



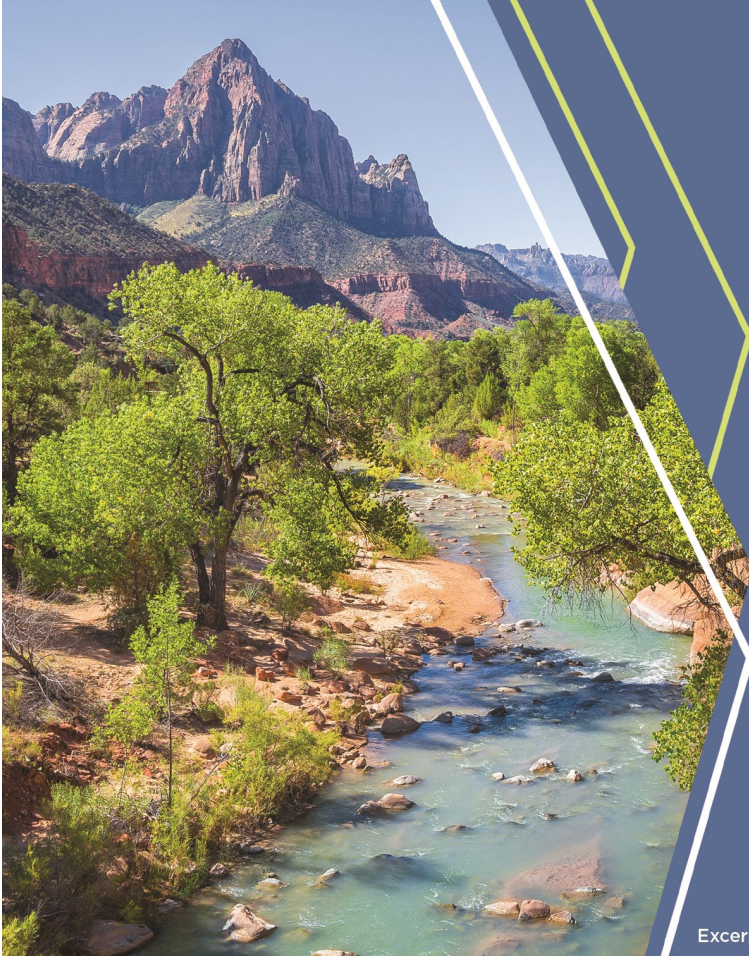
OUR LADY OF AFRICA

PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday, April 2, 2023



Served by the Society of the Divine Word



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

“Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.”

- Mt 21:9

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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.

Pastor

Father Bob Kelly, SVD

Contact Us

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Church Address

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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, April 2

- OCIA - after 9 a.m. Mass
| Parish Hall Room
- First Communion - 10 a.m. | Tolton Center
- Sunday School - 11:30 a.m.
| Sunday School Room

Wednesday, April 5

- School Mass - 10 a.m.
| Holy Angels School Gym

Thursday, April 6

- Angels on Air Phone Prayer Line - 9 a.m.
- Food Pantry - 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
| Tolton Center
- Seder Meal - 5 p.m. | Parish Hall
- Holy Thursday - Mass of the Lord's Supper
7 p.m. | Parish

Friday, April 7

- Solemn Stations of the Cross - 3 p.m. | Parish
- Good Friday Service of the Lord's Passion
7 p.m. | Parish

Saturday, April 8

- Choir Rehearsal - 1 p.m. | Parish
- Altar Server Training - 2 p.m. | Parish
- Easter Vigil - 7 p.m. | Parish

Sunday, April 9

- 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.

Mass Intentions

Masses from April 1- 14

For the Church Family of OLA

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.

Ministry List for Upcoming Liturgies

Thursday 7 p.m. - April 6 | HOLY THURSDAY

- Lectors: Marcheta Smith
Anthony Williams

Friday 7 p.m. - April 7 | GOOD FRIDAY

- Lectors: Regina Cook
Silmon Reed
Katie Jordan (Speaker)

Saturday 7 p.m. - April 8 | EASTER VIGIL

- Lectors: Dorothy Williams
Denise Wilson
Theresa Rhea
Keith Wilson
Art Reliford

Sunday 9 a.m. - April 9 | EASTER SUNDAY

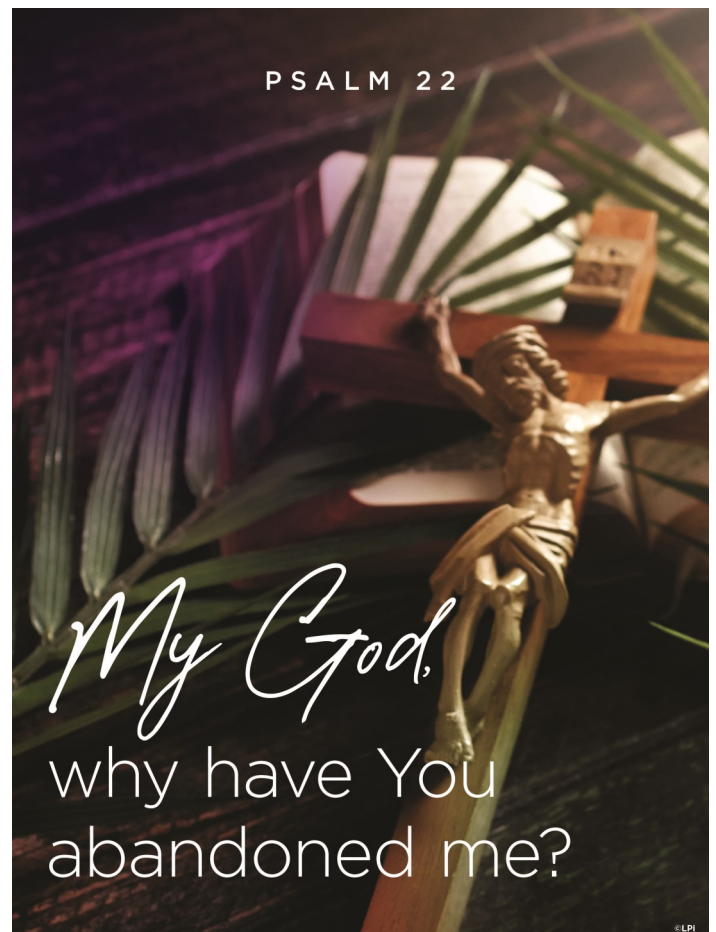
- Lectors: Edith Smith
Reco Condiff

- Eucharistic Ministers:
Ladell Johnson
Sonia Davis

Sunday 11:30 a.m. - April 9 | EASTER SUNDAY

- Lectors: Katie Jordan
Shawnece Wilson

- Eucharistic Ministers:
Clergy



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



PALM SUNDAY - APRIL 1/2

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS - 4 p.m.
SUNDAY - 9 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
1:30 p.m. Ghanaian Mass
6 p.m. French Speaking Community

HOLY THURSDAY APRIL 6

SEDER MEAL - 5 p.m.
MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER
7 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 7

SOLEMN STATIONS
OF THE CROSS
3 p.m.

THE LORD'S PASSION
7 p.m.

EASTER VIGIL APRIL 8

7 p.m.

EASTER RESURRECTION SUNDAY APRIL 9

9 a.m and 11:30 a.m.
Ghanaian Mass - 1:30 p.m.
French Mass - TBD

PASCHAL TRIDUUM



Parish Directory

Baptisms

Tina Carter
tinalcarter71@gmail.com

Blessed Sacrament Society

Tasha McShan - *President*

Confirmation

Tina Carter, Stephanie Gado
Theresa Rhea

Clergy

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Fr. Tracy O'Sullivan, O.Carm.
Dcn. Michael Foggie
Dcn. Ivan Lazcano
Dcn. Merv Johnson
Dcn. Manie Manuel, SVD

Events Committee

Keisha Chavers - *Chairperson*

First Communion

Barbara Edwards-Hill
Lisa Littleton

Food Pantry

Ladell Johnson

Funerals

Katie Jordan
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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

Maestro Tyrone Pittman

Parish Administrator

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

Jackson Lucas

Youth Ministry

Taleah Cage
Silmon Reed



Paschal Triduum - Three Days by Fr Tracy O'Sullivan, OCarm

When I was young, Easter meant very little to us. The really big thing was Lent. The great time was at noon on Holy Saturday when we could eat candy and indulge in whatever else we gave up for Lent. This, this like too many religious practices over history, was an incredible distortion of the Church's message.

Today, we have another caricature of Easter. The big day is Good Friday. For many, if not most, Easter is an afterthought in much of our popular religious practice. The point we need to understand is that **we are an Easter People!!**

The Church's teaching is very clear. The Death and Resurrection are one event! We take thirteen and a half weeks to celebrate, in the most solemn and beautiful way, the central reality of our faith, the Pascal Mystery. The goal of Lent is a time of penitential preparation to enter as profoundly as possible into the mystery of the Crucified and Risen Christ. This one event includes the Passion, Death, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus Christ. This is the event of the Triduum, the three most holy days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil/Easter. This is followed by seven weeks of the Easter Season to further ponder this great Mystery. This same event is celebrated and experienced in every Mass.

These thirteen and half weeks are a meaningful portion of the entire Church year. The goal is much more than to recall this story. It goes far beyond a history lesson. We do not repeat history. We celebrate the Mystery and in the celebration we are present to the Mystery,

the one and singular and historical event. The power of the Spirit in the Church makes us present to the saving event, the Pascal Mystery.

Here is the bottom line of all this material. The Church understands the Triduum, and the liturgy in general, in this way. It is not a reenactment. It is not simply a telling of the story no matter how solemn.

The celebration is the power and presence of God's saving grace coming into our lives here and now. This one saving event is not broken into parts. It is the Mystery of the saving action of God in Jesus Christ. We are entering into the deepest reality of our life. We are experiencing, here and now in our worship, the presence of the saving love. It is calling us to eternal life right in this present moment. When we receive communion the minister does not say this is a remembrance of the Body of Christ. The words state the reality. This is the Body of Christ!

In the three holy days of the Triduum, we have the pinnacle of all the most sacred events in our liturgy. This is the most hallowed time to celebrate, and in the celebration not only recall, but be present to the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is what liturgy does. It brings us into the presence of the Pascal Mystery that we celebrate. We do not repeat it. We enter into the one most singular event. This is why we are Easter People! We long to encounter not only the crucified Christ but the glorious Alleluia of the Easter victory of good over evil, of life over death! It is our invitation to life eternal.

OLA BOOK CLUB - APRIL 23, 2023



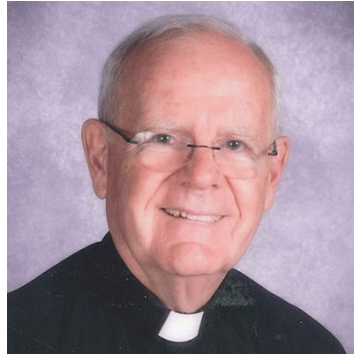
Octavia Butler, Author

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 23 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!



The second book of Isaiah, (Is 40-55), is generally called Deutero-Isaiah. It is a book of comfort. It is directed to the Jewish people in exile in Babylonia. The message is one of hope and deliverance in the midst of darkness and desperation. Among the fifteen chapters of this part of Isaiah there are four passages that are called the Suffering Servant songs. They describe a person intimate with God and living with faith and integrity. It is no surprise that he is the Suffering Servant because of his conflict with evil. He is a voice of hope in a miserable situation.

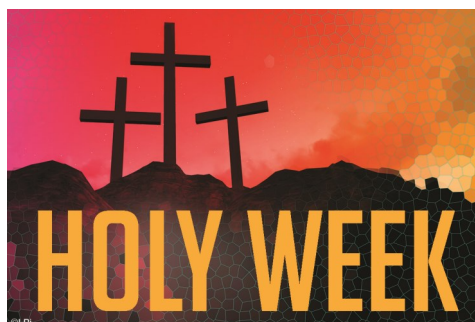
The early Christian Church cherished these special selections of Isaiah to help them to understand the mystery of a Crucified Christ. Their confusion was overwhelming as they encountered the face of God on a cross. It should be the same for us if we let the reality sink into the depths of our heart. The question is the same for us as the early Christian, **Why Lord?** This is a question that never goes away in our journey in a sinful and broken world. There are so many situations in our life that our heart bursts out with the question, **Why Lord?** However, there is no situation more real for our plea, **Why Lord?** than Jesus abandoned on the cross.

The Suffering Servant passages invite us into the mystery anew as we apply them to Christ our Crucified Savior.

In the first reading on Passion Sunday we have a few verses from the third Suffering Servant in Isaiah (Is 50:4-7) They describe a faithful servant who listens to God and reaches out in service to help his people only to be rejected.

In the beginning of this selection there is a great insight of what is one of the most essential elements of being a disciple. **"Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear."** (Is 50:4) The word used for "open" also is used in the Hebrew language to drill a well for water. It is a powerful word to describe how God is constantly reaching out to us in this relentless fashion. Our task is to listen each and every day. We need the divine guidance. We need to face our ever-changing circumstances with the light of our encounter with God.

It is most appropriate at the beginning of Holy Week that we hear the call of God: ***Listen my child. I have the message of wisdom, light and love for you in this holy season. Listen my daughters and sons to the story. It is always new and deeper than you ever imagined. Let the journey of Christ open your heart to my presence in your life. Let the passage of Christ to Jerusalem enlighten your heart and life to see my grace and my love in your struggles and your joys. Only your life will be able to help you understand. So, my call is for you to listen most of all at this most solemn of all celebrations of the death and resurrection of my son. It is your gift and your guide into my Kingdom of peace, joy and love. Listen, and you will understand and embrace my answer to your question, Why Lord?***





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 2

Readings: Procession: Mt 21: 1-11. Mass: Is 50: 4-7/
Ps 22: 8-9. 17-18. 19-20. 23-24/ Phil 2:6-11/
Mt 26: 14 - 27: 66

OLA Book of Prayer: Ophelia Adams,
Louise Bates, Arthur Brooks, Esperanza Carr

Monday, April 3

Readings: Is 42: 1-7/ Ps 27: 1. 2. 3. 13-14/
Jn 12: 1-11.

OLA Book of Prayer: Curtis Albright, Myra Baugh,
Patricia Brown, James Burgess, Russell Carter

Tuesday, April 4

Readings: Is 49: 1-6/ Ps 71: 1-2. 3-4a. 5ab-6ab. 15
and 17/ Jn 13: 21-33. 36-38

OLA Book of Prayer: Dorla Allen, David Berry,
Roscoe Burns, Lillian Cherry

Wednesday, April 5

Readings: Is 50: 4-9a/ Ps 69: 8-10. 21-22. 31
and 33-34/ Mt 26: 14-25

OLA Book of Prayer: Patrice Anderson,
Mary Berry, Michael Burt, Michael A. Clark

Thursday, April 6

Readings: Ex 12: 1-8. 11-14/ Ps 116: 12-13. 15-
16bc. 17-18/ 1 Cor 11: 23-26/ Jn 13: 1-15

OLA Book of Prayer: Jessie Andrews,
Helen Brooms, Dean Brazier, Lydia Clark

Friday, April 7

Readings: Is 52: 13 -- 53: 12/ Ps 31: 2. 6. 12-13. 15-
16. 17. 25/ Heb 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9/ Jn 18: 1 -- 19: 42

OLA Book of Prayer: James Barker,
Christine Brown, James Brazier, Willie B. Clay

Saturday, April 8

Readings: Gn 1: 1 -- 2: 2/Ps 104: 1-2. 5-6. 10. 12. 13
-14. 24. 35/ Gn 22: 1-18 or 22: 1-2. 9a. 10-13. 15-18/
Ps 16: 5. 8. 9-10. 11/ Ex 14: 15 -- 15: 1/ Ex 15: 1-2. 3-
4. 5-6. 17-18/ Is 54: 5-14/ Ps 30: 2. 4. 5-6. 11-12. 13/
Is 55: 1-11/ Is 12: 2-3. 4. 5-6/ Bar 3: 9-15. 32 -- 4: 4/
Ps 19: 8. 9. 10. 11/ Ez 36: 16-17a. 18-28/ Ps 42: 3. 5;
43: 3. 4/ Rom 6: 3-11/ Ps 118: 1-2. 16-17. 22-23/
Mt 28: 1-10

OLA Book of Prayer: Donald Barner,
Barbara McGee-Berry, Marilyn Campbell,
Catherine Crosby, Wanda Finney

Rest in the Peace of Christ

+Gregory Papesh

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

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

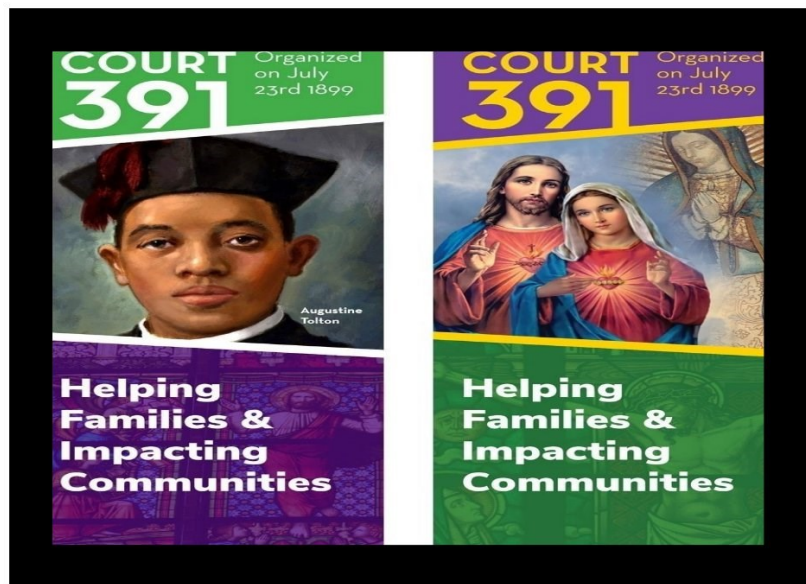
Pricing:

[1 Table 2 chairs \$24.50 Stage]

[1 side \$49.50]

[Entire Stage \$100.00]

[Flyers \$10.00 for the entry]



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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

March 8 The Man, Not Myth

Fr. Augustus Tolton's story begins more than a century ago, yet it remains relevant today. Who was Augustus Tolton? What does his life story teach us?

March 29 Tolton Spirituality

Fr. Augustus Tolton led an extraordinary and exemplary life. What tenets guided this former slave turned engaging Catholic priest? Is it possible to lead a holy life as Tolton did?

April 12 Spreading the Word

Venerable Augustus Tolton: The pioneer, spiritual leader, and social justice advocate. Discover how Tolton's legacy extends beyond Catholics, and why everyone should know about his impact.

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.