

OUR LADY OF AFRICA PARISH

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SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - MAY 29, 2022



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

Pastor: Fr. Bob Kelly, SVD, Fr. Carl Gales, SVD, Brother Alu Aisi, SVD,
Frater Manie Manuel, SVD, Frater Andrew Wang, 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,
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Sunday Mass: 9:00AM and 11:30AM

Facebook Livestream 11:30 AM Mass
and YouTube after 6:00 PM at:

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2022 Annual Catholic Appeal

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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!



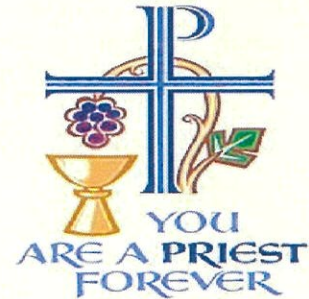
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Message from our Pastor...

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Welcome to All the Immediate Family Members and Relatives of Fr. Carl, and Fr. Derek and All the Clergy, Religious and Guests joining us for Mass today!



The Ascension celebrates Jesus' return to his Father. We celebrate that and especially what he instructs his followers to do. It is a Commission to go forth...

"Go and teach all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, until the end of the world." Frs. Carl and Derek will be doing that daily but they can never do it all alone. Pope Francis says to each of us, every Christian is a missionary to the extent that they have experienced the love of God in Jesus.

We are the missionary disciples who journey with Carl and Derek...living by our Faith...believing, trusting, relying upon, or surrendering to something or someone greater than ourselves....being vulnerable to Jesus who is always with us.

Our Commission is to be open to the Holy Spirit. That Spirit who transforms us, encourages us, nudges us to live a life of Faith and gives us our particular vocation and mission in life.

We are always invited to make a difference by our love and service of all people, no matter who they are.....with our unique gifts and talents.

May our Celebration of Rev. Carl Gales, SVD Mass of Thanksgiving lift you up and remind you of your Commission and Witness to make a difference.

Fr. Bob Kelly, SVD





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

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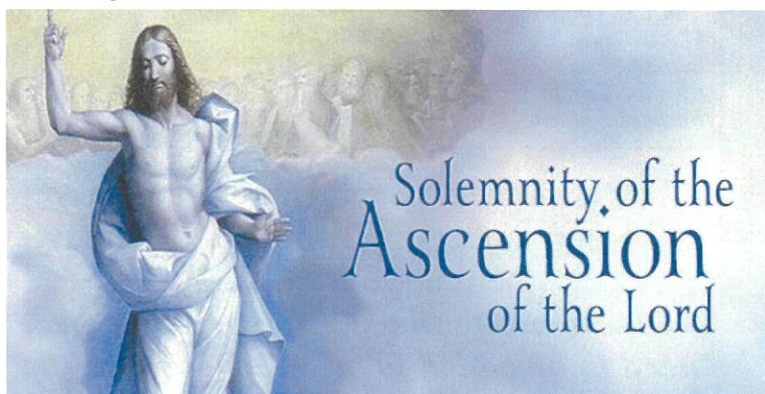


Father Tracy's Blog
Praying Alone Together

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.



He was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight
(Acts: 1-9)

May 29 – Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord A Vocation View:

Jesus promised his disciples that they would be clothed in power from God. As a follower of Jesus, you are also given that same promise. Pray for the grace to be a faithful witness.

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With patience and the help of God, many things changed in time. Perhaps at first something seems to be an unbearable cross, but later on, thanks to God, one notices how roses have bloomed out of all the thorns."

~St. Arnold Janssen

Parish Up Coming Events

05/29 -Thanksgiving Mass - 11:30AM

Carl Gales, SVD & Derek Nguyen, SVD

05/30 -Memorial Day — Office Closed

06/01 -Bible Study in Person - 11:00AM

06/02 -Weekly Food Pantry - 10:00AM-12:00 Noon
Tolton Heritage Center.

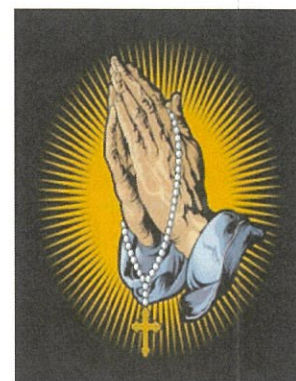
06/05 -Pentecost Sunday / Confirmation 11:30AM

Please remember the following in your prayers for healing:

Argentry Mitchell
Catherine Cosby
Dorothy Williams
David Berry
Helen Brooms

Repose Souls

+Lawrence Coombs
+Nelson M. McLemore, Jr.
+Dorothy Crawford



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.



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

Congratulations

Fr. Carl Gales, SVD

Fr. Derek Nguyen, SVD

Sick & Shut-in



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

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.**



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The Feast of the Ascension

Lk 24:46-53

Dear Friends,

It is hard to count the times over the years the number of individuals, particularly young people, who came to me with the news that the world was coming to an end. They were sort of sure because they heard on TV or read it on the internet. They were coming to me to hedge their bets to find out what to do in case it was true.

In fact, it is true. The Bible tells us so! It is part of revelation. The world is coming to an end. The problem is we just do not know when. It is most likely we are not going to find out about the all-important “when” from some publicity seeker who happens to make the 5 o’clock news on a short news day.

Today’s first reading (Acts 1: 11-11) tells us how to handle this truly decisive reality about our lives. The message of Jesus is both consoling and challenging. Jesus tells the disciples on the mountain of his Ascension that it is not our concern. God’s timetable will determine when the world as we know it is going to end.

In the meanwhile, Jesus has given us a task. We are to be witnesses to the Good News that Jesus has revealed in his life, message and final passage thru death to life. In Jesus, we have come to know God as a loving and merciful savior. Our goal as human beings is to enter into this mystery of love. This is the Good News. We are gifted with time and life to embrace this gift and to share it. We have the Spirit to draw us into this call to accept Jesus’ challenge.

In the first reading from Acts, Jesus responds to the Apostles question about the end of the world in these words: *“It is not for you to know the time or the seasons that the Father has established. ...You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem...and to the ends of the earth.” (Acts 1:7-8)* The angel asks, *“Men of Galilee, why are you standing here looking at the sky?” (Acts 1:11)* In other words, get on with the task of living and proclaiming the Gospel. We share that task.

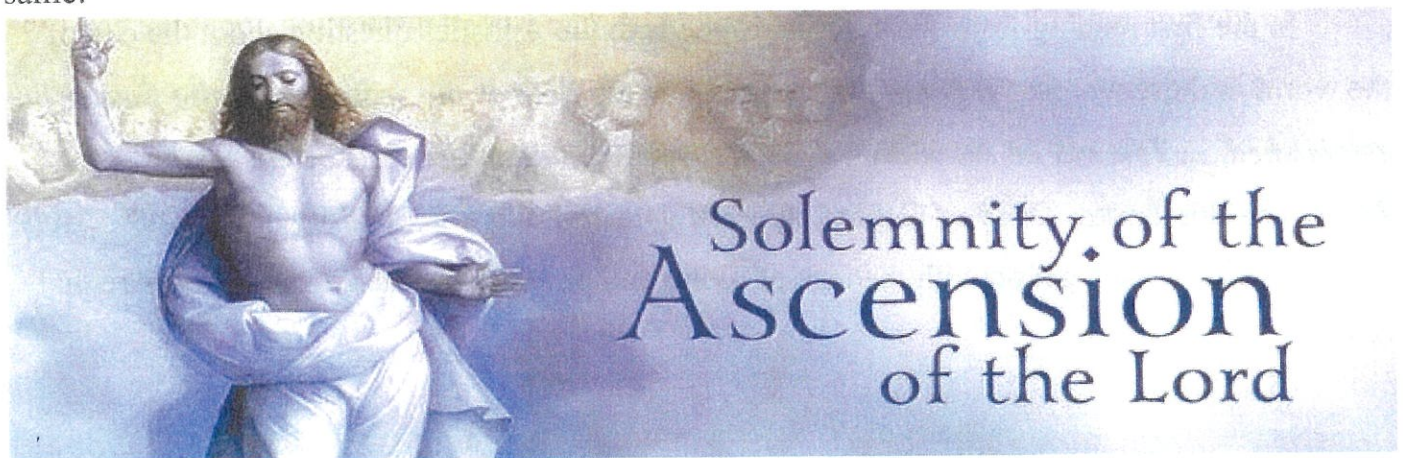
In the gospel today we read: **“Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins would be preached in his name to all the nations beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”: (Lk 24: 46-48).**

The meaning of this beautiful feast of the Ascension is further captured in the words of the preface of the Mass:

Christ, the mediator between God and men
Judge of the world and Lord of all
Has passed beyond our sight
Not to abandon us but to be our hope.
Christ is the beginning, the head of the Church;
Where he is gone, we hope to follow.

The Christian response to the end of the world is not fear and anxiety. It is hope rooted in the reality that Jesus is with us all of the time. It is not hopelessness and confusion. It is a simple commitment to live with faith and trust in a God who has a better plan. We pray in the opening prayer of the Mass of the Ascension, “May we follow him into the new creation, for his Ascension is our glory and our hope.”

Many times, we have heard the stories of saints responding to the question, what would you do if you had only a day to live? They all have the same response. They would continue living life to the full seeking to do God’s will. The message of the Ascension tells us to do the same.



The Liturgical Significance of the Color Red











A few weeks ago, before the beginning of our Holy Week celebrations, we were asked to wear red for Palm Sunday. And come Palm Sunday, I saw many people decked in red and looking beautiful. I believed we all understood why we wore red that day. The Liturgical Color for the day is red and so we dress accordingly. Red is significant for Palm Sunday because we also celebrate the Lord's Passion. The color of oxidized blood is red, the color of fire is often seen to be red...for the Christian imagination red is the sign of life, trial, persecution, and also new beginnings. So it is fitting that it is a liturgical color for the Apostles and Martyrs who risked life and limb to spread the Gospel. Red is also indicative of the Fire of the Holy Spirit. Can you imagine seeing the tongues of flame over the heads of the disciples and the Virgin Mary in the Cenacle on the Day of Pentecost?

These are just a few of the reasons why we ask all parishioners to wear red on the Solemnity of Pentecost.

When you wear red for Pentecost, you will actively participate in our liturgical celebration in your dress and you will also be able to share your faith and tradition with one another.

Fr. Carl Gales, SVD

LITURGICAL COLORS AND THEIR MEANING:

| GREEN: | RED: | WHITE: | VIOLET: |
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| Used during Ordinary Time it means hope | Used on Feasts associated with the Lord's passion, the Holy Spirit and Feasts of martyrs. It represents blood, fire, God's love, martyrdom, and Jesus' Passion. | Used during the seasons of Christmas and Easter, and Feasts of the Lord (besides those of His passion), and for Feasts of Mary, angels, saints who were not martyrs and nuptial masses, it represents innocence, light, triumph and innocence. | Used in the seasons of Advent and Lent as well as for funerals. It means penance and humility. |
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Our Lady of Africa Medical Ministry
Health Prevention Series
Hypertension, Salt, Sodium, and Lifestyle Change

Presenter

Dr. Donna Perisee-McFarlane

Saturday, June 18, 2022

10:00 AM to Noon

Our Lady of Africa Fr. Clements / Fr. Smith Parish Hall

607 East Oakwood Ave

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Registration required

Sign up in the back of the church

or

Call the Parish Rectory

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