OUR LADY OF AFRICA PARISH

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR B - SUNDAY, JULY 18, 2021

Served by: The *Society of the Divine Word.*. They are also known as the Divine Word Missionaries

Pastor: Fr. Robert "Bob"Kelly, SVD, Brother Alu Aisi , SVD, Fr. Francis Xavier, SVD, Frater Andrew Wang, SVD. Frater Carl Gales, SVD and Frater Manie Manual, SVD. Deacon Michael Foggie, Deacon Ivan Lazcano, Senior Deacon Mervin Johnson, Fr. Tracy O'Sullivan, O.Carm.., Weekend Assistance

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 this First Mass at Our Lady of Africa today and every Sunday. The Eucharist the "summit and source of our lives as Christians." (Vatican II).

Office Hours:
Monday to Friday: 9:00am to 5:00 pm
Phone: 773-624-5375,
Fax: 773-624-8393

Administrative Assistant:
Mrs. Karen Rogers

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
Our Lady of Africa Parish,
615 E. Oakwood Blvd, 60653

Sunday Mass: 9:00 am and 11:30 am:
Facebook Livestream during Mass hours and YouTube after 6:00pm at:
Our Lady of Africa Chicago

Weekday Masses: Monday-Friday:
8:00 a.m. *Starting, Monday July 19*

Holy Days: 10:30 am
Tolton Heritage Center Rectory

French Community Mass: 6:00pm
First Sunday of Month

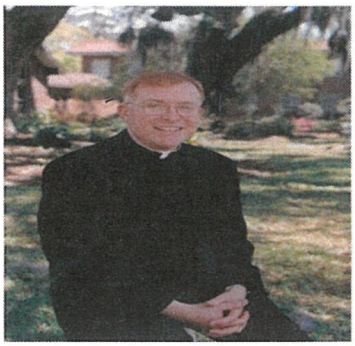
Ghanaian Community Mass:
1:30pm
First and Second Sunday of Month

Igbo Community Mass: 2:30pm
Third and Fourth Sunday of Month

Eucharistic Adoration:
Monday—Friday only 7:00 am

Bible Study/Reflection:
Friday at 1:00pm to 2:00pm
via Zoom:
Meeting ID: 586 893 3170
Passcode: 341080

Food Pantry
Every Thursday and every fourth Saturday of month from 10:00 am until 12:00 noon. Tolton Heritage Center at St. Elizabeth site at 4058 S. Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL.



Message from our Pastor…..

Dear Parishioners,

Greetings to All of you. I hope you are doing well and Staying Safe. As we unite together let discuss:

Weekly Donations/Offerings/Tithes and Check Writing

Please use your current Parish Envelope to make your weekly donations. That is how we can keep track of your weekly parish Sunday Tithe/Offerings.

For now, just use your current envelope that you have used. That way we can identify you and make sure you are credited with the correct amounts you gave to our new parish Our Lady of Africa. The parish databases are all in the process of being cleaned up and joined together soon. Hopefully, it will happen in the next 2 weeks.

You should receive soon a donation letter of what you gave from January 1, 2021 until June 30, 2021. They are being processed now by the secretaries at all five parish sites.

Please make out any check you write to Our Lady of Africa Parish.

The 11:30 am mass will be live streamed on Facebook every Sunday at:
Our Lady of Africa Parish Chicago .

There is currently no internet service in Our Lady of Africa church. We will have internet install as soon as possible. Our hot spots are currently not working well in the Bronzeville area. The Mass will be live streamed on Facebook every Sunday at 11:30 am. We hope to have the livestreaming improved soon.

We are spending a lot of time and efforts on this one issue alone. Please pray for this to improve. It took 3-4 days of research alone to get a suitable contract signed this week. This was done last Friday.

Blessings and Prays for All of you!

Thanks so much!

Fr. Bob Kelly, SVD
Pastor Our Lady of Africa Parish

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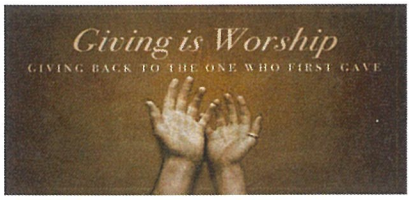

KEEP THE PARISH LIGHTS ON

No matter where you go this summer, do not forget your parish back home. Your parish depends upon your help to pay the bills even when you're not at home

Your continued donations to support Our Lady of Africa Parish can be give by going to the following links and looking for the parish name Our Lady of Africa:

1: Give Central

2: Archdiocese of Chicago

You can also Mail your Donation to the following address and endorse to:

Our Lady of Africa Parish
615 E Oakwood
Chicago, IL 60653

"See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him" 1 John 3:1

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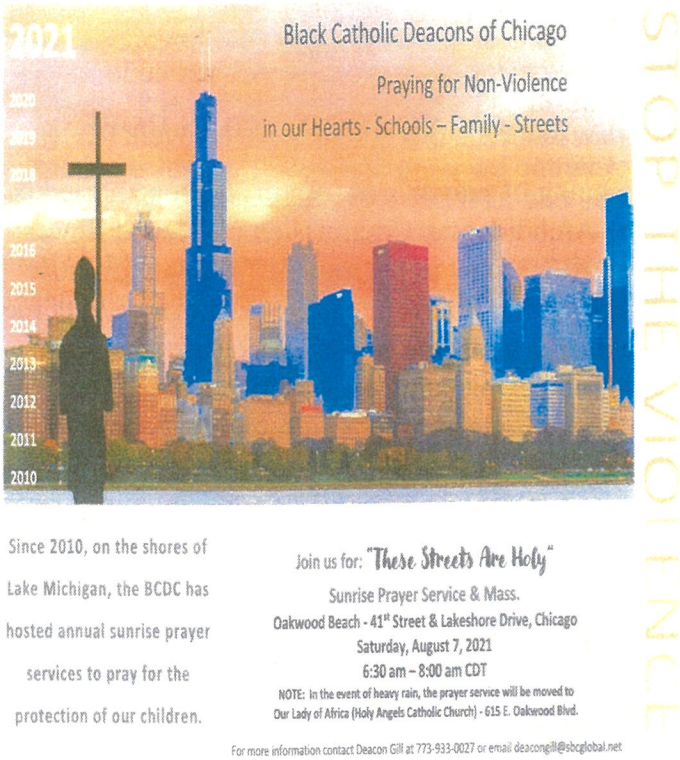
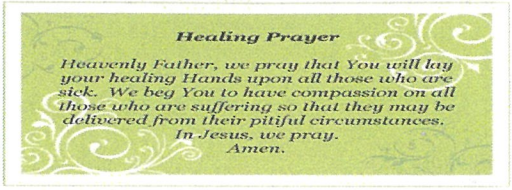
SUNRISE PRAYER SERVICE & MASS



Since 2010, on the shores of Lake Michigan, the BCDC has hosted annual sunrise prayer services to pray for the protection of our children.

Join us for: "These Streets Are Holy"
Sunrise Prayer Service & Mass.
Oakwood Beach - 41st Street & Lakeshore Drive, Chicago
Saturday, August 7, 2021
6:30 am – 8:00 am CDT
NOTE: In the event of heavy rain, the prayer service will be moved to Our Lady of Africa (Holy Angels Catholic Church) - 615 E. Oakwood Blvd.

For more information contact Deacon Gill at 773-933-0027 or email deacongill@sbcglobal.net



Curtis Albright	Dorla Allen	Jessie Andrews
Donald Barner	Louise Bates	Myra Baugh
Barbara McGee-Berry	Patricia Brown	Roscoe Burns
Dean Brazier	James Brazier	Marilyn Campbell
Esperanza Carr	Russell Carter	Michael Anthony Clark
Lydia Clark	Willie B Clay	Mary Crawford
Sr. Eleanor Doidge	Peggy Duke	Keith Devers
Beverly Elliston	Judith Easter	Wanda Finney
Ola Mae Forde	Frederick Gibson	Mable Gray
Avis Green	Bettie Green	Justin Henderson
Juanita Hern	Kelly Robin Hill	Doris Humphries
Nolan Humphries	Thelma Jackson	Leslie Jackson
Mildred Jackson	Majorbelle James	Susan McKeever Larry
Denise Lawson	Gloria Leonard	Theresa Jessie
Lugenia Lewis	Jan Johnson	Pamela Jones
Betty Lumpkins	Lenda Mason	Anastacia Mebane
Donna Perisee McFarlane	Gail McGruder	Carrie Miller
Euphrasia Ann Mutinda	Maria Jossey Owen	Minnette Penman
Mrionette Phelps	Sr. James Phelps, O.P.	Jean Porter
Phyllis Shackelford	Shirley Simmons	Emma Stewart
Alonzo Studstill	Donald Suggs	Janice Taylor
Cynthia Thompson	Renee Trotter	Joanne Wallace
Joyce Wallace	Tandra Weston	Rita White
Yvonne Whitenier	Arlene G Williams	Dorothy Williams
Michael Williams	Craig Wright	Tyna Rule

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 needs to be removed from the Prayer List. Thank you

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PART-TIME JOB OPPORTUNITY

NAME OF ORGANISATION: FIFA
JOB TITLE: Advertise While Driving

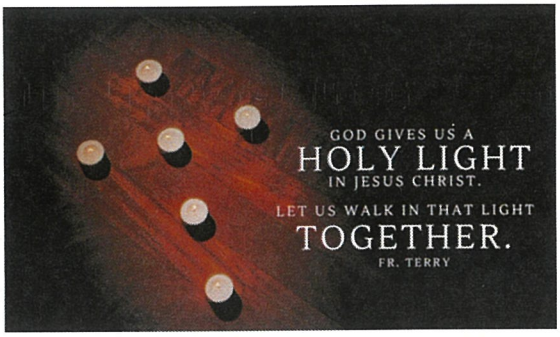
We seek interested candidates to go about their normal routine with the Advertisement of the "FIFA World Cup™" Logo on their Car

Minimum Requirements: Interested participants should have a Car, Truck, Van or Motorcycle and a Driver's License.

COMPENSATION: $400 Weekly

Regarding this position, Interested Candidates should contact Scott directly via email at (pmignfun@gmail.com) for more information.

PS: Candidates should kindly respond with their personal email address for consideration. Thanks for your help! We look forward to your response.



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.

Ministries

As Our Lady of Africa grows, it's important to create an unity environment where we all feel welcome and able to exists and grows through our ministries.

There are sign up sheets located in the vestibule in the back of the church, for you to sign up for ministry(ies) you are interested to join.

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VOCATION VIEW

"I will appoint shepherds for my people." The call to priestly and religious life is to be a shepherd after the heart of Christ, to give of yourself so that others may live.

Please continue to invite and encourage young people to consider a religious vocation. Please mentor those who seem interested or demonstrate great potential. Please refer those who are ready to speak with a vocation director to the vocation office.

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

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MOVING FORWARD IN HOPE

Evening of prayer, connection and hope hosted by the Archdiocesan Commission on Mental Illness; fourth Tuesday of the month; 7-8 p.m.; for those with mental illness or caring for someone with mental health concerns to come together to pray and share with one another; virtual meetings will cover relevant topics; for more information, contact Deacon Tom Lambert at tlambert@ourlmc.org.

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Remember to pray for the men and women in our Armed Forces. Lord hold our troops in your loving hands and return them safely to their families.

Fr. Tracy O'Sullivan, O.Carm.
Weekly Reflection
Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Dear Friends,

Jesus has a plan to take the disciples away for rest and prayer. He is sidetracked by the large gathering of people. Mark says, ***"His heart was moved with pity for them." (Mk 6:34)***

This Greek word that is here translated, pity, is used two other times in the Gospels. In these two cases, it is translated, "compassion". It means very strong feelings of deep concern. The Good Samaritan experienced these feelings as he came upon the victim on the roadside. (Lk 10:33) The father of the Prodigal Son is described with the same feelings. ***"While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. (Lk 15:20)***

As Jesus is filled with compassion, his first response is to teach the people. Jesus' basic message to the people is God of love.

He heals some and shortly he will feed the hungry crowd, but his fundamental gift is an invitation into a love that will go far beyond the necessary healing and the urgent hunger of the large crowd that is just a symbol for all humanity.

Jesus' message to all is that in our broken and troubled human condition there is an opining to a new life and wondrous love of a gracious God. The entire struggle of the Gospel of Mark is the failure of the disciples, as a mirror of us, to trust in the goodness and love of the God revealed by Jesus.

Our faith journey is similar to the disciples' described by Mark as determined to move ahead on their own agenda. They increasingly find fault with Jesus' plan and have a plan of their own.

The entire goal of our life is to move away from our own agenda to Jesus' unveiling of the Father's will. It is a struggle for us always.

Jesus in his compassion is patient with us as he was patient with the crowd on the seashore, and especially with the disciples. Yet, he insists that his is the way to truth and freedom. His words are the gift of wisdom and light no matter how much his poverty and rejection and apparent failure shatter our commonsense idea of reality. The Jerusalem thing was an obstacle for the disciples and remains the same for us today. Losing our life just does not seem to be the way to save our life.

Our agenda, like the crowd and the disciples, is for Jesus to fix our problems. Jesus, indeed, has compassion on our predicament of being flawed human beings. However, Jesus wants to fix us in a much deeper and total way. Jesus' plan goes way beyond our very limited program. Jesus has a plan of compassion that shatters the narrowness and constraints of our dreams and hopes. The love revealed in his life and word open the possibility of satisfying the deepest hungers and longings of our heart that so often escapes our awareness in the rush of life.

We need to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and be open to a new and marvelous journey of love in the midst of all our anxieties and fears. His compassion holds a hope we have hardly dreamt of. Deep personal prayer is the surest way to get in touch with this reality hidden in the depth of our hearts.

Mark 6:30-34