

OUR LADY OF AFRICA PARISH

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PALM SUNDAY - APRIL 10, 2022



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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

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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

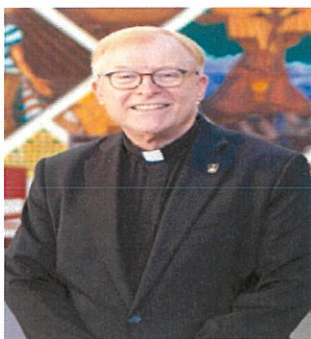
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10:00 AM until 12:00 noon.

All are welcome!



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Message from our Pastor...

Dear Parishioners,

GOD'S TRIUMPH THROUGH THE CROSS

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." (John 3:16)

Every year Holy Week leaves us amazed. We pass from the joy of welcoming Jesus as he enters Jerusalem to the sorrow of watching him condemned to death and then crucified. That sense of interior amazement will remain with us throughout Holy Week. Jesus' people give him a solemn welcome, yet he enters Jerusalem on a lowly colt. His people expect a powerful liberator at Passover, yet he comes to bring the Passover to fulfilment by sacrificing himself. His people are hoping to triumph over the Romans by the sword, but Jesus comes to celebrate God's triumph through the cross. We have to follow in his footsteps, to let ourselves be challenged by him. Jesus changed history by making himself close to us and he made it, though still marked by evil, into a story of salvation. By offering his life on the cross, Jesus also conquered death.

From the open heart of the crucified one, God's love reaches each of us. We can change our lives by drawing near to him and welcoming the salvation he offers us. Let us open our hearts to him in prayer this week.

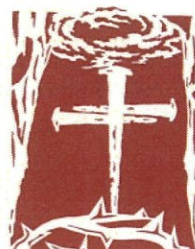
How might I change my life through a deeper understanding of Jesus suffering and death?

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

The pandemic hit particularly hard the Christians in the Holy Land. Most of them depend on pilgrimages to work. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is also necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land where the Church was born. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

Fr. Bob Kelly, SVD





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

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or

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Donation offerings are mailed to the following address:
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615 E Oakwood
Chicago, IL 60653

Website for Our Lady of Africa

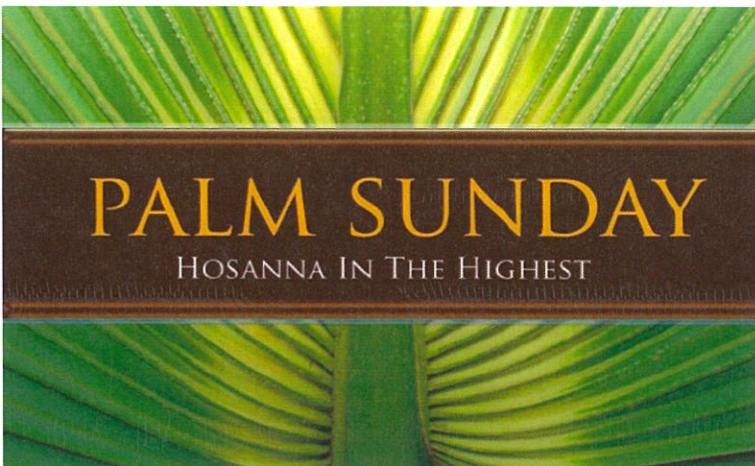


Father Tracy's Blog
Praying Alone Together

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.



April 10 – Palm Sunday

A Vocation View:

Surrender your life to God. You are promised eternal life.

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Holy Week is a privileged time when we are called to draw near to Jesus: friendship with him is shown in times of difficulty.

— Pope Francis —

Parish Up Choming Events

04/13- Weekly Bible Study 11:00 AM

Tenebrae Evening Prayer Service 6:30 PM

04/14- Seder Chicken Soup-5:00 PM

Mass of the Lord's Supper—6:30 PM

04/15- Stations of the Cross at 12:00 Noon

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3:00 PM

04/16- Holy Saturday—Easter Vigil at 7:00 PM

04/17- Easter Sunday: Masses: 9:00AM & 11:30 AM

Ghanaian Mass at 1:30 PM

French Mass at 5:00 PM

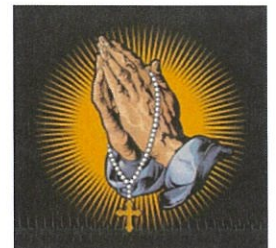
Igbo Mass at 2:30 PM Tolton Center Church

Please remember the following in your prayers for healing:

Argentry Mitchell
Florence Person
Donald McKinney, Jr.

Mass Intention:

+Mr. Averil Baldwin—Son of Mr. Floyd Donaldson,
Music Teacher of Holy Angels School



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.



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
Michael Burt
Dean Brazier
James Brazier
Calicott Family
Marilyn Campbell
Esperanza Carr
Russell Carter
Lillian Cherry
Michael A. Clark
Lydia Clark
Willie B. Clay
Mary Crawford
Ella Crossley
Sr. Eleanor Doidge
Cecelia Douglas
Keith Devers
Judith Easter
Deborah Edmundson
Elsie Freeman
Wanda Finney
Ola Mae Forde
Nazaree Fuller
Rosemary Gardner
Frederick Gibson
Florence Glenn
Andre D. Golden
Mable Gray
Avis Green
Bettie Green
Eleanor Griffin
Barbara Golden
Vircy Spight-Harris
Marjorie Heard
Lorraine Henderson
Justin Henderson
Juanita Hern
Barbara Edwards-Hill
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
Trudy Jackson
Majorbelle James
Therese Jessie
Cindy Jirsa
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
Donald McKinney, Jr.
Deborah Mitchell
Argentry Mitchell
Geraldine Moore
Michael Moore
Maria Jossey Owen
Gregory Papesch
Minnette Penman
Allen Peoples
Florence Person
Sr. Jamie Phelps, O.P.
Marionette Phelps
Jean Porter
Deborah Powell
Louise Ray
Tyna Rule
Phyllis Shackelford
Alfrances Sharpe
Beverly Sims
Shirley Simmons
Emma Stewart
Margaret Stewart
Alonzo Studstill
Janice Taylor

Alice Thompson
Cynthia Thompson
Renee Trotter
Audrey Tuggle
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
Euphrasia Ann Mutinda
Sunnette Varnado Smith

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HOLY week

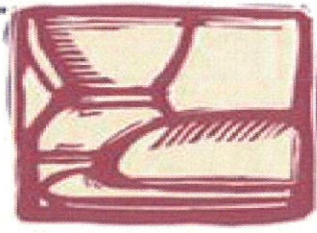


**Sacrament of Reconciliation on
Saturday: 3:00PM-3:30PM**

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.**

HOLY WEEK



April 2022

Dear Friends,

When I was young, Easter meant very little to us. The really big thing was Lent. The great time was at noon on Holy Saturday when we could eat candy and indulge in whatever else we gave up for Lent. This was an incredible distortion of the Church's message.

Today, we have another distortion of Easter. The big day is Good Friday. For many, if not most, Easter is an afterthought in much of our popular religious practice. The point we need to understand is that ***we are an Easter People!!***

The Church's teaching is very clear. The Death and Resurrection are one event! We take thirteen weeks to celebrate, in the most solemn and beautiful way, the central reality of our faith, the Pascal Mystery. This one event includes the Passion, Death, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus Christ. This same event is celebrated and experienced in every Mass.

We take a good chunk of the Church year to recall this story. However, it is so much more than a history lesson.

In the thirteen weeks from Ash Wednesday to Pentecost we have three seasons of the Church Year. The main purpose of the prayer and penance of Lent is to prepare us to be spiritually ready to celebrate the three holy days of the Triduum, Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday. The seven weeks of the Easter season are a time of prayer and reflection on the central reality of our faith, the Pascal Mystery, Christ Crucified and Christ Risen.

Here is the bottom line of all this material. The Church understands the Triduum, and the liturgy in general, in this way. It is not a reenactment. It is not simply a telling of the story no matter how solemn. We do not repeat history. This is what the Church teaches. We celebrate the Mystery and in the celebration, we are present to the Mystery, the one and singular and historical event. The power of the Spirit in the Church makes us present to the saving event, the Pascal Mystery.

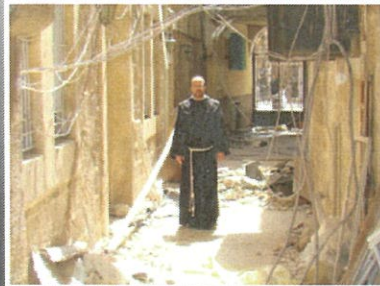
The celebration is the power and presence of God's saving grace coming into our lives here and now. This one saving event is not broken into parts. It is the Mystery of the saving action of God in Jesus Christ. We are entering into the deepest reality of our present life. We are experiencing here and now in our worship the presence of the saving love calling us to life. When we receive communion, the minister does not say this is a remembrance of the Body of Christ. The words state the reality. This is the Body of Christ!

So this week we have the most special of all the most sacred events in our liturgy. This is the most hallowed time to celebrate, and in the celebration not only recall, but be present to the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is what liturgy does. It brings us into the presence of the Pascal Mystery that we celebrate. We do not repeat it. We enter into it. This why we are Easter People!

Fr. Tracy O'Sullivan, O.Carm.



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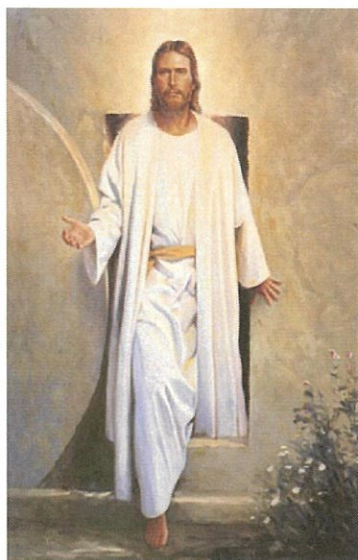
Holy Week Schedule 2022

Palm Sunday, April 9-10, 2022

Blessings of Palms and Mass at **4:00 pm, 9:00 am and 11:30 am**
Simple Entrance at the **4:00 pm and 9:00 am** Palm Sunday Masses
Solemn Entrance at the **11:30 am** Palm Sunday Mass

Weekly Bible Study, Wednesday, April 13, 2022

11:00 am followed by a light fellowship
6:30 pm Tenebrae Service of the Lamentations of Jeremiah the Prophet



Holy Thursday, April 14, 2022

Seder Chicken Soup-**5:00 pm**
Mass of the Lord's Supper-**6:30 pm**

Good Friday, April 15, 2022

Stations of the Cross at **12:00 noon**
Liturgy of the Lord's Passion at **3:00 pm**

Holy Saturday, April 16, 2022

Easter Vigil at **7:00 pm**

Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022

Masses at **9:00 am and 11:30 am**
Ghanaian Mass at **1:30 pm**
French Mass at **5:00 pm**

Igbo Mass at **2:30 pm** Tolton Center Church and Hall



Alleluia!

