

# OUR LADY OF AFRICA PARISH

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 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**

**Transitional Deacon Carl Gales, SVD, Frater Manie Manuel, SVD, Frater Zachary Smith, SVD**

**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,  
615 E. Oakwood Blvd, 60653

**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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**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  
44 E. 41st. Hours for both are:

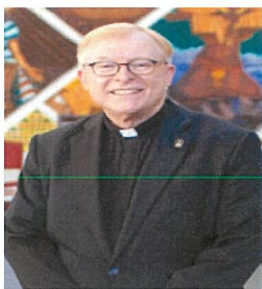
10:00 AM until 12:00 noon.

**All are welcome!**



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## Message from our Pastor...

**Dear Parishioners,**

When Jesus said, "Repent, to his first disciples, he was calling them to change how they were looking for happiness. "Repent" is an invitation to grow up and become a fully mature human being who integrates need with the rational level of consciousness. The rational level of consciousness is the door that swings into higher states — the intuitive levels of consciousness. They open us to the experience of God's presence, which restores the sense of happiness. We can then take possession of everything that was good in our early life while leaving the distortions behind. Conversion addresses the heart of the problem. The spiritual journey does not require going anywhere because God is already with us and in us.

**-Thomas Keating**

As part of our Lenten Journey, we will begin having the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession). Starting on Saturday March 26 and every Saturday from 3:00 pm to 3:30 pm. It will take place before the 4:00 pm Mass in the side Chapel to the left of the Main Altar.

### **Good Recipe for Lent by Frt. Manie Manuel SVD** **Pasta with Shrimp and Peas**

- 2 cups orzo pasta
- 1¼ cup vegetable stock
- 2 cups of diced tomatoes
- 1/3 cup white wine
- 3 teaspoons sweet paprika
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 2 teaspoon fresh thyme leaves minced
- 3 tablespoons Cajun seasoning
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 cup sweet peas
- 4 green onions, sliced
- 2 pounds large shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1 tablespoon freshly squeezed lemon juice



### ***Preparation***

1. Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Add orzo pasta and cook according to package directions. Drain and set aside.
2. Return the pot to the stove and add the vegetable stock, tomatoes and wine. Stir in the paprika, oregano, thyme, Cajun spice, brown sugar, pepper and garlic and bring to a boil. Stir in the peas and green onions.
3. Allow mixture to boil again, then add shrimp. Cook for 3 minutes, stirring often, until shrimp are cooked all the way through and turn pink.
4. Add the orzo to the pot with the lemon juice. Cook for a few minutes until orzo soaks up the sauce. Serve immediately.

**Fr. Bob Kelly, SVD**







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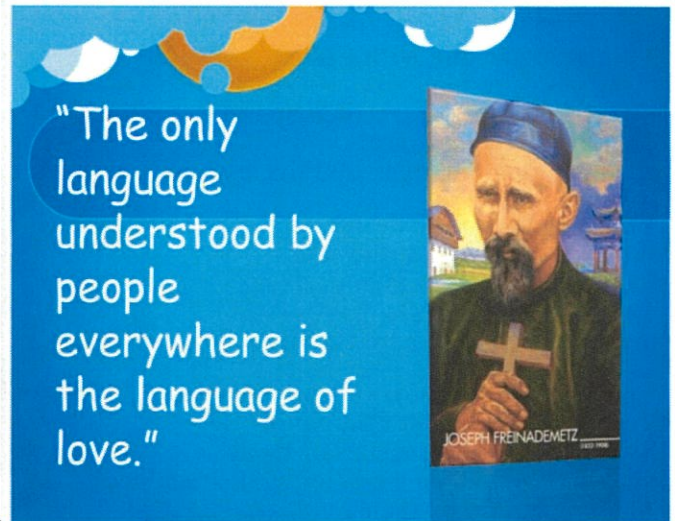


Donation offerings are mailed to the following address:  
Our Lady of Africa Parish  
615 E Oakwood  
Chicago, IL 60653

## March 20 – Third Sunday of Lent

**A Vocation View:** Moses heard God's call from a burning bush. What is your passion, your burning bush? Take time to know what God is sending you to do and be.

**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.

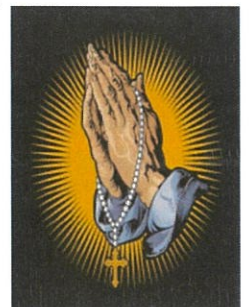


## Parish Up Coming Events

- 03/23- Lenten Bible Study 11:00 am at  
Fr. Clements/Fr. Smith Parish Hall  
with Fr. Tracy O'Sullivan, O.Carm  
followed by a light Fellowship
- 03/25- Stations of the Cross at 3:00 pm.  
Church Doors open at 2:15 pm.
- 03/25- Festival of Peace 2022 at  
St. Rita Shrine Chapel  
12:00 noon—12:00 Midnight
- 03/26– Food Pantry at Tolton Center Hall

**Please remember the following in  
your prayers for healing:**

Thelma "Trudy" Jackson  
Joyce Lane  
Argentry Mitchell  
Shirley Simmons  
Florence Person  
**Repose Soul of :**  
+Roger E. Lewis





## 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.

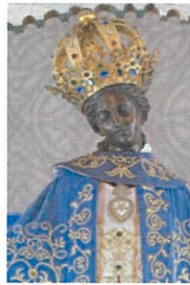
**You, who are one with Christ**  
In suffering and in glory,  
Be mindful of those assailed by trials,  
That they may discover  
His liberating Passover, and live by it in hope.

**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.**



**RETURN TO ME WITH  
YOUR WHOLE HEART**

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

## SICK & SHUT-IN LIST

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

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

MARION ZIMMER EAGLEY

COURTESY

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.***





## Third Sunday of Lent-C

Lk 13:1-9

**Dear Friends,**

The first two weeks of Lent each year feature the story of the temptations of Jesus and his Transfiguration. This year, with the Gospel of Luke, the theme for the next three Sundays of Lent is repentance.

Today's gospel selection has a story of two tragedies and a parable. The two disasters, one caused on purpose and the other by accident, are explained by Jesus as a call to repent. Jesus is clear. Any interpretation of the events as punishment from God is totally off the mark. All people are liable to injustice and the foibles of both nature and human mistakes. In fact, it seems that the good are more prone to this fate of unearned suffering.

Jesus is using the events, along with the fig tree parable, to invite people to take stock of their lives. The issue is this: are we ready to meet God? It is an unambiguous call to repentance, a time to examine the state of our life in the light of God's call.

Knowing something about the fig tree helps to better understand the message. Fertile soil was in very limited supply in Jesus time. This fig tree was wasting a precious commodity since the normal fig tree was especially fruitful. Most of the time, it produced a second abundant yield for the year.

In the story of the two disasters, Jesus was encountering a trap, similar to the tax for Cesar question. If he chose one side he was for the Roman oppressor and against the people. In the alternative, he was shown to be against Rome and liable to their wrath. As usual, he turned it around. He raised the issue of repentance. If they were not ready to meet God, they would suffer a fate ultimately more tragic than the victims in the two dreadful incidents.

As always, keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus is most helpful in understanding the message of today's gospel. His life is a clear message that bad things happen to good people. Yet he shows us that life goes on and love prevails over all in the end. Likewise, it helps to see Jesus as the gardener in the parable. He both is a person of compassion and the promise of the God of "the second chance."

The Lenten season is a time for us to take stock of our life. We need to again embrace our merciful God. It is a time to accept our sinful condition and plunge into the sea of God's cleansing mercy that awaits us. We are called to produce the fruit of a good life. The best place to start is to recognize both our sinfulness and God's mercy.

Today's gospel is quite clear. Now is the time to act. We have no guarantee for tomorrow! The fig tree is a sign to us that we may well be in our final year to bear fruit.



**The Augustinian Friars of the St. Rita of Cascia Shrine Chapel**  
*present*

# **A Festival of Peace 2022**

## **Friday, March 25**

*An oasis in the city providing an opportunity to be anchored in love, mercy, and healing.*

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### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

12:00 PM – Mass for the Solemnity of the Annunciation with St. Rita Novena Prayers  
followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 11:45 PM

1:00 PM – Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary with St. Rita Novena Prayers

3:00 PM – Divine Mercy Chaplet with St. Rita Novena Prayers

5:00 PM – Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary with St. Rita Novena Prayers

7:00 PM – Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary with St. Rita Novena Prayers

8:00 PM – 10:00 PM – Praise & Worship Music with Fr. Bradley Zamora, Fr. Joshua Link & Friends

10:30 PM – 11:30 PM – Praise & Worship Music with St. Rita of Cascia Parish

11:45 PM – Benediction

**THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION WILL BE OFFERED  
FROM 12:00 PM UNTIL 12:00 AM CONTINUOUSLY.**

The St. Rita of Cascia High School Fathers' Club will offer hospitality  
with a Bistro of food & drink from 5:00 PM until 11:30 PM.

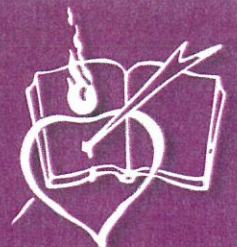
*For additional information or to view the entire event via live stream visit:*  
**[stritashrinechicago.com](http://stritashrinechicago.com)**

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**10:00 am – 12:00 pm**



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Every Thursday  
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Meats and non-perishable food

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month, identification is required  
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Info for Saturday food pantry...  
Every fourth Saturday  
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