



# OUR LADY OF AFRICA

PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday, April 30, 2023



Served by the Society of the Divine Word



## 4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.” - Jn 10:2-3

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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**

Phone: 773-624-5375

Email: ourladyofafricachicago@gmail.com

### **Church Address**

615 East Oakwood Boulevard  
Chicago, IL 60653

### **Office Hours**

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

Business Administrator: Ms. Shirley McKinney



## This Week at OLA

### Sunday, April 30

- OCIA - 10 a.m. | Parish Hall
- Sunday School - 11:30 a.m.  
| Sunday School Room
- OLA Book Club - after 11:30 a.m. Mass  
| Parish Hall
- Confirmation Class - 1:30 p.m.  
| Tolton Heritage Center

### Tuesday, May 2

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

### Wednesday, May 3

- Mass at Holy Angels School - 10 a.m.  
| Gymnasium
- Evenings with Fr Augustus Tolton  
4 p.m. to 6 p.m. | Tolton Heritage Center

### Thursday, May 4

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

### Saturday, May 6

- Choir Rehearsal - 1 p.m. | Parish
- Altar Server - 2 p.m. | Parish

### Sunday, May 7

- First Communion - 10 a.m.  
| Tolton Heritage Center
- Parish Council Formation Meeting - 10 a.m.  
| Parish Office
- Sunday School - 11:30 a.m.  
| Sunday School Room
- Confirmation Class - 1:30 p.m.

## Stewardship

### Offertory - April 22-23, 2023

\$5,287.50  
\$1,812.00 - online offertory  
\$7,099.50

### Offertory - April 23-24, 2022

\$4,580.87  
\$ 300.00 - online offertory

### Payroll for April 2023

\$20,757.08

### Utilities and Expenses - to date

\$15,135.70

### Weekly average of expenses

\$8,973.20

**Thank you for your generosity!**

## Ministry List for Upcoming Liturgies

### Saturday 4 p.m. - May 6

- Lectors: Keith Wilson  
Denise Wilson

### Sunday 9 a.m. - May 7

- Lectors: Rosemary Sykes  
Michael Morman
- Eucharistic Ministers:  
Ladell Johnson  
Sr. Joanne Delehanty, OP

### Sunday 11:30 a.m. - May 7

- Lectors: Christine Stewart  
Alicia Davis
- Eucharistic Ministers:  
Earlene Hodges  
Regina Cook

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, April 29

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

### Sunday, April 30

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

### Monday, May 1

- Jessie Andrews

### Tuesday, May 2

- Anna Marie Hampton

### Wednesday, May 3

- Tyna Rule

### Thursday, May 4

- Rachel Watson

### Friday, May 5

- Judy Michaelis

### Saturday, May 6

- 4 p.m. Mass - Married Couples of OLA

### Sunday, May 7

- 9 a.m. Mass - Newly Baptized of OLA
- 11:30 a.m. Mass - OLA Church Family

**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.**



**Baptisms during Sunday Mass are available at the following times:**

**Solemnity of the Holy Trinity Sunday - June 4, 2023**

**August 27, 2023**

**September 24, 2023**

**October 29, 2023**

**Baptism of the Lord - January 8, 2024**

**Easter Vigil - March 30, 2024**

**Divine Mercy Sunday - April 7, 2024**

### **The Sacrament of Baptism**

Jesus answered (Nicodemus), "Amen, amen, I say to you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit." -John 3:5

"Baptism is the sacrament of regeneration through water in the word."

It is through this sacrament of initiation that we enter a new life with Christ and fellow believers.

At Our Lady of Africa, it is important that we share what the sacred gift of Baptism has brought us and develop a deeper faith-filled relationship with all those who wish to have their children baptized. We are a church family of believers: for any relationship to grow, it requires commitment, attention, and intentional care. **In that light, parents who desire Baptism for their child should be parishioners at Our Lady of Africa, attend Mass, and attend mandatory baptismal preparation class.**

Baptism requests will be confirmed upon submission of the following requirements:

Completion of the application.

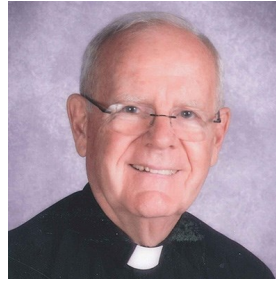
Parents and Godparents attend Baptismal Prep Class.

Families can decide to have the class via Zoom or meet in person with Ms. Carter. Only 1 Godparent is needed, but 2 are acceptable.

Godparents should attend the class as well.

For more information about the Sacrament of Baptism and Baptismal Prep Classes, please speak with Tina Carter or email her: [tinalcarter71@gmail.com](mailto:tinalcarter71@gmail.com)





My Dear Friends,

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is often called "Good Shepherd Sunday". Today's Gospel has a different theme. It speaks of Jesus as the **"gate."** This is much more difficult to grasp at first glance than the Good Shepherd. Yet, as always with the Gospel, there is a beautiful message inviting us into the Pascual Mystery of Christ's death and resurrection.

At the time of Jesus, each night all the sheep were put into a protective area called the sheepfold. There was only one entrance, the gate. This way in was both a protection from thieves at night and a daytime passage to the bountiful pastures. The gate played a critical role in security. Likewise, it offered the passage to the fertile fields for nourishment during the day.

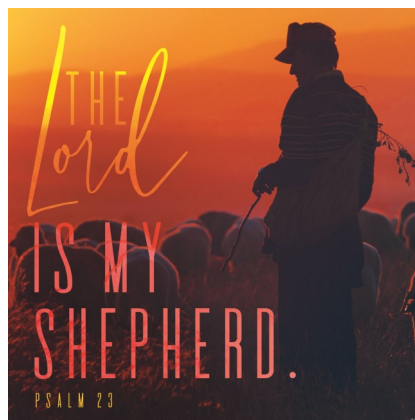
Jesus said, **"I came that they may have life and have it more abundantly."** (Jn 10:10) The image of the **"gate"** helps us to understand the gift of this abundant life more clearly. The **"gate"** offers security at night and access to the life-sustaining and life-enriching pastures during the day. The **"gate"** connects to our daily experiences. When we are faithful in our allegiance to Jesus, he gives us the security that eases the burden of life's ever-present challenges. Likewise, he opens the path to the

nourishment that sustains us in the daily tedium that is the human venture.

The message of the full life is repeated over and over in the Gospel of John. In the loving encounter with Jesus, we not only have life in abundance, we have the highest quality of life, eternal life.

John uses the **"I AM"** statements in the fourth Gospel to invite us into the mystery of God. The Evangelist is revealing, in the person of Jesus, the source of eternal life to sinners. In the resurrection, Jesus is the **"gate"** that opens to eternal life. He is the life-source in the **"vine,"** the **"life"** and the **"resurrection."** He is the **"gate"** and the **"way"** for sinners searching in the darkness and unpredictability of life. He is the **"shepherd"** guiding us in our confusion and bewilderment. He is the **"bread"** that nourishes along the way.

In this season of Easter, we are invited to enter in the **"gate"** of life in the face of our daily hassles and insecurities. We are the people of the Alleluia. The victory has been won. We attain the victory through **"gate"** that is Jesus, the Risen Lord. He will lead us to embrace life and live it to the full with the Alleluia ringing in our hearts.







## 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**

### Clergy

**Fr. Carl Gales, SVD**  
Administrator  
galesce0422@gmail.com  
**Fr. Tracy O'Sullivan, O.Carm.**  
**Dcn. Michael Foggie**  
**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**  
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

**Maestro Tyrone Pittman**

### 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**

## Please Remember in Daily Prayer and Devotions

### Sunday, April 30

Readings: Acts 2: 14a. 36-41/ Ps 23: 1-3a. 3b-4. 5.  
6 (1)/ 1 Pt 2: 20b-25/ Jn 10: 1-10

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

### Monday, May 1

Readings: Acts 11: 1-18/ Ps 42: 2-3; 43: 3-4/ Jn 10:  
11-18. Proper Gospel for Joseph: Mt 13: 54-58

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

### Tuesday, May 2

Readings: Acts 11: 19-26/ Ps 87: 1b-3. 4-5. 6-7/  
Jn 10: 22-30

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

### Wednesday, May 3

Readings: 1 Cor 15: 1-8/ Ps 19: 2-3. 4-5/ Jn 14: 6-14

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

### Thursday, May 4

Readings: Acts 13: 13-25/ Ps 89: 2-3. 21-22. 25  
and 27/ Jn 13: 16-20

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

### Friday, May 5

Readings: Acts 13: 26-33/ Ps 2: 6-7. 8-9. 10-11ab/  
Jn 14: 1-6

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

### Saturday, May 6

Readings: Acts 13: 44-52/ Ps 98: 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4/  
Jn 14: 7-14

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

## April Birthdays

4/05 Rosetta Batiste	4/22 Barbara Golden
4/07 Thelma Jackson	4/25 Gail Betty
4/09 Chery Tyson	4/26 Gregg Enaholo
4/11 Joyce Franklin	4/26 Ku-San Thomas
4/15 Marcia Berry	4/27 Jean Parkham-
4/17 Dwight Hearn	Jacques
4/17 Merrill Tyson	4/28 Alan Emerson Hicks
4/18 Julie Sumpter	4/30 Edith Smith

## May Birthdays

5/01 Beverly Sims	5/21 Nazaree Fuller
5/02 Michael Hill	5/22 Fred Hail III
5/06 Joanne McClure	5/22 Anthony Williams
5/06 Mattie Slate	5/23 Donna Perisee-
5/09 Edwin Hill	McFarlane
5/10 Dorothy Dunbar	5/23 Phyliss Shackelford
5/11 Brenda Inis	5/24 Parris Washington
5/14 Flora Smith	5/24 Sharon Crossley-
5/15 Keith Wilson	Neal
5/16 Bro. Alu Aisi, SVD	5/24 Karen Perisee-
5/17 Jean Porter	Woodson
5/18 Patricia Brown	5/26 Ladell Johnson

## Upcoming Events



### A TOAST TO MOTHERS A MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION

Hosted by Community Senior  
Business Institute

**When: Thursday, May 4, 2023**

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

**Tickets are \$25 Each**

**Reserve your seat by  
calling Christine Bowden 773-919-1687  
Or email [info@cbsinst.org](mailto: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**

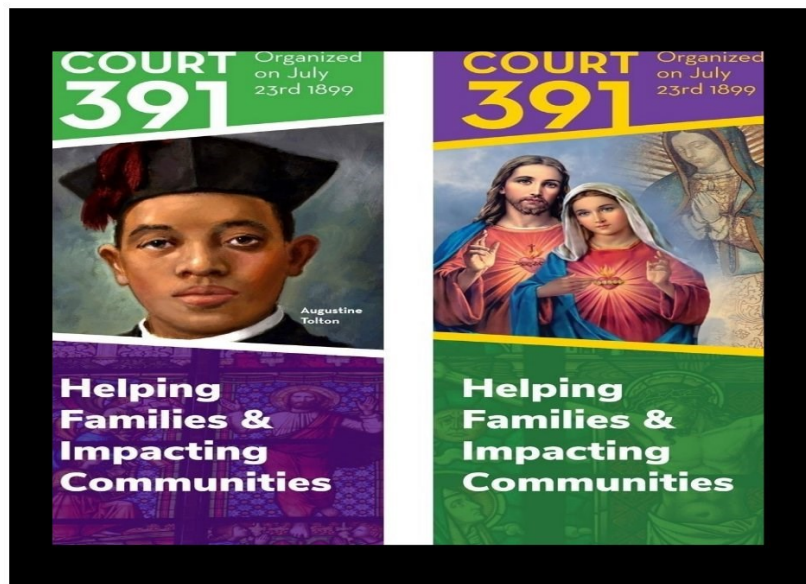
### **Pricing:**

[1 Table 2 chairs \$24.50 Stage]

[1 side \$49.50]

[Entire Stage \$100.00]

[Flyers \$10.00 for the entry]



Please Contact Donna:  
773-828-9034 leave a message  
or send a text.

Acceptable forms of  
payment: Cash (exact)  
Checks or Money Orders:  
written out to: **NCSF Court 391**



# 50/50 Split Fundrasier

## TICKETS COST

- ✓ 2 tickets for \$5.00
- ✓ 5 tickets for \$10.00



Tickets will be sold at the Saturday 4P.M,  
Sunday 9 A.M and 11:30 A.M Masses  
Starting April 29 until May 27th

Drawing will be held on May 27th at Deacon  
Manie's First Thanksgiving Mass Reception



**FUNDRASIER BENEFITS  
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## Upcoming Events

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# Evenings with Venerable Augustus Tolton



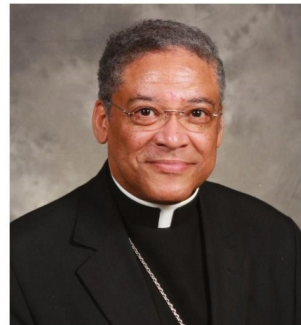
### A five-part series featuring Bishop Perry

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](http://www.toltonspirituality.org) under Events.

## SAVE THE DATE!!!!

# 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](mailto:blessedsacramentsociety@yahoo.com)**

**9am-3pm**