nolan Humphries
George James
Janet James
Leslie Jackson
Mildred Jackson
Majorbelle James
Therese Jessie
Cindy Jirsa
Jan Johnson
Pamela Jones
Susan Larry McKeever
Denise Lawson
Annette Lee
Gloria Leonard
Monica Lewers
Lugenia Lewis
John Littleton
Betty Lumpkins
Lenda Mason
Gail McGruder
McShan Family
Bernadine McNeal
Carolyn McQuarter
Anastacia Mebane
Judy Michaelis
Deborah Mitchell
Argentry Mitchell
Geraldine Moore

Jeff Moore
Michael Moore
Euphrasia Mutinda
Maria Jossey Owen
Gregory Papesch
Minnette Penman
Allen Peoples
Sr. Jamie Phelps, O.P.
Marionette Phelps
Jean Porter
Louise Ray
Clara Reiser
Tyna 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
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