

# OUR LADY OF AFRICA PARISH

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C - SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022



**Served by: The Society of the Divine Word...** Popularly known as the Divine Word Missionaries  
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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**  
Holy, Catholic & Apostolic  
EST. July 4, 2021 - Chicago

## 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 Associate Pastor...

### *Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

#### **Dear Parishioners:**

God's love for humanity is outstanding as we see it in creation and redemption. He also invites every person to respond to his personal love. From the earliest of times, God has called human persons to be with him for he is the creator who has made every human person in his own image and likeness and desires to have constant contact with him. He invites all of us to have a personal relationship with him and when we do wrong and go astray; he invites us to a spirit of repentance to make us live a life worthy of him. Repentance means to turn around, and go in the opposite direction, change one's way of thinking, change our values, change the mind and heart, change our desires, and more importantly change the direction of life. It means that there is an invitation for total conversion and a complete transformation in the person. However, there comes a time in the life of every child of God to respond to his invitation to follow Him closely and participate in His mission. This might require a change in our present career into a service dedicated for God.

First reading is from the book of Prophet Nehemiah. The happenings after the return of the Jews from their exile in Babylon is narrated. The nation had to be rebuilt. Ezra the priest took the task of re-establishing the Jewish religion. He read the book of the Law of Moses to the people. Then he made them to renew the Covenant with the Lord God. Second reading is from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians. Paul explains to the community in Corinth how the human body is united and functions as a single unit. Though the human body is made of many parts, all of them work together for the benefit of the whole body. The Apostle affirms that so it is with the Church. Though it is composed of many members coming from various cultures, different backgrounds and are empowered with various gifts, they all form a unity in Christ Jesus. He stresses how each one of us must co-operate with others for each one is a necessary member of the Body of Christ Jesus.

Today's Gospel reading is from St. Luke. We have a description about the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus. Jesus began his public ministry in the synagogue at Nazareth. There He opened the book of the Prophet Isaiah and read the passage relating to His future ministry: to preach the good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives, sight to the blind and liberty to the oppressed. Jesus then went on to announce that this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled on that very day. Thus in the Gospel we have an announcement that God's promises are fulfilled in Jesus His beloved Son. The long awaited Messiah, the anointed one has come. That Jesus is in fact the one promised by God. This message of the Gospel first preached in Galilee has to find its fulfillment in and through us.

Hence we need to do the following: 1. we need to acknowledge that God's power is necessary for accomplishing the mission of Jesus. He was filled with the Holy Spirit and preached the good news and liberated people from bondage of sin. 2. At baptism we too received the Holy Spirit. Again at confirmation we were anointed by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit of God constantly empowers us to continue the mission of Jesus. Thus the Lord Jesus invites each one of us to grow in faith and become effective witnesses of His good news in our families, parish communities and society at large.

*Fr. Francis Rayappan, SVD*





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

Scan QR Codes  
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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.

### Just to let you know...

All Tax Forms will be available on Sunday, January 30th for the July 4 thru December 31st. contributions to Our Lady of Africa Parish.

Thank you for your kind generosity!

**May God Bless you All!**



### Parish Up Coming Events

- 1/22 - CPR Training - Cancelled Date (TBD)
- 1/30 - Fr. George Clemen Birthday Celebration 11:30 Mass- Reception after the Mass
- 2/6 - Blessed Sacrament Society Luncheon  
(See Member for more information)

### Mass Intentions:

Repose Soul of Mrs. Beverly Elliston  
Rose Allen  
Requested by Stephanie Tinker



### Pope's Tweet:

#### Third Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Praying together for one another and cooperating in charity with one another for the sake of this world which God loves so much: this is the most concrete route to full unity.  
#ChristianUnity!



## 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.*

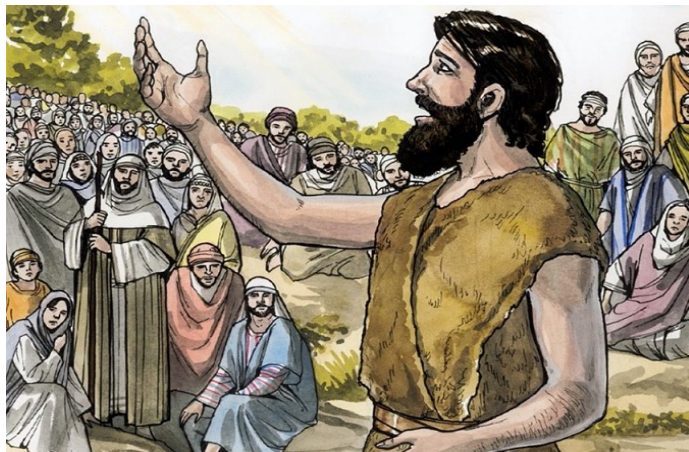
*Our Lady of Africa,* *Pray for Us.*

*Venerable Fr. Augustus Tolton* *Pray for Us.*

## Website for Our Lady of Africa



Third Sunday of Ordinary Time



## SICK & SHUT-IN LIST

Curtis Albright  
Dorla Allen  
Patrice Anderson  
Jessie Andrews  
James Barker  
Donald Barner  
Louise Bates  
Myra Baugh  
Christine Brown  
Barbara McGee-Berry  
Patricia Brown  
Roscoe Burns  
Dean Brazier  
James Brazier  
Calicott Family  
Marilyn Campbell  
Esperanza Carr  
Russell Carter  
Lillian Cherry  
Michael Anthony Clark  
Lydia Clark  
Willie B. Clay  
Mary Crawford  
Lisa Crosby-Fields  
Matthew Crosby-Fields  
Chiyenne Crosby-Fields  
Ella Crossley  
Sr. Eleanor Doidge  
Cecelia Douglas  
Keith Devers  
Judith Easter  
Barbara Edwards-Hill  
Elsie Freeman  
Wanda Finney  
Ola Mae Forde  
Nazaree Fuller  
Rosemary Gardner  
Frederick Gibson  
Florence Glenn  
Andre D. Golden  
Mable Gray  
Avis Green  
Bettie Green  
Barbara Golden  
Vircy Spight-Harris  
Marjorie Heard  
Lorraine Henderson  
Justin Henderson  
Juanita Hern  
Kelly Robin Hill

Velma Hill  
Hugh Hodges  
Rita Holland  
Sandra Houston  
Doris Humphries  
Nolan Humphries  
George James  
Janet James  
Thelma Jackson  
Leslie Jackson  
Mildred Jackson  
Majorbelle James  
John Q. Jennings  
Therese Jessie  
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  
Carrie Miller  
Deborah Mitche  
Geraldine Moore  
Michael Moore  
Euphrasia Ann Mutinda  
Maria Jossey Owen  
Minnette Penman  
Marionette Phelps  
Sr. Jamie Phelps, O.P.  
Jean Porter  
Deborah Powell  
Louise Ray  
Tyna Rule  
Phyllis Shackelford  
Alfrances Sharpe  
Beverly Sims  
Shirley Simmons  
Sunnette Varnado  
Smith  
Emma Stewart  
Margaret Stewart  
Alonzo Studstill  
Donald Suggs  
Janice Taylor  
Alice Thompson  
Cynthia Thompson

Renee Trotter  
Audrey Tuggle  
Elizabeth Upchurch  
Joanne Wallace  
Joyce Wallace  
Tandra Watson  
Mrs. P. Wells  
Doris Whitaker  
Eryn Whitaker  
Rita White  
Yvonne Whitenier  
Arlene G. Williams  
Evelyn Williams  
Naiya Williams  
Michael Williams  
Patricia Williams  
Sheila Williams  
Craig Wright

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.

MARION ZIMMER BRADLEY



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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.**