



OUR LADY OF AFRICA

PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday, November 13, 2022



Society of the Divine Word
CHICAGO PROVINCE



33rd Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed." - Lk 21:16-18

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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 and 2nd Sunday each month)

2:00 p.m.—Igbo Community (3rd and 4th Sunday each month)

6:00 p.m.—French speaking Community (1st Sunday each month)

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

By appointment—(773) 624-5375

Saturday 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.

Pastor

Father Bob Kelly, SVD

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Church Address

615 East Oakwood Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60653

Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Parish Administrator: Ms. Shirley McKinney



This Week at OLA

Sunday, November 13

- KPCLA Meeting
Meeting after the 9 a.m. Mass
| Hall Meeting Room
- First Communion Parent's Meeting
- 10 a.m. | Parish Hall
- Confirmation Classes - 1:30 p.m.
| Tolton Center

Tuesday, November 15

- Phone-in Bible Study - 6 p.m.

Wednesday, November 16

- Mass at Holy Angels School - 10 a.m.
- In-Person Bible Study - 11 a.m. | Parish Hall
- RCIA - 6 p.m. | Parish Hall

Thursday, November 17

- Parish Food Pantry - 10 a.m. - Noon
| Tolton Center

Saturday, November 19

- Parish Food Pantry - 10 a.m. - Noon
| Tolton Center
- Choir Rehearsal - 1 p.m. | Sanctuary

Sunday, November 20

- First Communion Parent's Meeting
- 10 a.m. | Parish Hall
- Sunday School - 11:30 a.m.
| Sunday School Room
- Confirmation Classes - 1:30 p.m.
| Tolton Center

Mass Intentions

Saturday Vigil Mass - November 12

- The Poor Souls

Sunday 9 a.m. - November 13

- Our Lady of Africa Members

Sunday 11:30 a.m. - November 13

- The Poor Souls

Ministry List for Next Weekend

Saturday Vigil Mass - November 19

- Lectors: Dr. Dorothy Williams
Silmon Reed

Sunday 9 a.m. - November 20

- Lectors: Stephanie Gado
Anthony Williams

- Eucharistic Ministers:
Miriam Hunter
Gladys St. Ledger

Sunday 11:30 a.m. - November 20

- Lectors: Mary Johnson
Lisa Pruitt

- Eucharistic Ministers:
Katie Jordan
Stephanie Inis

Requesting Mass Intentions

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. Please submit a Mass Intention request by calling the Parish Office.

Angel Tree Christmas Donations

Discover the Joy of Angel Tree Christmas. The Angel Tree Program helps give gifts to hundreds of thousands of children each year. We are asking for gifts for children between November 12 and December 15th.

Please contact Debra Crosby for more information.
Email: debracrosby7@yahoo.com

Donations

Your continued donations to support Our Lady of Africa Parish can be given by going to the following links: <https://donate.holyangelschicago.com/give>

Please mail your donations to the following address:
Our Lady of Africa Parish
615 E Oakwood Blvd
Chicago, IL 60653

Or Scan this QR Code



Reflections on the Sunday Readings - Fr. Tracy



Thirty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time-C Lk 20:27-38

Dear Parishioners,

In today's Gospel story the Sadducees challenge Jesus with a simplistic and absurd story about seven brothers marrying the same woman. Jesus turns the story into a profound truth that we profess in the Apostles' Creed: the resurrection of the body. But before we enter the new life where, in the coming age, we neither marry nor are given in marriage, we must face death.

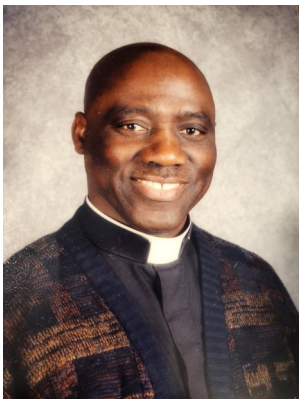
We are in the final weeks of the Church year. The liturgy weaves a very fascinating story of the end and the beginning. In the process it invites us into the mystery of time.

Today we are confronted with the reality our corporal death. Next week we are challenged with the end of the total historical venture that we call the end times. Then the first three weeks of the new year give us the Advent message. It expresses a longing for the new reality that leads us to cry out, **"Come, Lord Jesus!"**

In between the message of the ending and the entreaty for the new beginning we celebrate Christ the King. This is a bridge that connects the transiency of our human condition, **our mortality**, with our *ultimate purpose and goal in life: to be in the eternal embrace of our loving Lord, our immortality.*

These are fascinating times. We are ending one year and beginning a new year. We are on the path of salvation with Jesus our Crucified and Risen Savior. We are asked to ponder the Christian perspective on time. We learn that time is relentless. It waits for no one. We learn that it is pregnant with life and hope. Ultimately, it unveils a gracious and life-giving mystery in the victory of Christ. It is urgent, yet calling us to be patient in a trusting longing for the coming of the Lord. The final two verses of the Book of Revelation, and the final verses of the Bible, say, **"The one who gives this testimony says, 'Yes, I am coming soon'. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all". (Rev 22:20-21)** *It is, indeed, calling us into a merciful and compassionate future of new life even in the face of death that is the passageway to new life.*

Advent Revival - December 6-7



We are pleased to welcome Father John Atoyebi for our Advent Revival. **It will take place on December 6th and 7th at noon.**

Fr. John Bola Atoyebi was born in Lagos, Nigeria. He attended grade school and high school in Nigeria.

He began his college education in Nigeria and completed it in Rome in 1986. While studying in Rome, he met an American priest who encouraged him to be-

come a priest in America. He was very reluctant at first but later accepted in 1987. He came to the United States on December 1, 1987, where he lived in Houston, Texas, for 18 months. He moved to Chicago in 1991 and resided at St. Philip Neri. He was ordained on May 21, 1994, becoming the first African in the Archdiocese. His first assignment was as an Associate Pastor at Benedict from 1994 – 1999.

In 1999, he was appointed Pastor of St. Clotilde, making him the first African to be appointed Pastor of a Church in Chicago. On February 6, 2006, he was appointed Pastor of Holy Angels Church.

Father John is now assisting at Ss. Peter and Lambert Parish in Skokie, Illinois.

SVD and SSsP Vocation Reflection

Patient endurance will see you through to the end. God will give you the wisdom and the words to speak. Don't let anything hold you back from a wholehearted "yes."

Sister Servants of the Holy Spirit - 800-553-3321
Divine Word Missionaries

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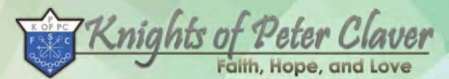
KNIGHTS AND LADIES AUXILIARY OF PETER CLAVER

The Knights and Ladies Auxiliary of Peter Claver would like to invite you to join and become a member!

Membership in the Knights and Ladies Auxiliary is offered to Catholic men, women, young adults, and youth - ages 7 and older.

Our Claver family members grow in both their personal development as well as their awareness of the Catholic Faith through the Celebration of the Eucharist, charitable and community service projects, social and civic events, local/regional conferences and national conventions, along with many other events, activities and programs. The Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary is now the country's largest and oldest historically Black Catholic lay organization - comprised of many doctors, judges, teachers, clergy, mechanics, engineers, and other laborers and professionals.

For more information on the Knights of Peter Claver and Ladies Auxiliary, visit www.kofpc.org/info or contact **Lady Lena Young:** lenayoung85@gmail.com



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www.kofpc.org/info



Blessed Sacrament Annual Christmas Celebration



The Blessed Sacrament Society is having its annual Christmas Celebration on **Sunday, December 4, 2022**, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall. The party will be catered by Meal of the Day Café.

You are cordially invited to join the merrymaking at a cost of \$22.00 per person.

The menu is as follows:



CHRISTMAS PARTY MENU



Baked Ham
Baked Turkey
Sage Dressing with Gravy
Salad
5 Cheese Macaroni
Green Beans
Coffee
Frappe
Bottled Water
Dinner Rolls
Red Velvet Cake



THE COST IS \$22.00 PER PERSON

CONTACT AND PAY by Sunday, November 20, 2022

Debra Crosby (9 a.m. Mass)

Deborah Powell/Shawnece Wilson (11:30 a.m. Mass)

Parish Directory

Baptisms

Tina Carter
tinalcarter71@gmail.com

Blessed Sacrament Society

Tasha McShan - President

Confirmation

Tina Carter, Stephanie Gado
Theresa Rhea

Clergy

Fr. Bob Kelly, SVD - Pastor
bkellysvd@gmail.com
Fr. Carl Gales, SVD - Associate
galesce0422@gmail.com
Fr. Tracy O'Sullivan, O.Carm.
Dcn. Michael Foggie
Dcn. Ivan Lazcano
Dcn. Merv Johnson
Dcn. Manie Manuel, SVD

Events Committee

Keisha Chavers - Chairperson

Food Pantry

Ladell Johnson

Funerals

Katie Jordan
kwcluwpresident@gmail.com

Knights of Peter Claver

Thomas Rich - Grand Knight

Knights of Peter Claver Lady's Auxiliary

Lena Young - Grand Lady

Maintenance

Bobby Malone
Tyrone Smith

Men's Coalition

Michael Morman - President

Music Ministry

Tyrone Pittman

Parish Administrator

Shirley McKinney
773-624-5375

Religious Missionary

Brother Alu Aisi, SVD

School and Church Liaison

LaTanya Berry-Johnson

Seminarian

Frazer Zachary Smith, SVD

Sunday School

Eileen Foggie

Tolton Heritage Center

Regina Cook
773-268-1518

Ushers and Greeters

Jackson Lucas



Black Catholic History Month

Celebrating Black Catholic History Month: Authentically Black, Truly Catholic



Getting to Know Katie W. Jordan

It began with a welcoming, then an invitation, and before she knew it, Ms. Katie Jordan said "yes" to sharing her time, talents, and treasures with the Catholic Church in Chicago.

Ms. Katie W. Jordan was born in a small town in Arkansas in 1924. Growing up Methodist, she was instilled with the adage "if the pastor asks you for your help with something, you help if you can."

As an adult, her first encounter with the Catholic Church was sending her oldest child to kindergarten at a Catholic school in Arkansas. Like many before her, Ms. Katie with 3 children in tow, left Arkansas for a better life in Chicago.

When it was time to enroll her children in school, the public school refused them because she did not have her children's transcripts. However, Catholic schools embraced her children and allowed them to enroll. Her daughter attended Cathedral school and her sons attended Hales Franciscan and later joined the Air Force. By 1971, Ms. Katie still hadn't formally joined a Catholic Church but attended one faithfully located on 71st and

May.

All that changed when her neighbor invited her to come and visit St. Leo the Great. This was a transformative experience for her. She remembers fondly Fr. Turite standing at the door, taking her hand, and saying "Welcome, Welcome, we are so glad to have you." Her mother's advice of "always have a church home" rang true when she formally joined St. Leo the Great, attended RCIA classes, and formally became Catholic.

Fr. Turite, and later Fr. Furlan, encouraged Ms. Katie to become a representative from St. Leo for the newly formed Conference of the Laity created by the Archdiocese of Chicago. This pilot program trained and sent forth laity to parishes to help with evangelization efforts. As the only African American on the evangelization board, Ms. Katie actively recruited other African Americans from different parishes to join. She was named president of the board and helped spearhead events, workshops, and programs throughout some of the Black Catholic parishes in Chicago including, St. Sabina and St. Elizabeth.

Another invitation brought this dynamic woman of faith to Holy Angels. While serving as the music director at St. Leo, Tyrone Pittman would invite Ms. Katie to come to Holy Angels to worship. For a number of years, she would faithfully attend both parishes and when St. Leo closed in 2002, Holy Angels had already claimed her.

At 94 years young, Ms. Katie is still using her time, talents, and treasures to serve God and God's people. From prepping families for baby baptisms to now focusing her work on the bereavement ministry, Our Lady of Africa is truly blessed to count Ms. Katie W. Jordan as one of our own!

-Tina L. Carter

Servant of God Sr. Thea Bowman

Sister Thea Bowman tirelessly blazed a way for Black Catholics to fully live their faith out loud and with joy! You can listen to her music on all streaming services and experience her legacy through the many institutions that now boast her name. The documentary about her life is on YouTube. Check it out!!

www.youtube.com/watch?v=W9oOa2iOwck

Breakfast with Santa



Our Lady of Africa Men's Coalition and Sponsors will have their Annual Breakfast with Santa on December 4, 2022 immediately following the 11:30 a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall.


Please RSVP by November 20th by calling the Parish Office and providing the name, age, and gender of the child you wish to receive a gift.

If you wish to donate unwrapped toys you can bring them to the church and place them in the Red Container located in the Narthex. Donations of cash, checks or gift cards should be given to one of the Men's Coalition Members. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Young Adult Evening Prayer

Young adults age 18+ are invited to pray online together with School Sisters of Notre Dame on Tuesday, November 22 from 7-8 p.m.

Young Adult
Evening Prayer

via Zoom with the
 **School Sisters of Notre Dame**

TUESDAYS
8p ET / 7p CT
6p MT / 5p PT

September 27
October 25
November 22
December 20

Register in advance at ssnd.org/events

OLA Book Club

Are you an avid reader? Do you like to discuss books with your friends?

Maybe you would enjoy being a member of the OLA Book Club.

Associate Pastor Fr. Carl will select the first few books on the list. The book selections will be varied: religious, fiction, non-fiction and self-help.

Those interested in joining the OLA Book Club, please notify the Parish Office.



Announcements in the Bulletin

Please submit your announcements and inserts for the bulletin no later than 4 p.m. on Tuesday of each week. Thank you for your understanding.



Please Remember Those on Our Sick and Shut-In List in your Prayers

Ophelia Adams
Curtis Albright
Dorla Allen
Patrice Anderson
Jessie Andrews
James Barker
Donald Barner
Louise Bates
Myra Baugh
David Berry
Mary Berry
Helen Brooms
Christine Brown
Barbara McGee-Berry
Arthur Brooks
Patricia Brown
Roscoe Burns
Michael Burt
Dean Brazier
James Brazier
Marilyn Campbell
Esperanza Carr
Russell Carter
Lillian Cherry
Michael A. Clark
Lydia Clark
Willie B. Clay
Catherine Crosby
Mary Crawford
Sr. Eleanor Doidge
Cecelia Douglas
Judith Easter
Elsie Freeman
Wanda Finney
Ola Mae Forde
Nazaree Fuller
Tyrone Fuller
Rosemary Gardner
Frederick Gibson
Florence Glenn
Andre D. Golden
Mable Gray

Bettie Green
Eleanor Griffin
Barbara Golden
Anna Marie Hampton
Exie Haralson
Catherine Harper
Marjorie Heard
Lorraine Henderson
Justine Henderson
Jim Henkel
Kelly Robin Hill
Velma Hill
Hugh Hodges
Rita Holland
Sandra Houston
Doris Humphries
Nolan Humphries
George James
Janet James
Leslie Jackson
Mildred Jackson
Majorbelle James
Therese Jessie
Cindy Jirsa
Annette Lee
Susan Larry McKeever
Denise Lawson
Gloria Leonard
Lugenia Lewis
Jan Johnson
Pamela Jones
Betty Lumpkins
Lenda Mason
Gail McGruder
McShan Family
Bernadine McNeal
Anastacia Mebane
Judy Michaelis
Deborah Mitchell
Argentry Mitchell
Geraldine Moore
Jeff Moore

Michael Moore
Euphrasia Mutinda
Maria Jossey Owen
Gregory Papesch
Minnette Penman
Allen Peoples
Sr. Jamie Phelps, O.P.
Marionette Phelps
Jean Porter
Louise Ray
Clara Reisner
Tyna Rule
Phyllis Shackelford
Alfrances Sharpe
Beverly Sims
Shirley Simmons
Emma Stewart
Margaret Stewart
Alonzo Studstill
Janice Taylor
Alice Thompson
Cynthia Thompson
Renee Trotter
Audrey Tuggle
Joanne Wallace
Joyce Wallace
Todd Washington
Tandra Watson
Rachel Watson
Doris Whitaker
Eryn Whitaker
Rita White
Yvonne Whitenier
Arlene G. Williams
Dorothy Williams
Evelyn Williams
Naiya Williams
Michael Williams
Patricia Williams
Sheila Williams
Sunnette Varnado Smith

