

OUR LADY OF AFRICA PARISH

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C - SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 2022



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

Pastor: Fr. Bob Kelly, SVD, Associate Pastor: Fr. Francis Xavier, SVD, Brother Alu Aisi, SVD, Frater Andrew Wang, SVD, Deacon Carl Gales, SVD and Frater Manie Manuel, SVD, 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)



Our Lady of Africa
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Office Hours:

Monday to Friday: 9:00AM—3:30 PM

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Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Our Lady of Africa Parish,
615 E. Oakwood Blvd, 60653

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...

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Guests:

We give a very warm welcome to +Fr. George Clements Family and Friends and Guests today. I am also grateful to Fr. Tracy O'Sullivan, O.Carm. for being here to Preside and Preach. He knew +Fr. George very well from their work on the south side.

Today, we celebrate +Fr. George Clements Birthday, the former longtime serving Pastor of Holy Angels Church, now Our Lady of Africa Parish, in our Bronzeville Neighborhood. He was one of the Prophets among us on the south side of Chicago, but he was also a Prophet to the United States and the World. He was even a Prophet to the Continent of Africa and the Caribbean Islands.

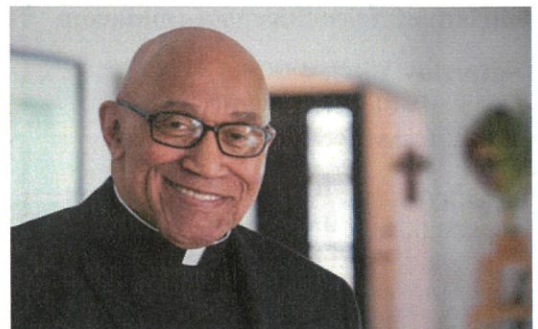
+Fr. George Clements respectfully challenged the Roman Catholic Hierarchy right up to the Vatican and the Political Leadership in Chicago, the United States and beyond. He also challenged his fellow Priests and Religious in Chicago and our Country as well to do what is right and just. And he challenged all members of all races, including his own, to "authentic Gospel living" all the time. He was and always will be remembered as a Prophet who lived and served among us.

Some accomplishments of Fr. Clements are listed here but I would need Volumes to write about all of them. Bringing Social Justice and Racial Equality to the South Side of Chicago and this City and Nation in all its healthy forms. He had along with +Fr. Paul Smith one of the finest and the largest Catholic Schools in the United States at Holy Angels for years too numerous to count. He Adopted African American Children when no one else would consider it until he did it and brought it to their attention prophetically. Fr. Clements also promoted the Black Culture and History in all its wonderful Forms. He was a devoted Shepherd and Pastor to his Parishioners, going to Africa to serve God's people and the Caribbean as well, and, working hard to stop Drug Abuse and Violence in our Nation from Chicago to Washington, DC and beyond.

The list goes on and on as I said above. And, for a very long time, he was still helping fellow Priests/Religious/Parishioners out by serving at weekend Masses on the South Side of Chicago, always making a difference. He walked the "Way of the Cross" during the last year of his life. One day when I phoned him, his last comment to me was "I am walking the Via de La Crucis and I don't mind walking with Jesus." We know he was constantly being put to the test, mostly by the evil that existed around him. God always supported him in these challenges, as God always supports us in our challenges.

Remember, +Fr. George was a Prophet among us who endured suffering and he is a Prophet who continues to intercede and work on our behalf from his Heavenly home. Finally, may all the prophetic men and women in our lives sent by God, past, present, and future, give you hope and inspire you and nudge you and I when we really need it.

Fr. Robert 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
YouTube

Facebook

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.



Pope's Tweet:

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Today I ask you to pray for peace in #Ukraine: Let us ask the Lord to grant that the country may grow in the spirit of brotherhood, and that divisions will be overcome. May the prayers that today rise up to heaven touch the minds and hearts of world leaders.

Just to let you know...

We are working on the Tax Forms. We will need for you to update your information in order to create Our Lady Of Africa Parish Register. Forms are in the Bulletin and also in the Church Lobby.

May God Bless you All!



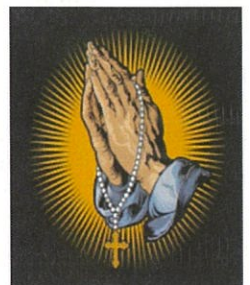
Parish Up Coming Events

- 1/30 + Fr. George Clement's Birthday Celebration 11:30 Mass-Fellowship will follow this celebration
- Second Collection for Church in Latin America
- 2/6 - Blessing of Throats at All Masses
- Blessed Sacrament Society Luncheon
- 2/13 - Anointing of Sick for Spiritual Healing
- 2/20 - Black History Month Celebration at All Masses at 1:00pm.

Please remember the following:

Repose Souls of :

- + Hannah Vineyard
- + Beverly Elliston
- + Elizabeth Upchurch,
- + Janet M. James-Millian
- + Donald Suggs



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.*

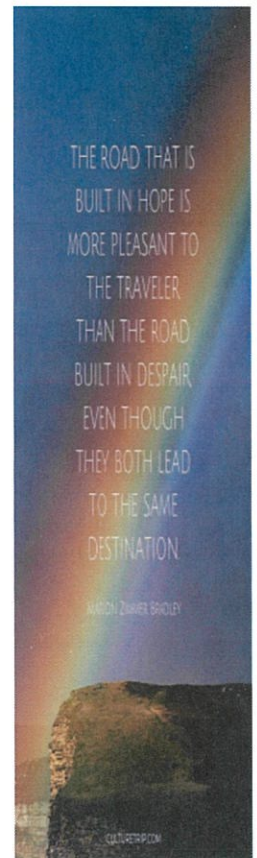
Venerable Fr. Augustus Tolton *Pray for Us.*

Website for Our Lady of Africa



SICK & SHUT-IN LIST

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



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 Ordinary Time - C

Lk 4:21-30

Dear Friends,

Today's gospel passage offers a dramatic turn of events. It is a look back and a plunge into the future. It is hard to grasp the incredibly rapid transformation from **"All spoke highly of him."** (Lk 4:22) to they **"led him to the brow of the hill...to hurl him down headlong."** (Lk 4:29)

Their rejection was clear and emphatic. It had been foretold by Simeon in the Temple. **"Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted."** (Lk 2:34-35)

Looking to the future, the scene of furious and singular rejection will be repeated on a larger scale as Jesus arrives in Jerusalem. At the heart of both the earlier and later rejections, and the continuing rejection in our day, is Jesus' message of universal love. Jesus presents a God who offers hospitality to all. This image of God calls for change. A deep conversion must shatter the limited and comfortable religious vision expressed in the statement, **"Isn't this the son of Joseph?"** (Lk 4:22) Isn't he one of us? Doesn't he share our sense of privilege and prestige and exclusion as God's special people? The townsfolk quietly understood, just like the chief priests and scribes later on, that Jesus was a threat to their comfort and control. They would have gladly made Jesus a local hero if they could set the agenda. They were the first in a long history of Christianity to try to make Jesus over in their image. Their Jesus would fit right in with their prejudices and ignorance, their lack of concern for the **"other"** in all its many manifestations that still are expressed in today's headlines.

I recently heard a joke on this issue. They got rid of all the foreigners, immigrants, and poor at the Nativity scene so only the donkeys and cows were left.

Jesus understood clearly. He faced a choice about the integrity of his message and the reality of the God of universal acceptance and hospitality. The **"Nazareth game"** is played out in our churches, parishes, communities and Church even today. We are ever into the Jesus make-over. We definitely are looking for the more comfortable model.

"Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away." (Lk 4:30) He did the same with the hostile leaders who thought they were getting rid of him in the crucifixion. That time Jesus passed through their midst in the resurrection and ascension. He does the same to us. Yet he never forsakes us. He is always calling us, like Peter, to a place we would rather not go.

Walking with Jesus involves a relentless shattering of our horizons. It makes a steady and consistent expansion of our reluctance to accept the **"other."** Jesus' message never lets us rest in the comfortable home of our prejudices and blindness. Jesus is always asking us to share the hospitality of the Father for all.



Share YOUR Faith



Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

I should no longer say that I have neighbors to help, but that I must myself be a neighbor to others.

—Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 81

On June 26, 2020, Fr. Ricardo Antonio Cortez Martínez, rector of the St. Óscar Arnulfo Romero seminary in Usulután, El Salvador, sent a request to the Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America for financial aid for 42 seminarians in the philosophy stage of their formation. Less than two months later, on August 7, Fr. Ricardo was found assassinated. Despite a falling homicide rate in El Salvador, three priests were slain from 2019 through August 2020.

To answer the call to priestly or consecrated life is a courageous act of faith, especially in a time and place where priests face violence, as Fr. Ricardo did. The Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America recognizes the courage and openness of seminarians, such as those at the St. Óscar Arnulfo Romero seminary, by supporting their formation as they prepare for lives of dedicated service. Your support for the Collection for the Church in Latin America makes it possible for young men in El Salvador and throughout Latin America and the Caribbean to answer that call. Thank you for your generosity.

For more information about the Collection for the Church in Latin America, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

2020 CLA Financials

Expenses

- Grants and Donations: **83.31%**
- Program Costs: **6.42%**
- Allocations—Internal Grants: **6.07%**
- Promotions and Fundraising Expenses: **2.90%**
- Administrative Expenses: **1.30%**

Total Expenses: \$6,877,734

Total Number of Grants Approved: 358

Total Amount Approved: \$10,851,081

- Emergency Disaster Funds: **47.93%**
- General Pastoral*: **36.41%**
- Formation of Clergy and Religious, and Vocations: **14.22%**
- Child Protection: **1.44%**

*includes evangelization, religious education, and family and other pastoral ministries



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Dear Our Lady of Africa Parish,

We are thrilled and very proud to announce that Mr. Fred Hail, III will be awarded an educational scholarship following an academic and essay competition. The scholarship amount will be announced during the awards program which will stream online, Sunday February 27th, 2022, from 4pm to 5pm.

We would like to invite the church membership to support Mr. Hail as they are able, by purchasing tickets and viewing the program as it streams. You may also support him through placing a congratulatory ad in the virtual ad book, making a donation in his name or as a memorial or tribute to a loved one. One may simply want to purchase virtual raffle tickets to win one of three cash prizes. We hope everyone will be excited to see this special event.

The attached flyer contains our website address which has detailed and complete information for the event at every support level. All purchases are online and provide a receipt to the purchaser's email address. The sponsor of this annual event, the Knights of Peter Claver, Ladies Auxiliary St. Felicitas/St. Ailbe Court 181, is a federally recognized 501 C3 charitable organization. As such, donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed through the United States Department of Internal Revenue. **Purchases should be completed by Monday, February 7, 2022.**

Thanking you again for your interest and attention to this matter. I wanted to have this announcement to you sooner. I apologize if it has interfered with your planning in any way. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 312-316-1009 with any question you may have. Let us all celebrate this accomplished young man for his hard work, scholarship and the positive image he presents. He is our future.

With kind regards,

Mary Ware

Chairwoman, Honoree Committee

Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary

St. Felicitas/St. Ailbe Court 181

28th Archbishop James P. Lyke, O.F.M.,

African American Male Image Awards

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PARISHIONER CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATE

All are welcome to worship at Our Lady of Africa Parish!

WE NEED YOU TO UPDATE CONTACT INFO AT
OUR LADY OF AFRICA PARISH

Visit www.ourladyofafricachicago.org for online Parishioner Contact Information Update!

NAME:

(First and Last Name; please include spouse's name if applicable)

Birthday: M/D

Working ☐

Retired ☐

Mother/Father/Parent at Home ☐

ADDRESS:

(House number and street name; include apt/unit number)

CITY & ZIP:

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Please ***submit*** this form in the collection basket or drop it off in the Parish Office!



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