

# OUR LADY OF AFRICA PARISH

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 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)



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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

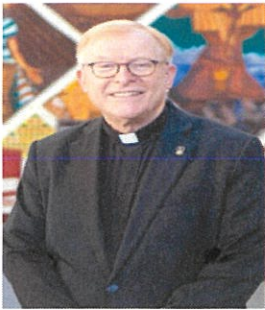
## Food Pantry

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:

The Scripture tells us that we are All created in the image and likeness of God. The Celebration of African American History Month, more commonly known as Black History Month, reminds us and everyone we are All God's people. God includes All and excludes no one. That is what God wants, that is what Jesus did and that is what the Holy Spirit leads us and guides us to do 24/7.

I invite you to spend some time this week reflecting on the Annual Catholic Appeal materials you received today or in the mail. The Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection: It is a pledged commitment to make a gift over time. Your pledge can be made payable in installments. Each pledge makes a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services to answer the call of "Making all things new ... God's promise and our responsibility." If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back. This year, we also encourage our parishioners to make their Annual Catholic Appeal gifts online at [annualcatholicappeal.com](http://annualcatholicappeal.com). However, you decide to make your pledge, it will be credited to Our Lady of Africa Parish.



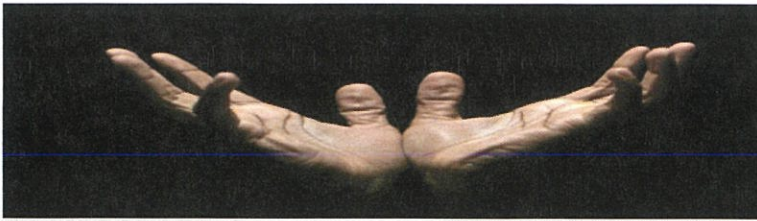
As I said in my message last week, in addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the archdiocese, the Appeal also funds services that are of great help here in our parish. For example, Appeal funds support...our Parish Renewal that is taking place. Recently, 3 of our Parishioners were Funded by the Archdiocese to go to the Alpha Experience of Evangelization in Phoenix, Arizona. The Parish Vitality for Vicariate VI paid for this experience. The Funds of the Archdiocese have also enabled Renew My Church to take place in our Parish. It supports our Weekly and now Bi-weekly Transition Meetings and enables our Project Manager and Vitality Coordinator to help us through our Renewal for the past 3 years. The Annual Catholic Appeal also supports our ministry of Religious Education to our young people, our outreach to Seniors and all Parishioners, and our School Children. Our Renewal is ongoing, and the Archdiocese will be with us throughout to help us on our Renewal Journey.

As we contemplate God's many gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude. Your financial support for the work of our parish, our archdiocese, and the Church throughout the world is one way to express this gratitude. Please give what you can to the 2022 Annual Catholic Appeal.

*Fr. Robert 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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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.

With the creation of our new parish, Our Lady of Africa, we intend to consolidate the 5 To Teach Who Christ Is. All accounts from the five former parishes will go into one Our Lady of Africa Parish.

"To Teach Who Christ Is" account will be used to fund capital projects for our active worship sites and buildings.



**TO TEACH WHO CHRIST IS**

*A Campaign for Parishes, Catholic Education and Faith Formation*

### NOTE:

The family of Mrs. Elizabeth Upchurch thanks everyone for the calls, cards, and prayers. My mother passed away on January 21, 2022. She was loved by many. Per her wishes, the family has chosen not to have a funeral. At a later date, we will have a Memorial Mass in her honor.

*-Mrs. Ola Credit.*

### Just to let you know...

Final Pick Up The Tax Forms is today. 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**

- 2/12/13-Annual Catholic Appeal at All Masses
- 2/13 - Anointing of Sick for Spiritual/Physical Healing
- 2/19 - COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic at Tolton Site 9am-1pm
- 2/20 - Black History Month Celebration at 1:00pm.
- Paczki Order Form Due
- 2/22 - Holy Angels School Mass at 10am
- 2/24 - Holy Angels School Black History Program in Church 10:00 am
- 2/27 - Paczki Pick Up Orders all Masses

### **Please remember the following:**

#### **Repose Souls of :**

- + Arthur Boston
- + Gladys Goodlow
- + Carol Jamason
- + Janet M. James-Millian

#### **Mass Intention:**

- Cecelia Douglass
- + Arthur Boston





## 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.*

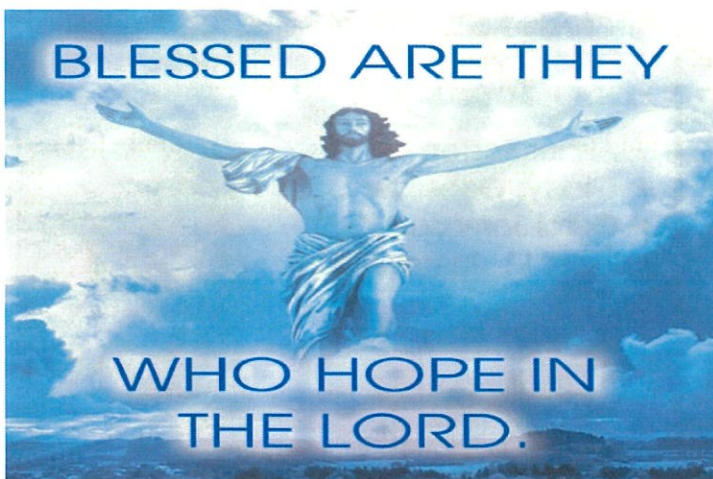
*St. Elizabeth of Hungary,* *Pray for Us.*

*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

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

THE ROAD THAT IS  
BUILT IN HOPE IS  
MORE PLEASANT TO  
THE TRAVELER  
THAN THE ROAD  
BUILT IN DESPAIR.  
EVEN THOUGH  
THEY BOTH LEAD  
TO THE SAME  
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.**





## Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time - C

Lk 6:17, 20-26

**Dear Friends,**

Luke's gospel has some truly startling statements when it comes to the rich and the poor. They are part of the great reversal that is at the center of the Lucan gospel message. These bombshells of Jesus are like flashes of lightening that grow into a shocking thunder of surprise and wonder. It starts with the Magnificat of Mary, (Lk 1:46-55): **"He has shown might with his arm, dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart, He has thrown down the rulers from their throne but lifted up the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things; the rich he has sent away empty."** (Lk 1: 51-53)

This great reversal is set out in even deeper clarity in the Beatitudes in today's gospel reading. Jesus is saying that this proclamation of the Kingdom renders a new experience of reality. This is the great reversal where the poor are blessed and the rich are now the new losers. It takes some deep faith and commitment to grasp this shattering of a common-sense perception of reality. The values of the world are put in total disarray. The onset of the Kingdom introduces an absolutely new way, completely new values.

The Bible's use of the term blessed usually does not define the quality of the person's moral state. It refers to the benefits that are coming from an action of God. It is like winning God's lottery. The blessings of the Beatitudes express the values being revealed in the upside-down world of Jesus' coming salvation. To be poor, hungry, weeping and reviled rather than rich, full, laughing and held in esteem are the new norms. Jesus is explaining the new reality that is the great reversal. Jesus, to be sure, is not denying the pain and loss of the poverty, hunger, personal devastation and rejection. He is declaring a turnaround of what most people hold as rewards and disadvantages. There will be a great upheaval flowing from the coming action of God in the Kingdom.

Jesus is not blessing poverty and deprivation, anguish and misery. He is pointing out two truths: first is that the coming of the Kingdom addresses the condition of suffering and deprivation; secondly, the experience of the newly blessed tends to help the person be more receptive to God's coming. The new reality will mean the loss of these hurting elements.

The action of God in Jesus unveils a new reality and freedom. Wealth, prosperity and the other woes are obstacles to the new norms of God's Kingdom.

While the economic and social dimension meaning of "poor" cannot be trivialized by some spiritual interpretation, the biblical tradition includes all the afflicted no matter what the cause of their condition. The poor are those whose bleakness and impoverishment benefit from God's saving action.

All throughout his gospel, Luke gives us stories, miracles and teachings and experiences that flesh out this meaning of "poor" in Jesus' proclamation of the good news of the great reversal. The role of women is a highlight throughout the text. The parables of the good Samaritan, the prodigal son and the widow challenging the unjust judge along with the story of Zacchaeus are concrete examples of the two-fold blessings of the Kingdom: first the simple blessing of the great reversal and secondly the personal integrity of one embracing the great reversal.

Pope Francis has a great insight of what happens when we do not respond to Jesus' invitation as Zacchaeus did. In *The Joy of the Gospel* (#54), the Pontiff says, **"Almost without being aware of it, we end up being incapable of feeling compassion at the outcry of the poor, weeping for other peoples pain and feeling a need to help them as though all this were someone else's responsibility and not our own."**

The power of Jesus' insight on the great reversal of the blessings and the woes was set in motion by his teachings and his actions. Jesus unveiled the presence of the reign of God penetrating the human condition of every person. In the Beatitudes, we find a portrait of Jesus. A true encounter with Jesus invites the disciple to become like him who is the most authentic expression of the Beatitudes. Jesus' message penetrates and renovates us. Now we are truly blessed with a heart set on the Kingdom. Embracing the great reversal leads to seeing and hearing with new eyes and ears. We begin to see the pervasive injustice and poverty of our world. We begin to hear the cry of the poor. The integrity of our response is our way into the Kingdom.



Online retreat for young adult women ages 18+

# Grounded in the heartbeat of God



*"The human person grows more, matures more and is sanctified more to the extent that he or she enters into relationships, going out from themselves to live in communion with God, with others and with all creatures." Laudato Si' #240*

**Sunday, February 27, 2022**

**2-5 p.m. ET | 1-4 p.m. CT**

**12-3p.m. MT | 11 a.m.-2 p.m. PT**



With all the life crises of our day—the global pandemic, climate change, fires, floods, droughts, displacement of peoples and political unrest—it is all the more imperative that we become grounded in our relationship with God who is the source of all life, bond with others who value our interconnectedness and find ways to act together to realize a world of peace, justice, and love.

Facilitated by **Sister Kathleen Storms, SSND**

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is the *only* concern of  
our hearts

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