

OUR LADY OF AFRICA PARISH

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FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD YEAR C - SUNDAY, JANUARY 9, 2022



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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,
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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 Pastor...

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Dear Parishioners:

Our Christmas Season Officially ends today with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. It is the Feast that launches us into giving our Witness in Word and Deed to Christ Jesus as Catholics and Christians.

Next Sunday, we will Celebrate Rev. Doctor Martin Luther, Jr. Day at our 11:30 am Mass. Please feel free to wear your Cultural Heritage Dress on that day. Our Lady of Africa Parish and the Coalition for Spiritual and Public Leadership are having a MLK Leadership Training on Monday, the Martin Luther King Day Holiday, January 17th from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. It will be done at the Tolton Center at 44 E. 41st Street. It is where our Large Monthly Food Pantry Operates on every 4th Saturday. Please see the Bulletin Insert and come to this wonderful Leadership Training Day. It is done in the Spirit of Dr. King's Sacrifice and Service to our Nation and the World.

On Sunday, January 30th, we will Celebrate Fr. George Clements Birthday (1/26) at the 11:30 am Mass. Afterwards, we will have a Fellowship in the Rev. Paul Smith Hall. On that day we will add Fr. George Clements Name to the Hall. It will be known going forward as the Rev. George Clements/Rev. Paul Smith Hall.

Finally, the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord encourages us to Renew our own Baptismal Promises once again. It is a moment of Reflection for us to remember what that means in Word and Deed as followers of Jesus Christ. Missionary Disciples who love one another and engage everyday in loving, compassionate service of everyone.

We are to live with the love, generosity and humility of Christmas in our Hearts and Souls 24/7.

Fr. Bob Kelly, SVD

PS: I will be away from 1/11 to 1/21. Be Blessed!





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

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YouTube

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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.

Just to let you know...

Fr. Bob Kelly, SVD will be away from January 11-21. Fr. Francis Xavier, SVD will 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

1/12 Happy Birthday Fr. Francis Xavier, SVD

1/15—Feast of St. Arnold Janssen, SVD

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

1/29 Feast of St. Joseph Freinademetz, SVD

1/30-2/5 Catholic Schools Week

Pope's Tweet:



Feast of the Baptism of the Lord:

"On the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, we rediscover our Baptism. Just as Jesus is the Father's beloved Son, we too, reborn by water and the Holy Spirit, know that we are beloved children of God, brothers and sisters among many other brothers and sisters.

Mass Intensions:

Ms. Tamara Hudson

Mrs. A. Washington

Requested by: Ms. Taliva Tillman

George Dean

Requested by Gloria Dean

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.*

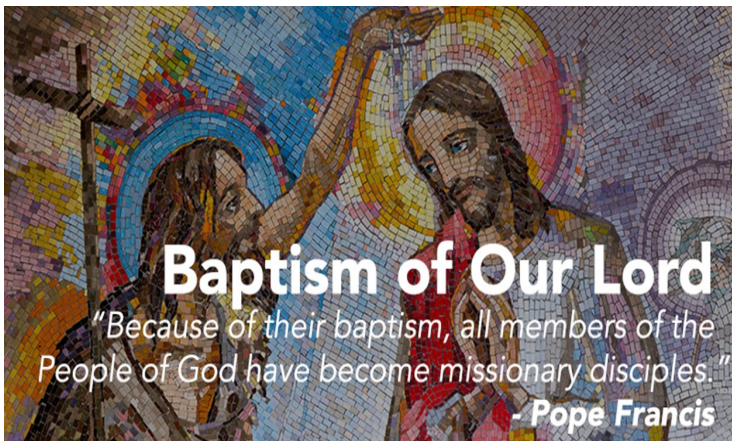
St. Elizabeth of Hungary, *Pray for Us.*

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

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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
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Lydia Clark
Willie B. Clay
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Chiyenne Crosby-Fields
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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.

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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.