



# OUR LADY OF AFRICA

PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday, May 5, 2024



Served by the Society of the Divine Word



## **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**

Phone: 773-624-5375  
Email: [ourladyofafricachicago@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyofafricachicago@gmail.com)  
Mail: 615 East Oakwood Boulevard  
Chicago, IL 60653

## **Church Address**

607 East Oakwood Boulevard  
Chicago, IL 60653

## **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 5

- First Communion Class | 10 a.m.  
| Tolton Center
- Blessed Sacrament Society Meeting  
| 10 a.m. | Parish Hall
- Sunday School | 11:30 a.m.  
| Sunday School Room
- Confirmation Class | 1:30 p.m.  
| Tolton Center

### Tuesday, May 7

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

### Wednesday, May 8

- **Daily Mass | 6:30 p.m.**

### Thursday, May 9

- 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

### Friday, May 10

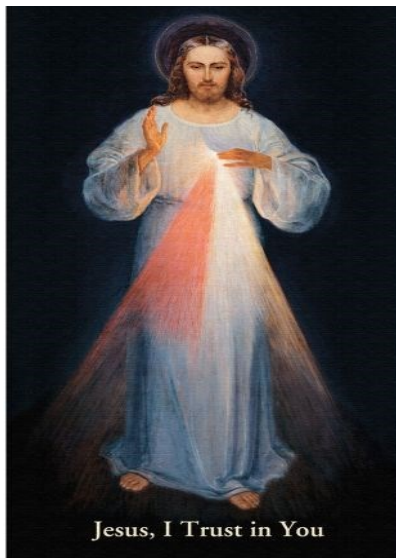
- **Daily Mass | 10:30 a.m.**
- **Adoration | 6:30 p.m.**

### Saturday, May 11

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

### Sunday, May 12

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



Jesus, I Trust in You

## Ministry List for Upcoming Liturgies

### Saturday 4 p.m. May 11

- Priest: Fr. Carl Gales, SVD
- Lectors: Art Reliford  
Eileen Foggie

### Sunday 9 a.m. May 12

- Priest: Fr. Carl Gales, SVD
- Lectors: Debra Causay  
Vita Faulkner
- Eucharistic Ministers:  
Rosemary Sykes  
Eileen Foggie

### Sunday 11:30 a.m. May 12

- Priest: Fr. Carl Gales, SVD
- Lectors: Christine Davis Stewart  
Katie Jordan
- Eucharistic Ministers:  
Shawnece Wilson  
Trish Rawls

## Attendance April 27-28

4 p.m. Vigil Mass	21
9 a.m. Mass	72
11:30 a.m. Mass	175
2:30 p.m. Mass	245
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>513</b>

## Stewardship

### Offertory - April 27- 28, 2024

\$ 5,609.00  
\$ 1,375.50 - online offertory  
\$ 6,984.50

### Offertory - April 29- 30, 2023

\$ 5,781.00  
\$ 1,380.00 - online offertory  
\$ 7,161.00

### Average Weekly Operating Costs

\$ (14,423.08)  
\$ 6,984.50 - Total Offertory  
\$ **(7,438.58)**

Thank you for your generosity!

## Sixth Sunday of Easter Reflection



Once a man came to the Vatican and asked to see Pope John Paul II, claiming that they had been friends in Poland. When told of the man, the Pope said, "He is mistaken about our friendship. I don't recall ever having suffered with him." As it turned out, the man had never known the Pope. Now, I'm not sure if the story is totally factual. But doesn't the juxtaposition of *suffering with friendship sound exactly like JP II? He understood that the deepest and most lasting friendships are forged in the fires of shared suffering. No suffering, no friendship. Amazing.*

This week we hear Jesus say to the apostles and to us, **"You are my friends if you do what I command you"** (John 15:14). In Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, God entered the world of human suffering and transformed it into an

avenue of friendship with Himself. Following His command — to love, to lay down our lives for others — will always entail suffering. But this suffering only deepens our friendship with Him. His suffering is ours; ours is His. We have become friends of God.

This week, how might you share your suffering with the Risen Jesus? How might he be sharing his suffering with you, in the lives of those around you? Be attentive to that, and you'll find that you are indeed a friend of God, because you've suffered together a great deal.

— Father John Muir

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## Sacrament of Matrimony

### 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

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



GIVE TO OUR CHURCH  
NO MATTER WHERE  
YOU ARE

# zelle



You can send your offertory through Zelle:

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



## 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 5

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Readings:** Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48/ Ps 98: 1, 2-3, 3-4 /1 Jn 4: 7-10/ Jn 15: 9-17

**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:** Jean Porter, Shirley Simmons, Renee Trotter, Doris Whitaker

### Monday, May 6

MONDAY OF THE 6TH WEEK OF EASTERTIDE

**Readings:** Acts 16: 11-15/ Ps 149: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/ Jn 15: 26 -- 16: 4a

**OLA Book of Prayer:** Susan Larry, Betty Lumpkins, Judy Michaelis, Maria Jossey Owen

### Tuesday, May 7

TUESDAY OF THE 6TH WEEK OF EASTERTIDE

**Readings:** Acts 16: 22-34/ Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/ Jn 16: 5-11

**Mass Intentions:**

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

**OLA Book of Prayer:** Margaret Stewart, Rita White, Patricia Williams

### Wednesday, May 8

WEDNESDAY OF THE 6TH WEEK OF EASTERTIDE

**Readings:** Acts 17: 15, 22 -- 18: 1/ Ps 148: 1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/ Jn 16: 12-15

**Mass Intentions:**

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

**OLA Book of Prayer:** Tyna Rule, Alonzo Studstill, Joyce Wallace, Yvonne Whitenier, Sheila Williams

### Thursday, May 9

THURSDAY BEFORE ASCENSION SUNDAY

**Readings:** Acts 18: 1-8/ Ps 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Jn 16: 16-20

**Mass Intentions:**

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

**OLA Book of Prayer:** Marionette Phelps, Beverly Sims, Cynthia Thompson, Cassiette West-Williams, Evelyn Williams

### Friday, May 10

FRIDAY BEFORE ASCENSION SUNDAY

**Readings:** Acts 18: 9-18/ Ps 47: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Jn 16: 20-23

**Mass Intentions:**

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

**OLA Book of Prayer:** McShan Family, Allen Peoples, Phyllis Shackelford, Sunnette Varnado Smith

### Saturday, May 11

SATURDAY BEFORE ASCENSION SUNDAY

**Readings:** Acts 16: 1-10/ Ps 100: 1b-2, 3, 5/ Jn 15: 18-21

**OLA Book of Prayer:**

Nolan Humphries, Cindy Jirsa, Monica Lewers, Bernadine McNeal, Jeff Moore

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.



# Our Lady of Africa Church



**What: Community Meal & Resource Assistance**

- **Referrals and Assistance for Essential Resources like:**
  - Medicaid and SNAP signup help
  - Government phone signup
  - CHA housing application help

**Where: Our Lady of Africa Church  
607 East Oakwood Blvd  
( 1 block South of Pershing Rd. )  
Chicago, IL 60653**

**When: 1 – 3 PM  
1st and 3rd Thursdays of EVERY MONTH!**

## 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.



## 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



Come and join us!

# OLA BOOK CLUB

- **Sunday, May 5, 2024**
- **Time: After 11:30 am Mass**
- **Book: Furious Hours**
- **Author: Casey Cep**



## 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**



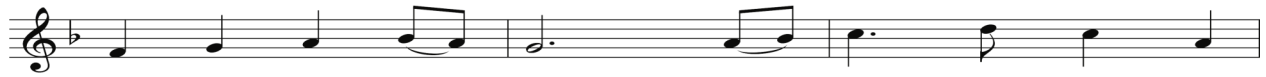
Non-Dairy options will be available as well !



# ENTRANCE HYMN: ALL ARE WELCOME



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell And  
 2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, And  
 3. Let us build a house where love is found In  
 4. Let us build a house where hands will reach Be -  
 5. Let us build a house where all are named, Their



all can safe - ly live, A place where saints and  
 words are strong and true, Where all God's chil - dren  
 wa - ter, wine and wheat: A ban - quet hall on  
 yond the wood and stone To heal and strength - en,  
 songs and vi - sions heard And loved and treas - ured,



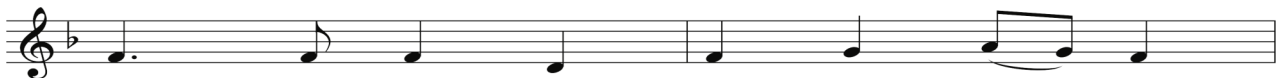
chil - dren tell How hearts learn to for -  
 dare to seek To dream God's reign a -  
 ho - ly ground, Where peace and jus - tice  
 serve and teach, And live the Word they've  
 taught and claimed As words with - in the



give. Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, Rock of  
 new. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness And as  
 meet. Here the love of God, through Je - sus, Is re -  
 known. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger Bear the  
 Word. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, Prayers of



faith and vault of grace; Here the  
 sym - bol of God's grace; Here as  
 vealed in time and space; As we  
 im - age of God's face; Let us  
 faith and songs of grace, Let this



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 one we claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 share in Christ the feast that frees us:  
 bring an end to fear and dan - ger:  
 house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:



All are wel - come, all are wel - come, all are wel - come



in this place.