



# OUR LADY OF AFRICA

PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday, May 12, 2024



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TAKEN UP INTO  
**HEAVEN.**

— MARK 16:19 —

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

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## **Mass Schedule**

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. (Livestream)  
1:30 p.m.—Ghanaian Community (1st Sunday)  
2:30 p.m.—Igbo Community (*last two Sundays*)  
6:00 p.m.—French (*1st Sunday*)  
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 10:30 a.m.  
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m.

## **Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**

Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 10 a.m.  
Wednesday: 6 p.m.  
Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.  
Or by appointment (773)624-5375

## **Parish Administrator**

Father Carl Gales, SVD

## **Contact Us**

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## **Church Address**

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## **Office Hours**

Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

## **Website**

[www.ourladyofafricachicago.com](http://www.ourladyofafricachicago.com)



## This Week at OLA

### Sunday, May 12

- KPCLA Meeting | 10 a.m. | Parish Hall
- Sunday School | 11:30 a.m. | Sunday School Room

### Tuesday, May 14

- **Daily Mass | 10:30 a.m.**
- Phone-In Bible Study | 6 p.m. | (267) 807-9601 | Code: 340-355-967

### Wednesday, May 15

- Bible Study | 11 a.m. | Parish Hall
- **Daily Mass | 6:30 p.m.**

### Thursday, May 16

- Angels on Air Phone Prayer Line | 9 a.m. | (267) 807-9601 | Code: 340-355-967
- **Daily Mass | 10:30 a.m.**
- Food Pantry | 10 a.m. to Noon | Tolton Center
- CHI Community Meal | 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. | Parish Hall

### Friday, May 17

- **Daily Mass | 10:30 a.m.**
- **Adoration | 6:30 p.m.**

### Saturday, May 18

- Choir Rehearsal | 12:30 p.m. | Church
- Altar Server Training | 2 p.m. | Church

### Sunday, May 19

- Medical Ministry Meeting | 10 a.m. | Parish Hall
- Sunday School | 11:30 a.m. | Sunday School Room



## Ministry List for Upcoming Liturgies

### Saturday 4 p.m. May 18

- Priest: Fr. Carl Gales, SVD
- Lectors: Dr. Denise Wilson  
Dr. Keith Wilson

### Sunday 9 a.m. May 19

- Priest: Fr. Carl Gales, SVD
- Lectors: Rosemary Sykes  
Patricia Brown
- Eucharistic Ministers:  
Sr. Joanne Delehanty, OP  
Shirley McKinney

### Sunday 11:30 a.m. May 19

- Priest: Fr Provincial Adam Oleszczuk, SVD  
Fr. Carl Gales, SVD
- Lectors: Katherine Brown  
Mary Johnson
- Eucharistic Ministers:  
Stephanie Inis  
Velma Hill

## Attendance April 27-28

4 p.m. Vigil Mass	22
9 a.m. Mass	92
11:30 a.m. Mass	174
1:30 p.m. Mass	8
6:00 p.m. Mass	47
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>343</b>

## Stewardship

### Offertory - May 4-5, 2024

\$ 7,332.00  
\$ 1,770.00 - online offertory  
\$ 9,102.00

### Offertory - May 6-7, 2023

\$ 4,994.00  
\$ 1,950.00 - online offertory  
\$ 6,955.00

### Average Weekly Operating Costs

\$ (14,423.08)  
\$ 9,102.00 - Total Offertory  
\$ **(5,321.08)**

Thank you for your generosity!



## The Ideal Candidate

The Ascension always makes me think of what a job listing on Indeed.com would look like for the position of Disciple of Jesus Christ.

“An exciting opportunity for the go-getter who loves a challenge. Multilingual skills a must. Animal handling experience preferred. The ideal candidate will have a strong stomach and an enthusiasm for travel.”

In all seriousness, I find the Ascension a little depressing, a little intimidating. This day forces me to confront how few are the qualifications I possess to carry out the Great Commission.

Proclaim the Gospel to every creature. Hold on — do I have to talk to people? I don't even really like calling my friends on their birthdays. Can I send a text instead?

Go into the whole world. All of it? Everywhere? Even the places where it's really, really humid? Could I possibly schedule a Zoom call?

Speak new languages ... pick up serpents ... drink any deadly thing ... Okay, full disclosure: I have never even been camping. I don't think I'm the right fit for this job. Thank you for your consideration, but you can lose my resumé.

Of course, I know that in the year 2024 God does not expect me to pick up a serpent to proclaim the Gospel. But He might expect me to do something far more stomach-churning. He might expect me to talk about Him — in public, in front of strangers. He might expect me to take a stand against something that I know is sinful, even though it means I lose every friend I have. He might expect me to say “no” when everyone wants me to say “yes,” or “yes” when everyone wants me to say “no.”

He might expect me to be different. He will expect me to be different.

But on the Ascension, I also remember this: it's okay. No one who ever did the work of God was the ideal candidate. They were all scared. They were all ill-equipped. Every single one of them.

They did it anyway. And despite the weakness and hesitancy of my mortal flesh, despite everything that seems logical, despite the recommendations of any hiring committee this temporal world might make — I can, too.

“I am with you always, until the end of the world.” — Matthew 28:20

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## God Loves a Cheerful Giver - 2 Corinthians 9:6-8



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You can send your offertory through Zelle:

[ourladyofafricachicago@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyofafricachicago@gmail.com)

## Homeless and Migrants

**If you have men's clothing, bath linens, and socks that you would like to donate, there is a great need at the homeless shelter we are partnering with.**

**Thank you for your continued support of the homeless.**



## May Birthdays

5/01 Beverly Sims  
 5/02 Michael Hill  
 5/05 Dcn. Zachary Smith, SVD  
 5/06 Joanne McClure  
 5/06 Mattie Slate  
 5/08 Katie Jordan  
 5/09 Edwin Hill  
 5/10 Dorothy Dunbar

5/11 Brenda Inis  
 5/14 Flora Smith  
 5/15 Keith Wilson  
 5/17 Jean Porter  
 5/18 Patricia Brown  
 5/21 Nazaree Fuller  
 5/22 Fred Hail III  
 5/22 Anthony Williams

5/23 Donna Perisee-McFarlane  
 5/23 Phyllis Shackelford  
 5/24 Parris Washington  
 5/24 Sharon Crossley- Neal  
 5/24 Karen Perisee-Woodson  
 5/26 Ladell Johnson

## Mass Schedule

### Sunday, May 12

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

**Readings:** Acts 1: 1-11/ Ps 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/ Eph 4: 1-13/ Mk 16: 15-20

**Mass Intentions:**

4 p.m. | Divine Word College Benefactors

9 a.m. | OLA Church Family

11:30 a.m. | OLA Church Family

**OLA Book of Prayer:** Pamela Jones, Anastacia Mebane, Euphrasia Mutinda, Alan Lumpkin

### Monday, May 13

OUR LADY OF FATIMA

**Readings:** Acts 19: 1-8/ Ps 68: 2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/ Jn 16: 29-33

**OLA Book of Prayer:** Irene Dove, Barbara Golden, Kelly Robin Hill, Leslie Jackson

### Tuesday, May 14

SAINT MATTHIAS, APOSTLE - FEAST

**Readings:** Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26/ Ps 113: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/ Jn 15: 9-17

**Mass Intentions:**

10:30 a.m. | Poor Souls in Purgatory

**OLA Book of Prayer:** Judith Easter, Frederick Gibson, Rita Holland, Mildred Jackson

### Wednesday, May 15

WEDNESDAY OF THE 7TH WEEK OF EASTERTIDE

**Readings:** Acts 20: 28-38/ Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/ Jn 17: 11b-19

**Mass Intentions:**

6:30 p.m. | Poor Souls in Purgatory

**OLA Book of Prayer:** Majorbelle James, Annette Lee, Gail McGruder Minnette Penman

### Thursday, May 16

THURSDAY OF THE 7TH WEEK OF EASTERTIDE

**Readings:** Acts 22: 30; 23: 6-11/ Ps 16: 1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/ Jn 17: 20-26

**Mass Intentions:**

10:30 a.m. | Poor Souls in Purgatory

**OLA Book of Prayer:** Sr. Eleanor Doidge, Bettie Green, Lorraine Henderson

### Friday, May 17

FRIDAY OF THE 7TH WEEK OF EASTERTIDE

**Readings:** Acts 25: 13b-21/ Ps 103: 1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/ Jn 21: 15-19

**Mass Intentions:**

10:30 a.m. | Poor Souls in Purgatory

**OLA Book of Prayer:** Andre D. Golden, Katherine Harper, Doris Humphries, Therese Jessie, Gloria Leonard

### Saturday, May 18

SATURDAY OF THE 7TH WEEK OF EASTERTIDE

**Readings:** Acts 28: 16-20, 30-31/ Ps 11: 4, 5 and 7/ Jn 21: 20-25

**OLA Book of Prayer:** Mary Crawford,

Nazaree Fuller, Mable Gray, Marjorie Heard Sr. Jamie Phelps, OP

For those who would like to remember a loved one (living or deceased), a special occasion or a specific concern, Masses can be offered for those intentions. Mass stipends during the weekends (\$20 is the recommended donation per intention) and during the weekdays (\$10 recommended per intention) are available.

Please submit a Mass Intention request by filling out an Mass Intention Envelope and calling the Parish Office to confirm the scheduled time: 773-624-5375.



### War, what is it good for? Absolutely nothing!

Deeply disturbed by what is happening in Gaza, this song from the 60s by the Temptations keeps running through my mind. Yes, war is not good for anything. Yes, we have the right to defend ourselves but surely not with devices capable of killing every child in its path for 20 miles around. Thus far 34,000 people have been killed in Gaza, mostly women and children.

Pope Francis says that believers in God must oppose war, which does not resolve problems but only increases hostility? "It does not open new vistas but stifles all hope."

Huge, painful questions of land ownership, power, and national identity are rooted in moral issues—respect, justice, and compassion. These questions can never be settled by war. Legitimate human interests of

both parties are set against each other—Israel's right to a Jewish homeland as opposed to the Palestinian right to its own state; Israel's right to defend itself versus the Palestinian population's right to live free of the indignities of occupation; the Israeli right to security against the Palestinian right to self-determination. Such questions require dialog, mutual respect, and acknowledgement of each party's human rights. Conflict resolution skills and training are needed to provide practical steps that can foster nonviolence as a genuine path to establishing peace. The intractable nature of this conflict cries out for a shift from the violence of war to a nonviolent approach.

"God is peace, and he desires peace," the Pontiff says. In the New Testament, Jesus uses the word "peace" 23 times, and in Mark 9:50 he urges us to be at peace with each other. In this situation Hope is mandatory.

## JUNE 6TH - RACE AGAINST GUN VIOLENCE



### REGISTER TODAY

<https://stridesforpeace.enmotive.com/events/view/strides-for-peace-2024-race-against-gun-violence>

**When:** Thursday, June 6, 2024, After work, Program begins at 6pm, Step-off at 6:30 pm

**What:** USATF -certified 8k and 5k runs, and a 2 mile walk

Bring our co-workers, friends or the whole family!

Kids ages 2-10 can participate in the Tots for Peace Sprint

Come meet and be inspired by more than 50 community organization building peace throughout our city!

Post-Race Celebration

**Who:** Everyone!

This is a family-friendly race for every age and fitness level

**Where:** Upper Hutchinson Field, Grant Park



## Adoration - Fridays at 6:30 p.m.



“COME AND SEE”  
 JOHN 1:29-34  
 “STAY WITH ME FOR  
 ONE HOUR”  
 MATTHEW 26:40-45

After a hectic and busy week, you can come and spend time in communal prayer. Our world has been besieged by injustice and cruelty. The war in the Middle East is but one effect of all the hatred that is plaguing humanity. Prayer changes things. And the Devotion to Divine Mercy is powerful in moving mountains.

I hope you will come and spend time in prayer and devotion on at least one Friday of the month. In addition to the Divine Mercy Chaplet, there will be time for sharing, reflection, music, contemplation and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

“For the sake of His Sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.”

For more info:

<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/chaplet>

## Parish Directory

### Baptisms

Tina Carter  
 tinalcarter71@gmail.com

### Blessed Sacrament Society

Tasha McShan - *President*

### Business Administrator

Shirley McKinney  
 773-624-5375

### Confirmation

Tina Carter, Stephanie Gado  
 Theresa Rhea,  
 Tiffany Swann-Covington  
 Shawnece Wilson

### Clergy

Fr. Carl Gales, SVD  
 Fr. Tracy O’Sullivan, OCarm  
 Dcn. Michael Foggie  
 Dcn. Merv Johnson

### Events Committee

Keisha Chavers - *Chairperson*

### First Communion

Barbara Edwards-Hill  
 Lisa Littleton

### Food Pantry

Ladell Johnson

### Funerals

Katie Jordan  
 kwcluwpresident@gmail.com

### HIV/AIDS Ministry

Rosemary Sykes

### IT Crew

Gloria Dean - *Lead*

### Knights of Peter Claver

Thomas Rich - *Grand Knight*

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Lady’s Auxiliary  
 Lena Young - *Grand Lady*

### Maintenance

Tyrone Smith

### Medical Ministry

Dr. James Hunter

### Men’s Coalition

Michael Morman - *President*

### Music Ministry

Maestro Tyrone Pittman

### OCIA

Kimberly Brooks

### Social Justice and Peace

Byron Diggs -*Co-Chair*  
 Parris Washington -*Co-Chair*

### School and Church Liaison

LaTanya Berry-Johnson

### Sunday School

Eileen Foggie

### Tolton Ambassador

Jennifer Iwuchukwu

### Tolton Heritage Center

Regina Cook  
 773-268-1518

### Ushers and Greeters

Jackson Lucas

### Youth Ministry

Taleah Cage  
 Silmon Reed



**Our Lady of Africa is THE place to have your Wedding!!**



For all young couples discerning their future together, there is a lot of planning involved. Along with the preparations for your wedding day, you should plan to meet with the priest and have wedding prep which should be about 3 months. The couple and priest would meet several times, either in person or on Zoom to talk about their plans, their commitment to one another, what the Sacrament of Marriage truly means, and complete the necessary steps to get married. To discuss your future wedding plans, please contact Father Carl at the Parish Office: (773) 624-5375

**Ice Cream Social—May 19, 2024**

OLA Knights of Peter Claver + Youth Ministry Presents

# ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Indulge in a delightful experience of flavors, fun, and frozen treats at our Ice Cream Social event!

**Sunday, 19 May 2024**

**FOLLOWING IMMEDIATELY AFTER  
11:30 MASS**

Non-Dairy options will be available as well !



# ENTRANCE HYMN: RIDE ON, KING JESUS!

Ride on, King Je - sus, no man can a - hin-der me.

Ride on, King Je - sus, ride on. No man can a - hin-der me, no

1. man can a - hin-der me. 2. man can a - hin-der me, no

man can a - hin-der me, no man can a - hin-der me. In that

great get-tin' up morn-ing, fare ye well, fare ye well. In that

*Repeat ad lib.*  
great get-tin' up morn-ing, fare ye well, fare ye well. In that

*Last time*  
well, fare ye well. No man can a - hin-der me, no

man can a - hin-der me, no man can a - hin-der me, no

man can a - hin-der me. Ride on, King Je - sus.

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