



OUR LADY OF AFRICA

PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday, April 16, 2023



Served by the Society of the Divine Word



2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to him,
“Have you come to
believe because you
have seen me? Blessed
are those who have not
seen and have believed.”
- Jn 20:29

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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*)

2:30 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.

Administrator

Father Carl Gales, SVD

Contact Us

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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.

Office Administrator: Ms. Shirley McKinney



This Week at OLA

Sunday, April 16

- First Communion - 10:00 a.m.
| Tolton Heritage Center
- KPCLA Meeting - after 9 a.m. Mass
- HIV Group Meeting - 10:15 to 11:15 a.m.
| Parish Hall
- Sunday School - 11:30 a.m.
| Sunday School Room
- Confirmation Class - 1:30 p.m.
| Tolton Heritage Center

Tuesday, April 18

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

Wednesday, April 19

- Mass at Holy Angels School - 10 a.m.
| Gymnasium

Thursday, April 20

- Angels on Air Phone Prayer Line - 9 a.m.
- Food Pantry - 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
| Tolton Center

Saturday, April 22

- Choir Rehearsal - 1 p.m. | Parish
- Men's Coalition Meeting - 3 p.m.
| Parish Hall
- KPC 4th Degree Meeting - 4 p.m.

Sunday, April 23

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

JOIN THE OLA CHURCH FAMILY

Welcome to Our Lady of Africa! We are thankful and grateful for your presence. Our Lady of Africa is striving to provide spiritual outreach and ministry to our church members and the community at large.

To become a member of our parish, please contact our Parish Office Administrator, Ms. Shirley McKinney at 773- 624-5375.

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>
Or Scan this QR Code



Or mail to: Our Lady of Africa Parish
615 E Oakwood Blvd
Chicago, IL 60653

Ministry List for Upcoming Liturgies

Saturday 4 p.m. - April 22

- Lectors: Theresa Rhea
Ted Budzynski

Sunday 9 a.m. - April 23

- Lectors: Edith Lane
Zachary Smith
- Eucharistic Ministers:
Rosemary Sykes
Eileen Foggie

Sunday 11:30 a.m. - April 23

- Lectors: Greg Chappell
Liz Mardis
- Eucharistic Ministers:
Sharon Binion
Shawnece Wilson

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 15

- 4 p.m. Mass + Jimmy Sargent, Sr.

Sunday, April 16

- 9 a.m. Mass + Sr. Marita Zeller
- 11:30 a.m. Mass - Lena Lawal,
Hershell Cage & Bright Moevi
(Newly Baptized and Confirmed
Members of OLA)

Monday, April 17

- Evelyn Williams

Tuesday, April 18

- Lillian Cherry

Wednesday, April 19

- Jan Johnson

Thursday, April 20

- Patrice Anderson

Friday, April 21

- Audrey Tuggle

Saturday, April 22

- 4 p.m. Mass - Divine Word College
Benefactors

Sunday, April 23

- 9 a.m. Mass - Divine Word College
Benefactors
- 11:30 a.m. Mass - OLA Church Members

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.



Father Carl Gales, SVD

Dear OLA Church members,

This Divine Mercy Sunday finds us beginning again with a change in leadership. I have been blessed to be assigned as your Administrator and I look forward to what lies ahead.

In the next couple of weeks, I will outline the direction our Church Community will have to discern in order for our thriving and our Mission for future growth.

This is a vibrant and growing community and WE want to continue our momentum of renewing our commitment, our purpose and our vision.

Along with your continued prayers, I will need your support. Constructive advice is always welcome and I promise you to have an open ear to the needs and concerns of everyone.

Let us pray: Heavenly Father, you know what our Church Family needs. We believe that you have called us to be a people on fire for your work and filled with purpose. Give us your Holy Spirit so that we can be bold and courageous; help us to submit to your Will and Guidance. And we pray that you would help us to complete the mission you have given to us. We ask this through your Beloved Son, Christ Our Lord. Amen.

God's continued Easter Blessings be with you all!

Fr. Carl



Parish Directory

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Theresa Rhea

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Dcn. Michael Foggie
Dcn. Merv Johnson
Dcn. Manie Manuel, SVD

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Lisa Littleton

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Ladell Johnson

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Knights of Peter Claver

Thomas Rich - Grand Knight

Knights of Peter Claver Lady's Auxilliary

Lena Young - Grand Lady

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Bobby Malone
Tyrone Smith

Men's Coalition

Michael Morman - President

Music Ministry

Maestro Tyrone Pittman

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Shirley McKinney
773-624-5375

Religious Missionary

Brother Alu Aisi, SVD

School and Church Liaison

LaTanya Berry-Johnson

Seminarian

Frater Zachary Smith, SVD

Sunday School

Eileen Foggie

Tolton Heritage Center

Regina Cook
773-268-1518

Ushers and Greeters

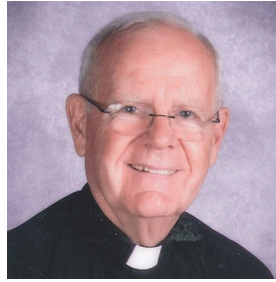
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Youth Ministry

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Second Sunday of Easter - Fr Tracy O'Sullivan OCarm



Dear Friends in Christ,

In the long journey of three years with Jesus, the apostles had all kinds of startling experiences. Yet, nothing prepared them for the final seventy two hours that found them locked in the room **"for fear of the Jews."** (Jn 20:19)

No one was on the roller-coaster of emotions more than Peter. **"You will never wash my feet."** **"Master, then not only my feet, but my hands and face as well."** (Jn 13:8-9) **"I will lay down my life for you."** (Jn 13:37) **"Then the maid who was the gatekeeper said to Peter, 'You are not one of this man's disciples are you?' Peter said, 'I am not.'"** (Jn 18:17) **"He went out and he began to weep bitterly."** (Mt 26:75)

For Peter and the other disciples, it was a short tumble from total arrogance to total devastation. They who were longing for the gift of power and wealth, prestige and privilege. Now they were engulfed in shattered dreams and wrapped up in fear and hopelessness. Slowly they realized the events of the weekend not only exposed them as losers for wasting three years of their life chasing an illusion but they actually were in danger of doing time in prison, and maybe even losing their lives.

Crisis management did not give them much time to let the depth of their loss sink in. Likewise, they were unable to see with any clarity the extent of their personal cowardice in their flight and rejection after three years of intimacy at the feet of Jesus. Self-knowledge does take a long time!

Then in the midst of the pain, the fear, the loss and utter confusion they see Him and hear, **"Peace be with you."** Jn 20:19.

They had a lot of experience with the upside down world of Jesus. However, nothing made them ready for this. In an instant, defeat and failure are now victory and triumph. Darkness is now light. Abandonment opens to

embrace. Sin and denial are washed away in love, mercy and healing. Indeed, **"Peace be with you."**

No wonder the Church invites us to ponder and pray about this awesome mystery of the Resurrection for the next seven weeks. There is a lot to take in.

If we are willing to dig deep enough, we gradually will see the story of our lives in the vulnerability of the disciples. We will see that we, like the disciples in the locked room, are being called out of the dominance and control of our fear and anxieties. We are being offered the most magnificent of all gifts in hope. We have before us the brilliant display of the mercy of God, **"Whose sins you shall forgive are forgiven them".** (Jn 20:23)

The readings of this Second Sunday of Easter proclaim the presence of the risen Lord in the midst of the reign of fear, skepticism and apprehension. In this Easter feast Jesus comes to us with peace and healing. He offers us courage and unspeakable joy.

Like the disciples, we are loved in our brokenness. We are accepted in our weakness and sinfulness. Slowly we will get a glimmer of the love Jesus has for us. It is without limit or condition. It is a treasure we can hardly grasp. Whether we grasp it or not, the goal of our spiritual journey in life is to let the power and beauty of this love transform us into a new creation just as it did for the disciples. This is the day we so fittingly celebrate the mercy of God.

Indeed, Christ is risen! Alleluia! When we bring this Mystery into this deepest reality of our lives, nothing will ever be the same again. The wonder of God's love is always there. We are invited to enter this love through our Easter celebration. We need to let the Alleluia bring us into the depth of God's love, the true experience of Easter.



BLESSED SACRAMENT SOCIETY

WOMEN'S DAY OF EMPOWERMENT

**Our Lady of Africa Church
607 East Oakwood Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60653**

Saturday, May 20, 2023

Donation: \$25.00

Zelle: blessedsacramentsociety@yahoo.com

9am-3pm

Guest Speaker

Shawn L. Hines (Motivational speaker)



**Continental Breakfast
Empowering Guest Speaker
Paint & Sip Activity
Meditation
Lunch
Women Vendors**



For tickets contact:

Tasha McShan @ 773-474-2823 (President)

Lena Young @ 773-848-3581 (Chair)

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Upcoming Events

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Evenings with Venerable Augustus Tolton



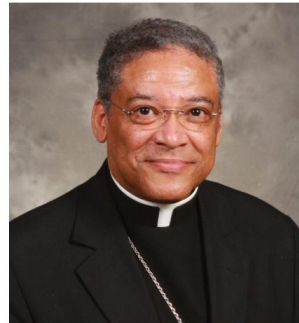
A five-part series featuring Bishop Perry

Join Bishop Joseph Perry at the Tolton Heritage Center in Chicago to learn about Venerable Augustus Tolton, the first recognized African American Roman Catholic priest. He is on the road to canonization. These events will include a short video, a presentation by Bishop Perry and plenty of time for conversation.

All events are free

Starting on March 8 | 4 – 6 p.m.
Tolton Heritage Center

44 East 41st Street, Chicago, IL 60653



May 3 **Embodying Forgiveness**

Today, there are deep divisions in this country. What does Fr. Tolton's life teach us about forgiveness and understanding that would move us toward healing?

May 10 **All Things Tolton**

You've probably heard a lot about Tolton or perhaps nuggets about several organizations bearing his name. Learn about the various groups and how they work together to advance Tolton's legacy.

Sponsored by the **Tolton Spirituality Center**. Register at www.toltonspirituality.org under Events.

OLA BOOK CLUB - APRIL 30, 2023 ***NEW DATE



Octavia Butler, Author

Are you an avid reader? Do you enjoy discussing books with your friends? Why not enjoy our next book club session with Octavia Butler's classic "Kindred"?

Our next meeting will be on April 30 after the 11:30 a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall. If you are interested in joining the Book Club, please sign up in the Narthex and purchase your copy of the book! If you are already a member, there is no need to sign up again.

Our lunch will be a potluck. Please let us know what you would like to bring.

We look forward to seeing you and discussing this important piece of African-American literature!

Upcoming Events



A TOAST TO MOTHERS A MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

Hosted by Community Senior
Business Institute
Seating is Limited

When: Thursday, May 4, 2023

Time: 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Tickets are \$25 Each

Reserve your seat by calling 773-919-1687

Or email info@cbsinst.org

Music Provided by Violinist Samuel Williams
and Vocalist Chuck King "Cole"

Vendor Event

May 6, 2023

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Tolton Center
50 E 41st. Street
Chicago, IL 60652

Please arrive
1 hour early for set up -
First come, first serve for
table placement
& location

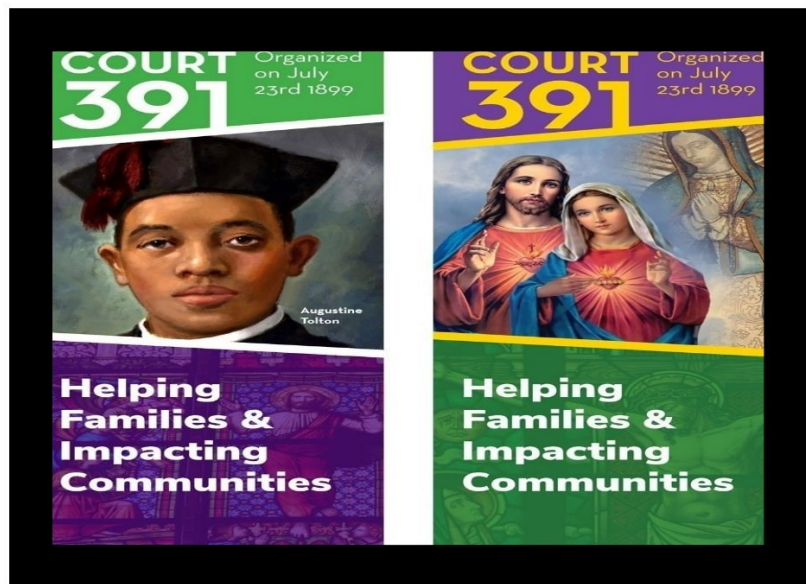
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[Entire Stage \$100.00]

[Flyers \$10.00 for the entry]



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CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY



CALLED TO MAKE
A DIFFERENCE

ON APRIL 16TH, THERE WILL BE A MEET
AND GREET FOR THE YOUNG ADULT
MINISTRY.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY IS OPEN TO ALL
AGED 18 UP TO 39.

PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE NARTHEX AFTER
MASS! YOU CAN ALSO CALL THE PARISH
OFFICE TO LET US KNOW THAT YOU WILL
ATTEND.

DATE: APRIL 16, 2023

TIME: AFTER 11:30 a.m. MASS

PLACE: OLA PARISH HALL

Please Remember in Daily Prayer and Devotions

Sunday, April 16

Readings: Acts 2: 42-47/ Ps 118: 2-4. 13-15. 22-24/
1 Pt 1: 3-9/ Jn 20: 19-31

OLA Book of Prayer: Nolan Humphries,
Cindy Jirsa, Monica Lewers, Bernadine McNeal,
Jeff Moore

Monday, April 17

Readings: Acts 4: 23-31/ Ps 2: 1-3. 4-7a. 7b-9/
Jn 3: 1-8

OLA Book of Prayer: Jan Johnson, Lugenia Lewis,
Carolyn McQuerter, Michael Moore

Tuesday, April 18

Readings: Acts 4: 32-37/ Ps 93: 1ab. 1cd-2. 5/
Jn 3: 7b-15

OLA Book of Prayer: Pamela Jones, John Littleton,
Tasha McShan, Anastacia Mebane,
Euphrasia Mutinda

Wednesday, April 19

Readings: Acts 5: 17-26/ Ps 34: 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/
Jn 3: 16-21

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

Thursday, April 20

Readings: Acts 5: 27-33/ Ps 34: 2 and 9. 17-18. 19-
20/ Jn 3: 31-36

OLA Book of Prayer: Denise Lawson,
Lenda Mason, Deborah Mitchell, Clara Reisner

Friday, April 21

Readings: Acts 5: 34-42/ Ps 27: 1. 4. 13-14/
Jn 6: 1-15

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

Saturday, April 22

Readings: Acts 6: 1-7/ Ps 33: 1-2. 4-5. 18-19/
Jn 6: 16-21

OLA Book of Prayer: McShan Family,
Geraldine Moore, Allen Peoples,
Phyllis Shackelford

Rest in the Peace of Christ

+Sr. Marita Zeller and +Jimmy Sargent, Sr.

April Birthdays

4/05 Rosetta Batiste
4/07 Thelma Jackson
4/09 Chery Tyson
4/11 Joyce Franklin
4/15 Marcia Berry
4/17 Dwight Hearn
4/17 Merrill Tyson
4/18 Julie Sumpter

4/22 Barbara Golden
4/25 Gail Betty
4/26 Ku-San Thomas
4/27 Jean Parkham-
Jacques
4/28 Alan Emerson Hicks
4/30 Edith Smith