

OUR LADY OF AFRICA PARISH

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 15, 2022



Served by: The Society of the Divine Word... Popularly known as the Divine Word Missionaries

Pastor: Fr. Bob Kelly, SVD, Brother Alu Aisi, SVD, Frater Andrew Wang, SVD

Transitional Deacon Carl Gales, SVD, Frater Manie Manuel, SVD, Frater Zachary Smith, SVD

Senior Deacon Mervin Johnson, Deacon Ivan Lazcano, Deacon Michael Foggie

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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2022 Annual Catholic Appeal

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Weekday Masses: Monday-Friday

8:00 PM Tolton Heritage Center Rectory

**Sacrament of Reconciliation
(Confession)**

Saturday 3:00PM—3:30PM

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

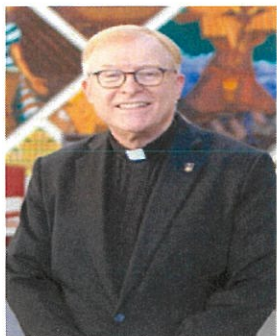
44 E. 41st. Hours for both are:

10:00 AM until 12:00 noon.

All are welcome!



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Message from our Pastor...



Dear Parishioners,

Our Easter Season is a 50 Day Celebration which finishes with Pentecost Sunday. Usually by this time in the Easter Celebration we are usually on to something else. We get comfortable again with our lives, go back to our old selves and have no sense of ongoing celebration. Maybe it is the challenges going on all around us...and we know that there are so many right now from the War in Ukraine, to Violence on our Streets, to paying the Bills, and worrying about everything that comes our way. All of this can consume us and take over...and Jesus' Resurrection at Easter is long gone...no sense of what his Life, Death and Resurrection mean for us.

The Scriptures...they can help us in the midst of Spring doldrums/worries.

Acts tells us that Paul and Barnabas Proclaimed the "Good News." They strengthened the spirits of the disciples and told them to persevere in the Faith, it is necessary that we face many hardships to enter the Reign of God.

In the Book of Revelation we read and hear about the new Heaven and new Earth, the former one, the old Heaven and Earth has passed away. God dwells in us, the Human Race.

The Gospel of John tells us to "love one another" as I have loved you. Jesus commands, invites, encourages us: "as I have loved you, so you also should love one another." We will be known as his disciples, his followers if we love as Jesus loves.

Be a witness of that, be that new person who really lives that new Heaven and new Earth. Don't worry about the hardships we must face. Evil is always trying to trick you into thinking there is no use, just go back to your old comfortable ways. Be that Easter person that lives/breathes the "love of God and love of neighbor." Be that light that shines and celebrates the new life that Jesus offers us everyday!

Fr. Bob Kelly, SVD

The Second Collection today is for Catholic Charities: "Mother's Day Collection". Please read the message from Archbishop of Chicago, Cardinal Blaise Cupich.





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

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

Scan QR Codes
YouTube

Facebook

Online Giving



Donation offerings are mailed to the following address:
Our Lady of Africa Parish
615 E Oakwood
Chicago, IL 60653

Website for Our Lady of Africa



Father Tracy's Blog
Praying Alone Together

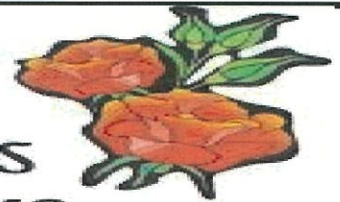
THE FREE CONFERENCE CALL NUMBER

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.



May 15 – Fifth Sunday of Easter
A Vocation View: God has chosen to dwell with us. Share your gifts with others to reveal his presence.
DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES and SISTER SERVANTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
800-553-3321



Just as
I have
loved you,
you also
should **love**
one another.
John 13.34

Parish Up Coming Events

- 5/16– Happy Birthday Bro. Alu Aisi, SVD
- 5/17– Holy Angels School Mass—10:00AM
- 05/18 –Weekly Bible Study in Person at 11:00 AM
- 05/19-Weekly Food Pantry—10:00AM-12:00 Noon
Tolton Heritage Center.
- 05/21 -Ushers/Greeters Training 8:30 –11:30 AM

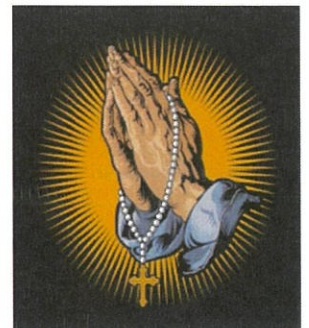
Please remember the following in your prayers for healing:

Argentry Mitchell
Catherine Cosby
Dorothy Williams
David Berry
Helen Brooms

Mass Intention

Repose Souls

+Karen Aphour
+Lawrence Coombs



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.

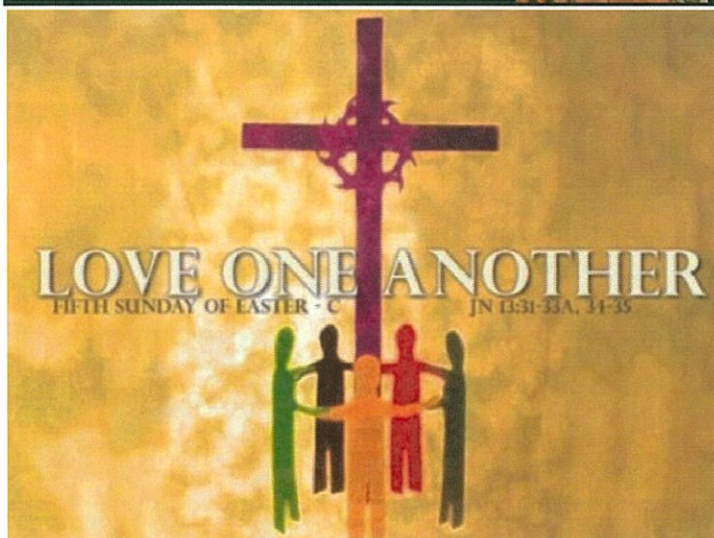
You who, in the midst of the Apostles,

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.



**Sacrament of Reconciliation on
Saturday: 3:00PM-3:30PM**

Sick & Shut-in



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

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.**

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

John 13:31-35

Dear Friends,

As I never tire of repeating, the Church gives us seven weeks to celebrate, ponder and pray over the reality of the Resurrection. This event taps into the most basic human realities, life and death, sin and grace. We tend to miss the profound message.

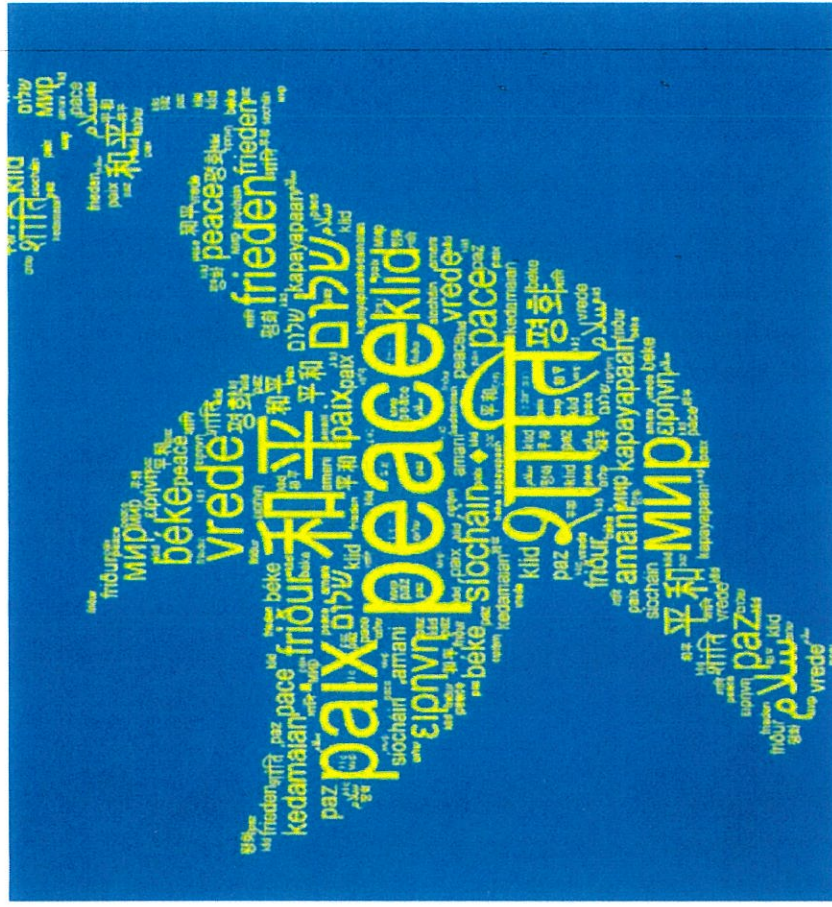
In today's second reading from Revelations (21:1-5) we read this, ***"Behold God's dwelling is with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people and God himself will always be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away."*** (Rev21:3-4)

This is just one more way of expressing the beauty and the wonder of the Resurrection. God has spoken and the last word is not pain and suffering, but healing. The last word is not injustice, poverty and war but reconciliation, peace and justice. The last word is not hate and division but love. The Lord has conquered death and called us to eternal life.

This message of eternal life engulfs the entire Easter message. This is what the passage from Revelation is telling us. We find it so hard to believe when we face the reality of our daily life and our world or simply read the front page of the LA Times. This is why we have to move slowly and steadily into this great event of our faith, this great final expression of God's love, this final word of life and love and healing. This is what we mean that ***Christ is risen, Alleluia, Alleluia!***

Last week, we were invited in the Scriptures to embrace the greatest of the gifts of Christ's victory, eternal life. Today, we are called to realize with new insight and wisdom that eternal life for us begins right now. When we love as Jesus did, we are living the Pascal Mystery of the Death and Resurrection. We begin eternal life now when we love. When we love as Jesus did, we break loose of the bonds of sin and death and give expression to that seed of life that is Christ within us. We begin our eternity now when we walk in the way of love with Jesus. ***"As I have loved you, so should you love one another. (John 13:34)***

JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY



- Wednesday - 11:00 AM
- With Fr. Tracy O'Sullivan, O.Carm.
- At Fr. Clements / Fr. Smith Parish Hall

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Spring 2022

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Throughout every season of their lives, mothers make unimaginable sacrifices to ensure the safety, health, and well-being of their families. Through their selfless love, they ground and sustain us as we enter into the world and embark on our lives.

The pandemic has disproportionately impacted mothers, especially mothers of color, single mothers, and those living on a low income. Catholic Charities works tirelessly to serve and accompany hundreds of these mothers each day by providing counseling for pregnant mothers, emergency assistance and housing for families facing homelessness and domestic abuse, and care and in-home services for aging mothers and grandmothers. Every day Catholic Charities works to bring Christ's love and mercy to the mothers who need it most.

Each spring, we have an opportunity to support our Church's work on behalf of mothers and their families through Catholic Charities' Mother's Day Collection. This is one of the most meaningful gifts we can give in honoring this holiday, because it directly affects our Church's outreach and work on behalf of women and families in need. The work of Catholic Charities is unsurpassed throughout the Chicago region and your support will have a profound effect on mothers in need. Your kindness will help mothers provide food and housing for their families and even assist mothers who have fled a country ravaged by war and violence.

Please accept my gratitude for your past support of Catholic Charities' Mother's Day Collection, and please consider being as generous as you can again this year. Contributions can be made three ways: 1) during the second collection on Mother's Day at your Parish, 2) online at www.catholiccharities.net/donate, or 3) by mail at Catholic Charities, 75 Remittance Drive, Dept. 1623, Chicago, IL 60675-1623.

May God bless you and those you love this Mother's Day and always. With every good wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Archbishop of Chicago

GREETERS and Ushers

Vicariate VI Usher and Greeter Meeting
and Training hosted by Valerie Jennings

When: Saturday, May 21, 2022

Location: Church Sanctuary

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.



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Books and Badges will be given out at this time. This is a mandatory meeting/ training for all Ushers and Greeters & for anyone wishing to join this ministry