



# OUR LADY OF AFRICA

PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday, April 9, 2023



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 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**

Phone: 773-624-5375

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

## **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 9

- Sunday School - 11:30 a.m.  
| Sunday School Room

### Monday, April 10

- **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**

### Tuesday, April 11

- Phone-In Bible Study - 6 p.m.
- Funeral: Betty Wilson - 11 a.m. | Parish

### Wednesday, April 12

- In-Person Bible Study - 11:00 a.m.  
| Parish Hall
- OLA Social Justice Committee Meeting  
7 p.m. to 8 p.m. | Parish Hall

### Thursday, April 13

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

### Saturday, April 15

- Choir Rehearsal - 1 p.m. | Parish

### Sunday, April 16

- HIV Group Meeting - 10:15 to 11:15 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.

## Ministry List for Upcoming Liturgies

### Saturday 4 p.m. - April 15

- Lectors: Dr. Dorothy Williams  
Silmon Reed

### Sunday 9 a.m. - April 16

- Lectors: Norman Walton  
Sr. Janet Ryan, OSF
- Eucharistic Ministers:  
Sr. Joanne Delehanty, OP  
Shirley McKinney

### Sunday 11:30 a.m. - April 16

- Lectors: Regina Cook  
Donna McFarlane
- Eucharistic Ministers:  
Stephanie Inis  
Velma Hill

## 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.

## 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



## A BLESSED RESURRECTION SUNDAY!



**Father Carl Gales, SVD**

Dear OLA Church members,

Indeed, the Lord has Risen! Alleluia!

This is a season of rejoicing. We let go of the sadness and penances of Lent to embrace NEW LIFE. This new life has been given to us through the Life, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord and King, Jesus Christ. We are indeed renewed because He Lives.

I pray that this Season of Easter is one of abundant grace and blessing for each and every one of you. As we continue our journey of faith that will lead us to Pentecost, let us fully accept what comes our way knowing that Jesus has paid the ultimate price for our souls so that we can LIVE in freedom as Children of God.

May the God of all consolation and joy enfold you with the assurance of His Love and Mercy throughout this Paschal Season. And may the Renewal of Our Baptismal Promises reinvigorate our witness of our Faith in the Risen One to those in our family, in our workplace and in our communities.

Alleluia! He is Risen, indeed!

Truly yours in the Divine Word,

Fr. Carl



## 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

### 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**

### Office 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**

### Youth Ministry

**Taleah Cage**  
**Silmon Reed**





## Easter Reflection by Sr Joanne Delehanty, OP

Pondering the Pasch

I wonder: This amazing fact of resurrection. The core of our faith. The heart of our liturgical year. The future given us by the gift of it. Have we somehow domesticated it? Is it routine now to speak of it? Does the promise of it somehow allow us to hold it at a distance? Tame its power?

Clarence Jordan, in *The Substance of Faith and Other Cotton Patch Sermons*, wrote:

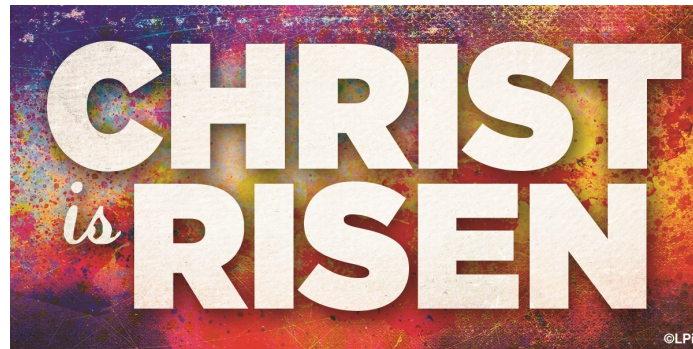
The proof that God raised Jesus from the dead is not the empty tomb, but the full hearts of his transformed disciples. The crowning evidence that he lives is not a vacant grave, but a spirit-filled fellowship. Not a rolled-away stone, but a carried away church.

There is the truth: Christ rises in us. Us, together, as Church, people of God. And while it is

personal, it is not private. Christ rises in all of us: the Body of Christ formed at Eucharist, fed by Eucharist, challenged to bring the Kingdom as we leave each Eucharist. Connected to others who themselves image God, we must create the beloved community as we go. Realize that. Do something with it. Easter is the absolute wonder of sharing eternal life even now, in whatever life is for us, with those who share our life and prayer and work and worship. We do not go to God alone.

And here is the challenge: Step out into the power of resurrected life. Now. Because Easter is not a comforting assurance of what will be. It is transformed life at some future date. It is transformed life now. Christ is risen. And nothing should ever be the same. Broaden your horizons. Be empowered by possibility. Do some kingdom-building.

May we live in the alleluias as "a carried-away Church."



## 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!



## **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**

### **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)**

**Vircy Spight Harris @ 773-485-0885 (Financial Secretary)**



## 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 9

Readings: Acts 10: 34a. 37-43/ Ps 118: 1-2. 16-17.  
22-23/ Col 3: 1-4 or 1 Cor 5: 6b-8/Jn 20: 1-9  
or Mt 28: 1-10

**OLA Book of Prayer:** Mary Crawford,  
Nazaree Fuller, Mable Gray, Marjorie Heard,  
J.R. Sergent Sr.

#### Monday, April 10

Readings: Acts 2: 14. 22-33/ Ps 16: 1-2a and 5. 7-8.  
9-10. 11/ Mt 28: 8-15

**OLA Book of Prayer:** Sr. Eleanor Doidge,  
Tyrone Fuller, Bettie Green, Lorraine Henderson,  
George James

#### Tuesday, April 11

Readings: Acts 2: 36-41/ Ps 33: 4-5. 18-19. 20 and  
22/ Jn 20: 11-18

**OLA Book of Prayer:** Cecelia Douglas,  
Dywanda D. Gales, Eleanor Griffin, Jim Henkel,  
Janet James

#### Wednesday, April 12

Readings: Acts 3: 1-10/ Ps 105: 1-2. 3-4. 6-7. 8-9/  
Lk 24: 13-35

**OLA Book of Prayer:** Irene Dove,  
Rosemary Gardner, Barbara Golden,  
Kelly Robin Hill, Leslie Jackson

#### Thursday, April 13

Readings: Acts 3: 11-26/ Ps 8: 2ab and 5. 6-7. 8-9/  
Lk 24: 35-48

**OLA Book of Prayer:** Judith Easter,  
Frederick Gibson, Anna Marie Hampton,  
Rita Holland, Mildred Jackson

#### Friday, April 14

Readings: Acts 4: 1-12/ Ps 118: 1-2 and 4. 22-24.  
25-27a/ Jn 21: 1-14

**OLA Book of Prayer:** Elsie Freeman,  
Florence Glenn, Exie Haralson, Sandra Houston

#### Saturday, April 15

Readings: Acts 4: 13-21/ Ps 118: 1 and 14-15ab.  
16-18. 19-21/ Mk 16: 9-15

**OLA Book of Prayer:** Andre D. Golden,  
Catherine Harper, Doris Humphries,  
Therese Jessie, Gloria Leonard

### Rest in the Peace of Christ

+Betty Wilson

### 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

If you would like your birthday listed, please let  
one of the ushers know at Mass and they will alert  
the Parish Office Staff. Thanks for your  
understanding.



## 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](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**

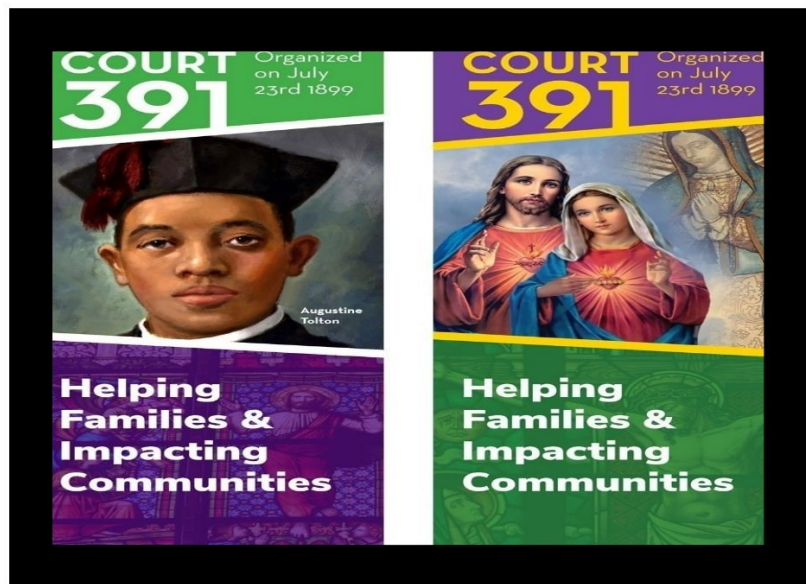
### **Pricing:**

[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.

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Checks or Money Orders:  
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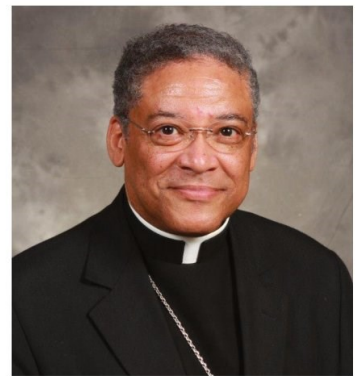
# Evenings with Venerable Augustus Tolton



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