

OUR LADY OF AFRICA PARISH

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 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,
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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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Conference Call

Phone Number: 1-267-807-9601

Code to enter: 340 355 967#

**Weekday Masses: Monday-Friday
8:00 PM Tolton Heritage Center Rectory**

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

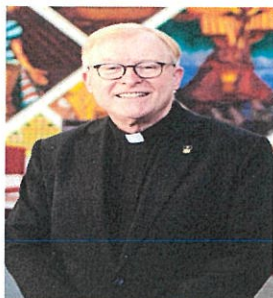
Food Pantry

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!



Our Lady of Africa
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Message from our Pastor...

Dear Parishioners,

Lent is a season that is very familiar to us. Often, we recall the act of giving something particular up and trying our best to adhere to the promises we make on Ash Wednesday. Whether we remain committed to those resolutions on Ash Wednesday all the way through Easter or we have small recommitments throughout the season, the goal is to love Jesus better and recognize how much gravity His sacrifice on the cross was (and still is) for us. Lent is a season rightly associated with penitence, fasting, almsgiving, and prayer.

Responding to God's Call

Ephesians 2:8-10

⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; ⁹it is not from works, so no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them."

A neighbor's husband recently died unexpectedly, even as we all believed his health was improving. Of course, the pandemic made getting together with her complex as she scurried about making funeral preparations. Times like this always seem to involve food. So, we purchased a good selection of various types of fruit to be available for a quick healthy pick-me-up snack for her. When we finally caught her at home and gave her the bags of fruit, one would have thought that we had delivered a feast. Her smile and "thank-yous" were an unexpected blessing for us. The fruit fit the bill for her perfectly. She said she could not stop and take the time to eat, but now she could grab a piece of fruit and eat it on the run. Often, we fail to realize God is good all the time, as He helps us do what is right for others in a timely manner. Too often, we hesitate and miss the window of opportunity to help. These opportunities often require us to set aside our planned activities so we can do the things in God's plan. I pray that God will help each one of us be more aware of the opportunities that He puts before us. And may the Holy Spirit fill our hearts with love for you and each other. **Amen**

Right now there are 2 Million Refugees because of Russia's Invasion of Ukraine. Most are woman and children. Please pray for them and for peace.

Fr. Bob Kelly, SVD

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or

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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 PM, the Prayer Line on Thursday morning at 9:00 AM and the Dial in Prayer Service on Sunday Morning at 10:00 AM.



**RETURN TO ME WITH
YOUR WHOLE HEART**



*"Deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow me."
-Jesus*

March 13 – Second Sunday of Lent

A Vocation View: Are you listening to Jesus, the Chosen One? Be open to what he reveals to you. Let his message dwell in your heart.

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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

03/16-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

03/18-Stations of the Cross at 3:00 pm.
Church Doors open at 2:15 pm.

03/19-Lenten Recollection-at the Convent of the Holy Spirit : 9:30 am to 2:00 pm. Bus Departs Our Lady of Africa at 7:45 am.

03/23-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

03/25-Stations of the Cross at 3:00 pm.
Church Doors open at 2:15 pm.

**Please remember the following in
your prayers for healing:**

Thelma "Trudy" Jackson

Joyce Lane

Shirley Simmons

Keith Wilson



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.



Website for Our Lady of Africa



SICK & SHUT-IN LIST

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

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MORE PLEASANT TO
THE TRAVELER
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BUILT IN DESPAIR
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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
WALKING WITH CHRIST

The Second Sunday of Lent

Lk 9:28-36

Dear Friends,

The Transfiguration story, this tantalizing peak at the glorious Christ, is in all three cycles of our Lenten celebration. At first glance, and even third glance, it is hard to figure out how it fits the somber message of Lent.

Peter had a hard time with the message of the Suffering Messiah the first time around. He could not connect his answer, the Messiah of God, to Jesus' question, **"Who do you say I am?"** (Lk 9:20) Peter's dilemma was this: Jesus was the Messiah. How could He suffer? Jesus just deepened Peter's confusion when referring to the disciple's acknowledgement of him being the Messiah, Jesus **"rebuked them and directed them not to tell this to anyone."** (Lk 9:21) No doubt we share Peter's confusion when we try to equate our belief in an all loving and an all-powerful God and the horror of Japan's catastrophe at Hiroshima. Peter's dilemma is our dilemma. How do we link the divine goodness and suffering on an incomprehensible scale and even the consistent occurrence of affliction in our daily lives? We witness the slaughter in our cities and the total waste of life, both young and old, as a result of the gangs. Much bigger than the problem of immigration is the gross poverty around the world that forces people to leave their homes.

In the Transfiguration, Jesus reaffirms his divinity. However, He does this on the road to Jerusalem where He will be rejected, suffer and die. Then the Father says, **"This is my Chosen Son. Listen to him."** (Lk 9:35) This is the key to the placement of the Transfiguration story on this second Sunday of our Lenten journey. Here we will find the way out of Peter's confusion and our confusion.

The message the Father wants the disciples to hear is clear. Jesus is the Suffering Messiah and the disciples need to follow him. **"If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."** (Lk 9:23)

Jesus makes this message more breathtaking in his conversation with Moses and Elijah. **"and he spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem."** (Lk 9:31) This was his path to the fullness of the Kingdom through his Passion, Death and Resurrection. Lent is a time to prepare to celebrate the Death and Resurrection of Jesus the Christ with new joy, stronger faith and growing love. This is the great mystery of our faith and our life, As many times as we have heard the story, it still holds the seeds of light and wisdom, of hope and tenderness. It reminds us how close God is to us and how thin the curtain between the divine and human truly is. We are always on the edge of our human frailty and mortality. Equally, we are on the edge of eternal life and happiness. Whether it is the brokenness of our relationships, the consequences of sin, or the corruption of our world, we need to search the depths of our hearts and **"Listen to Him!"** (Lk 9:35) He will reveal anew that the last word is not sickness, injustice, prejudice, and the foibles of nature's awesome power or even death. The last word revealed in the Crucified and Risen Christ is life and the victory of love. Once again, our journey to Jerusalem in Lent and, more so in our life, is an invitation to enter into the mystery. This mystery joins the Divine and suffering, the suffering and glorious Messiah. It leads to the victory of Easter.

The Augustinian Friars of the St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel
present

A Festival of Peace 2022

Friday, March 25

An oasis in the city providing an opportunity to be anchored in love, mercy, and healing.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 12:00 PM – Mass for the Solemnity of the Annunciation with St. Rita Novena Prayers followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:45 PM
- 1:00 PM – Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary with St. Rita Novena Prayers
- 3:00 PM – Divine Mercy Chaplet with St. Rita Novena Prayers
- 5:00 PM – Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary with St. Rita Novena Prayers
- 7:00 PM – Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary with St. Rita Novena Prayers
- 8:00 PM – 10:00 PM – Praise & Worship Music with Fr. Bradley Zamora, Fr. Joshua Link & Friends
- 10:30 PM – 11:30 PM – Praise & Worship Music with St. Rita of Cascia Parish
- 11:45 PM – Benediction

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION WILL BE OFFERED
FROM 12:00 PM UNTIL 12:00 AM CONTINUOUSLY.**

The St. Rita of Cascia High School Fathers' Club will offer hospitality with a Bistro of food & drink from 5:00 PM until 11:30 PM.

For additional information or to view the entire event via live stream visit:
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