



OUR LADY OF AFRICA

PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday, August 13, 2023



Served by the Society of the Divine Word



19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus.
- Mt 14:28-29

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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.

Parish 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.

Office Administrator: Ms. Shirley McKinney



This Week at OLA

Sunday, August 13

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

Tuesday, August 15

- **FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION**
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
6:30 p.m. Mass
- Phone-In Bible Study - 7 p.m.
(267) 807-9601 - Code: 340-355-967

Thursday, August 17

- Angels on Air Phone Prayer Line - 9 a.m.
(267) 807-9601 - Code: 340-355-967
- Food Pantry - 10 a.m. to noon
| Tolton Center

Saturday, August 19

- Town Hall Meeting - 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 20

- Adoration - after 9 a.m. Mass | Chapel
- Sunday School - 11:30 a.m.
| Sunday School Room
- Parish Picnic - 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.
| Tolton Center

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 sign up in the Narthex or contact our Parish Office: (773)624-5375.

Stewardship

Offertory - August 5/6, 2023

\$ 9,131.00
\$ 1,336.00 - online offertory
\$ 10,467.00

Offertory - August 6/7, 2022

\$ 5,301.00
\$ 1,180.00 - online offertory
\$ 6,481.00

Expenses for August 2023 to date

\$ 31,320.63

Thank you for your generosity!

Ministry List for Upcoming Liturgies

Saturday 4 p.m. - August 19

- Priest: Fr. Carl Gales, SVD
- Lectors: Keith Wilson
Denise Wilson

Sunday 9 a.m. - August 20

- Priest: Fr. Carl Gales, SVD
- Lectors: Anthony Williams
Sr. Janet Ryan, OSF
- Eucharistic Ministers:
Sonia Davis
Eileen Foggie

Sunday 11:30 a.m. - August 20

- Priest: Fr. Carl Gales, SVD
- Lectors: Regina Cook
Donna McFarlane
- Eucharistic Ministers:
Stephanie Inis
Silmon Reed

Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 12

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

Sunday, August 13

- 9 a.m. Mass - OLA Church Family
- 11:30 a.m. Mass - Sherry Armento +

Monday, August 14

- 8 a.m. Mass - De La Salle Institute

Tuesday, August 15

- 8 a.m. Mass - Poor Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, August 16

- 8 a.m. Mass - Sr. Jamie Phelps, OP

Thursday, August 17

- 8 a.m. Mass - Alfrances Sharpe

Friday, August 18

- 8 a.m. Mass - Deniece Thomas

Saturday, August 19

- 4 p.m. Mass - Ann Brown +

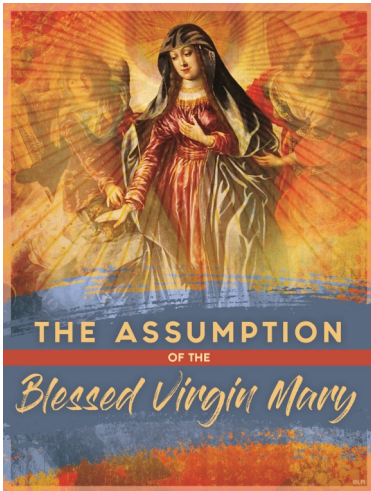
Sunday, August 20

- 9 a.m. Mass - Felepa Cook, Sr. +
- 11:30 a.m. Mass - Louise Mosley +

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. Mass stipends during the weekends (\$20 per intention) and during the weekdays (\$10 per intention) are the recommended donations.

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

THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION - AUGUST 15



Dear OLA Church Family,

Greetings in the Name of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

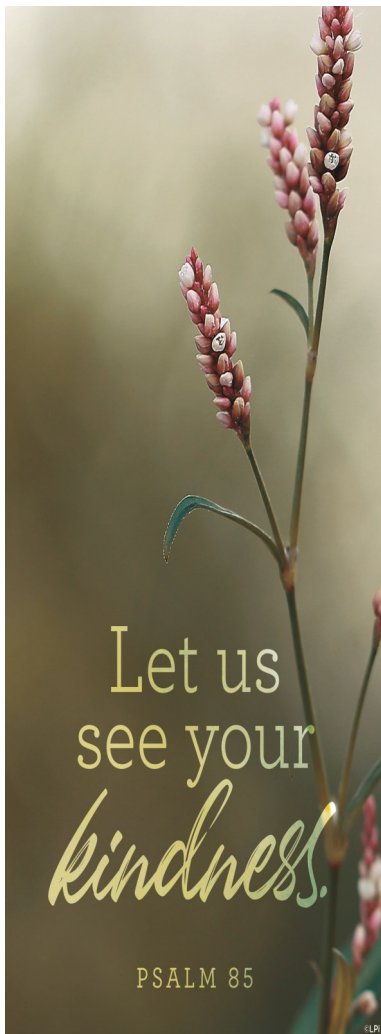
As you know, the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is coming up on the 15th of August. This falls on a Tuesday and that means that it is a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION.

Our Mass for the Assumption will take place at 6:30 p.m.

This is one of the most special Feast days of the Holy Year. I hope to see many church members celebrating this special day for our Patron Saint and Blessed Mother.

Peace and all blessings,
Fr. Carl Gales, SVD

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Reflection by Sr. Joanne Delehanty, OP



Wind. Today, in the Scriptures, much talk of wind.

Meteorologically speaking, wind is caused by the uneven heating of the earth. Warm air, being lighter, moves above colder, denser air. The displacement causes wind. Today let's give it a theological spin.

There is wind in today's Gospel, a storm tossing the boat around on the sea. Wind is also mentioned in the first reading, a strong and heavy wind rending the mountains and crushing rocks. Interesting to note: That is NOT an epiphany of God in the first reading.

Two thoughts about today's Gospel:

First, as soon as Jesus is in the boat, the winds of the storm die down. Outside the boat: distress, dissonance, the feeling of displacement, being out of your element. Within the boat is calm, security, presence, the peace of togetherness.

Second thought: Father George Smiga, of the diocese of Cleveland, says this about today's Gospel: "Sometimes, God wants us to step out of the boat. ...Sinking is part of the journey!"

Perhaps it's best to remember both things. Life takes us out of the boat lots of times. It just does. But the presence of Jesus is not just in the boat. The divine is within us no matter what is outside us, what we face. Like the tiny, whispering sound that revealed God's presence to Elijah, within us always are the presence and peace of God. Sometimes tiny. Whispering. But always enough to allow us to handle the tossing waves, the battering winds, the unevenness of life, the displacements.

Enough. Always. In the boat or on the fearsome seas. Always. Enough.



The Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms during Sunday Mass are available at the following times:

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

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

August Birthdays

8/01 Edowaye Adewola
8/03 Yonnie Anderson
8/05 Connie Holt
8/05 Linda Steward
8/08 Barbara Hicks
8/08 LaTonya Virgil

8/14 Sr. Joanne Delehanty, OP
8/14 Rita Holland
8/18 Rebecca Danforth
8/21 Florine Brown
8/26 Courtnay McEwen
8/30 Donna Howard



Please Remember in Daily Prayer and Devotions

Sunday, August 13

Readings: 1 Kgs 19: 9a. 11-13a/ Ps 85: 9. 10. 11-12. 13-14/ Rom 9: 1-5/ Mt 14: 22-33

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

Monday, August 14

Readings: Dt 10: 12-22/ Ps 147: 12-13. 14-15. 19-20/ Mt 17: 22-27

OLA Book of Prayer: Marionette Phelps, Beverly Sims, Cynthia Thompson, Cassiette West-Williams, Evelyn Williams

Tuesday, August 15

Readings: Rv 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a. 10ab/ Ps 45: 10. 11. 12. 16/ 1 Cor 15: 20-27/ Lk 1: 39-56

OLA Book of Prayer: Jean Porter, Shirley Simmons, Renee Trotter, Doris Whitaker

Wednesday, August 16

Readings: Dt 34: 1-12/ Ps 66: 1-3a. 5 and 8. 16-17/ Mt 18: 15-20

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

Thursday, August 17

Readings: Jos 3: 7-10a. 11. 13-17/ Ps 114: 1-2. 3-4. 5-6/ Mt 18: 21 -- 19: 1

OLA Book of Prayer: Margaret Stewart, Joanne Wallace, Rita White, Patricia Williams

Friday, August 18

Readings: Jos 24: 1-13/ Ps 136: 1-3. 16-18. 21-22 and 24/ Mt 19: 3-12

OLA Book of Prayer: Tyna Rule, Alonzo Studstill, Joyce Wallace, Yvonne Whitenier, Sheila Williams

Saturday, August 19

Readings: Jos 24: 14-29/ Ps 16: 1-2a and 5. 7-8. 11/ Mt 19: 13-15

OLA Book of Prayer: McShan Family, Allen Peoples, Phyllis Shackelford, Sunnette Varnado Smith

Parish Directory



Baptisms

Tina Carter
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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
Parish Administrator
galesce0422@gmail.com
Fr. Tracy O'Sullivan, OCarm
Dcn. Michael Foggie
Dcn. Merv Johnson

Events Committee

Keisha Chavers - *Chairperson*

First Communion

Barbara Edwards-Hill
Lisa Littleton

Food Pantry

Ladell Johnson

Funerals

Katie Jordan
kwcluwpresident@gmail.com

HIV/AIDS Ministry

Rosemary Sykes

Knights of Peter Claver

Thomas Rich - *Grand Knight*

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Lady's Auxiliary
Lena Young - *Grand Lady*

Maintenance

Bobby Malone
Tyrone Smith

Medical Ministry

Dr. James Hunter

Men's Coalition

Michael Morman - *President*

Music Ministry

Maestro Tyrone Pittman

Peace and Social Justice

Anthony Williams

School and Church Liaison

LaTanya Berry-Johnson

Sunday School

Eileen Foggie

Tolton Heritage Center

Regina Cook
773-268-1518

Ushers and Greeters

Jackson Lucas

Youth Ministry

Taleah Cage
Silmon Reed

THE JOY OF STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY





Our Lady of Africa 3rd Annual



Sunday, August 20th

Noon-4pm

Tolton Heritage Center

44 East 41st Street

FOOD ~ FUN ~ FELLOWSHIP

50/50 RAFFLE | CARNIVAL GAMES

DOUBLE-DUTCH & HULA HOOPS

DANCING WITH MUSIC BY DJ MARK

FREE ICE CREAM TRUCK

VOLUNTEERS & DONATIONS ARE NEEDED!

**BRING DONATIONS OF SODA, JUICE, BOTTLED WATER & ICE!
TO MASS OR TO THE PARISH OFFICE BY AUG. 18TH**

**TO VOLUNTEER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION,
CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE: 773.624.5375**



OLA TOWN HALL MEETING
SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2023
9 A.M. TO 12:30 P.M.
TO REGISTER, PLEASE SIGN UP
IN THE NARTHEX,
OR CALL THE PARISH OFFICE:
773-624-5375

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Black Catholic Deacons of Chicago

These Streets Are Holy

Saturday, August 26, 2023

Sunrise Prayer Service:

6:30 – 8 a.m., Oakwood Beach
41st Street and Lakeshore Drive, Chicago

Peace Fellowship Breakfast:

9 – 10 a.m., Our Lady of Africa Church
613 E. Oakwood Blvd., Chicago

Peace Symposium:

10 a.m. – 12 p.m., Our Lady of Africa Church

Since 2010, on the shores of Lake Michigan, the BCDC has hosted annual sunrise services to pray for the protection of our children. The BCDC prays for non-violence in our hearts, schools, families and streets.

Note: In the event of heavy rain, the prayer service will be moved to **Our Lady of Africa Church**. For more information, contact Deacon Gill, 773.933.0027 or deacongill@sbcglobal.net.





BOWMAN-FRANCIS MINISTRY

**FR. CHESTER P. SMITH
NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 12TH -14TH, 2023**

**MARRIOTT LOUISVILLE DOWNTOWN
280 WEST JEFFERSON, LOUISVILLE, KY 40202
PHONE #: 317-860-5800**

"THE LEAST OF THESE"

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City, State & Zip Code _____

Home Telephone (_____) _____

Alternate Telephone (_____) _____

Email Address _____

Church _____

Ministry/Organization _____

Adult _____ Student (High School) _____ (College) _____ Youth _____ (age 8-13)
Young Adult (age 18-35) _____

T-Shirt Size (circle one) Medium Large 1X 2X 3X 4X

Adult Registration \$150.00 - Age 17 And Below Registration \$100.00

*****The conference registration fee includes lunch on Saturday*****

**Room Reservations:
Early Bird Rate
May 1st – September 19th
Room Rate \$239.00 (Single & Double) Plus Taxes
Contact:**

**Marriott Louisville Downtown
280 West Jefferson
Louisville, KY 0202
1 317-860-5800**

**ASK FOR
THE FR. CHESTER P. SMITH
NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC MEN'S
CONFERENCE**

**Reservations after September 19th
Room Rate \$351.00**

**Self Parking: \$40.00
Valet Parking: \$45.00**

**You can register online at:
www.bowmanfrancis.org
or**

**Return the registration
form
and a check made payable
to:**

**The Bowman Francis
Ministry
c/o Fr. Charles F. Smith
8681 Jaffa Court East
Drive Apt 31
Indianapolis, Indiana
46260-5327**

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Payment Rec'd: Yes No

Onsite: Yes No

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