

OUR LADY OF AFRICA PARISH

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - MAY 8, 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

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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

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

2022 Annual Catholic Appeal

Making all things new...
God's promise and our responsibility



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

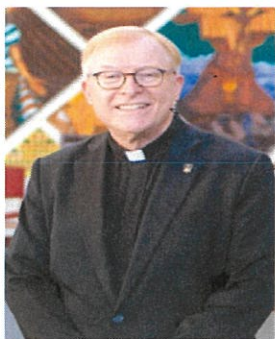
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10:00 AM until 12:00 noon.

All are welcome!



Our Lady of Africa
WE ARE ONE
Holy, Catholic & Apostolic
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Message from our Pastor...



Dear Parishioners,

A very Happy Mother's Day to All the Mothers, Grandmothers and Great Grandmothers of our Parish. We know how essential Mothers are to Families. They give us life, raise us, feed us with food and especially Faith. Their Love and example give us Hope amid the many challenges of life. And, they always pray for a better future for all of us.

Let us remember All our Mothers, including the Mothers who adopted us when we lost our own to God. And, we also especially remember those +Mothers who are still watching over us from above. Please remember all Mothers in prayer this weekend as we celebrate and give thanks for all that they do on a daily basis.

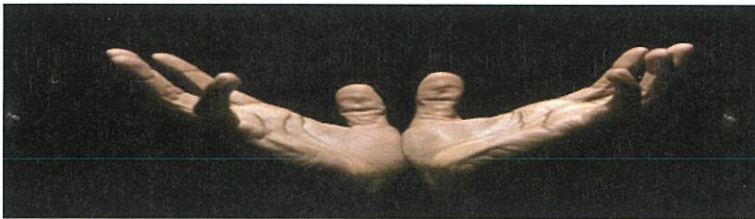
Fr. Tracy O'Sullivan, O.Carm., who helps us on weekends and conducts our weekly In Person Bible Study, is celebrating his 60th Anniversary in Priesthood. It is on Saturday evening at the 4:00 pm Mass. It is Fr. Tracy's desire to keep this celebration low key in thanksgiving to Jesus and to everyone who has supported him throughout his life. A light reception of Cake, Cookies and refreshments will follow the 4:00 pm Mass. Congratulations and Blessings to Fr. Tracy and his Family members who join us on Saturday evening.

An important letter inserted in the Parish Bulletin this weekend speaks about the Virtus Compliance required by the Archdiocese of Chicago and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. All Church Ministers and Volunteers who work with Children and Vulnerable Adults are required to complete the Virtus Training as part of our Compliance with "Protecting God's Children." Each year the Archdiocese requires an Audit done for every Parish. It helps us to stay in Virtus Compliance and it helps us make changes or updates where we need them. It is our ministry to protect and pray for All God's Children. Please read the letter and see Tina Carter, Regina Cook, or Lena Young on any questions regarding your Virtus Compliance.

Wishing many Blessings to All Mothers and Fr. Tracy on his 60th Anniversary!

Fr. Bob Kelly, SVD





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

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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

May 8 - Fourth Sunday of Easter

A Vocation View:

Who will shepherd God's people? Pray that good leaders, filled with joy and the Holy Spirit, will serve our Church.

**DIVINE WORD MISSIONARIES and
SISTER SERVANTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
800-553-3321**



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.

Parish Up Coming Events

- 05/11 -Weekly Bible Study in Person at 11:00 AM
- 05/12 -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:**

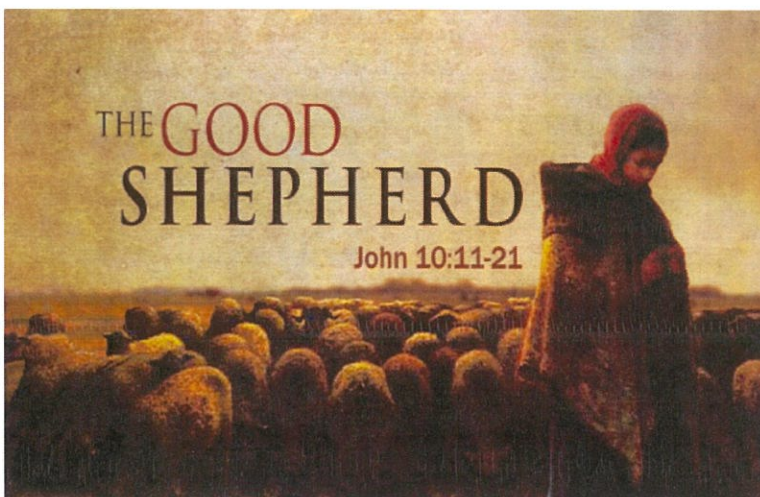
Argentry Mitchell
Donald McKinney, Jr.
Catherine Cosby
Dorothy Williams
David Berry
Helen Brooms

Mass Intention

Charlotte Morman-From Conchetta Holt

Repose Souls

+Dennis Johnston
+Keith Devers
+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.



Happy 
Mother's
Day

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

Sick & Shut-in



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

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.**



Fourth Sunday of Easter-C

Jn 10:27-30

Dear Friends,

The Easter Season calls us to become an Alleluia People. For us, personally and as a faith community, Easter is an encounter with the victory of love over all that is evil. This love shines through the Risen Christ. The Easter triumph of love gives us hope no matter where life leads us in its twisting journey.

Today's gospel displays this hope is in the role of the Good Shepherd. This pastoral theme is in each of the Church's cycles on the fourth Sunday of Easter. The image of the Good Shepherd draws us deeper into the Easter mystery.

Jesus tells us, **"My sheep hear my voice, I know them and they follow me...no one can take them out of the Father's hands."** (Jn 10:27-28) Jesus has our back no matter what the circumstances!

Jesus, as the shepherd, offers us both security and guidance. This relationship to one who protects us and directs us. It touches a deep passion in our hearts. True self-knowledge of our brokenness leads us to hunger for deliverance. We want to cast off the ambiguity and confusion of our reality. We yearn for safety and clarity. Jesus, as our Good Shepherd, addresses that ache in our hearts. His voice sets us free from the crippling ambivalence and fear. He guides us with a caring presence in the midst of the daily wolves of violence, division, ignorance and injustice that are a constant threat to us.

Jesus, as our Shepherd, nurtures our sense of hope in this Easter Season. Jesus has shown us that there is no earthly power, no matter how dominant or seemingly invincible, that can overcome God's love. This is the Easter message. This love becomes personal for us in the Good Shepherd. This love generates the Easter reality. It is our passage into eternal life when we are the sheep of the Good Shepherd. **"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me."** (Jn 10: 27)

Today's gospel compels us to receive the protection and accept the direction of the Good Shepherd. It gives us hope leading to life eternal beginning now when we follow the Good Shepherd in our daily life.

We need to ask ourselves, are we open to this gift? Do we hear the voice of Jesus in our day by day experience and responsibilities? Do we really accept, embrace and celebrate the wonder of the Alleluia which is our invitation into the great event of love that is the Risen Christ? When our yes to the Good Shepherd is true and honest we are on the way to becoming an Alleluia People.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



ANNUAL VOCATIONS APPEAL

World Day of Prayer for Vocations Sunday, May 8

We see in Jesus, the Good Shepherd, the heart of every calling. Everyone is called, and everyone has a vocation in the Church. Come listen to vocation stories from priests at your parish by going to your regular Sunday Mass on May 8.

Mass and Adoration with Bishop Robert Lombardo Friday, May 13, 5–6:30 p.m. Holy Name Cathedral

All are invited to pray for vocations and all those who will be ordained. This will conclude the Centennial Holy Hours for Vocations across the Chicago area.

If you have questions regarding your vocation, please contact Fr. Tim Monahan at 312.534.8298 or tmonahan@archchicago.org.

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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,

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Archbishop of Chicago

In order to apply for this Position: You can Google – Archdiocese of Chicago
Employment or Contact: Danielle Robinson at: drobinson@bigshouldersfund.org
Telephone (404)838-9505

HIRING: PRINCIPAL

*Calling
All
Angels*



May 1, 2022



Dear Parishioners,

As we continue to unify as a parish community, the Virtus records of the heritage parishes were combined. For those who are not familiar with Virtus, Protecting God's Children for Adults is a training conducted by certified facilitators on the prevention of child sexual abuse. The training educates participants on the signs of child sexual abuse, the methods and means by which offenders commit abuse, and how to prevent it. Facilitators incorporate Archdiocesan policies and procedures into the training, defining child sexual abuse, addressing the reporting of child sexual abuse, and the screening and selection of employees and volunteers.

The Archdiocese of Chicago will be conducting an audit of each parishes Virtus records beginning in March and concluding in May. I need your help! Some of you served in multiple ministries, some of which involved children. Tina L Carter, the site administrator, along with Regina Cook or Lena Young, back-up administrators, will be reaching out to some of you in the coming days to update our Virtus Records. They will need to know, what ministry you are currently involved in and if you are in a ministry that works with or serves children. If you are no longer involved in a ministry that serves children and have a Virtus account, you will be given the option of becoming inactivated in Virtus. If, however you are involved in ministries that deal with children, your Virtus account may need to be updated.

If your account needs to be updated, you may be asked to complete the following

- CANTS 689 form (can get a copy from Tina to complete and return to her.)
- CANTS 22 form (can get a copy from Tina to complete and return to her.)
- Mandated Reporter Training (online approx. 2 hours)
 - MRT is done every three years
 - A copy of the certificate must be sent to Tina, Regina or Lena for credit of completion.
- Criminal Background Check (online 5-10 minutes)
- Archdiocese Standards of Behavior form (online 3-5 minutes)
- Keeping the Promise Alive Training (online approx. 1 hour)
- The monthly online articles are considered ongoing training and must be completed regularly.

Most of this work will take place online. If you do not have an email account or uncomfortable with using a computer, let Tina, Regina or Lena know and they can schedule some time with you to walk through the process.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Tina L Carter
Virtus Site Administrator

Fr. Bob Kelly, SVD
Pastor

002 District Presents

Faith in Action

Friday, May 27th, 2022

4:30pm - 7:30pm

Rain or Shine Baptist Church
704 E. 43rd Street

FREE

Food

FREE

Dunk-a-Cop Tank
Music, Gospel Singers
& Give-A-ways

Family Event

