



OUR LADY OF AFRICA

PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday, August 20, 2023



Served by the Society of the Divine Word



20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Then Jesus said to her
in reply, “O woman,
great is your faith! Let
it be done for you as
you wish.” And the
woman’s daughter was
healed from that hour.

- Mt 15:28

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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 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

Tuesday, August 22

- Phone-In Bible Study - 6 p.m.
(267) 807-9601 - Code: 340-355-967

Wednesday, August 23

- Bible Study - 11 a.m. | Parish Hall

Thursday, August 24

- 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 26

- Sunrise Service
6:30 a.m. - 8 a.m. | Oakwood Beach
9 a.m. - Noon | Prayer Breakfast
& Peace Symposium
- Choir Rehearsal - 1 p.m.
- Altar Servers Training - 2 p.m.
- Knights of Peter Claver - 4th Degree
After 4:00 p.m. Mass

Sunday, August 27

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

Stewardship

Offertory - August 12/13, 2023

\$ 5,704.00
\$ 365.00 - online offertory
\$ 6,069.00

Offertory - August 13/14, 2022

\$ 4,668.00
\$ 825.00 - online offertory
\$ 5,493.00

Expenses for August 2023 to date

\$ 31,320.63

Thank you for your generosity!

Attendance Last Weekend

Ministry List for Upcoming Liturgies

Saturday 4 p.m. - August 26

- Priest: Fr. Carl Gales, SVD
- Lectors: Art Reliford
Eileen Foggie

Sunday 9 a.m. - August 27

- Priest: Fr. Carl Gales, SVD
- Lectors: Don McKinney
Flora Smith
- Eucharistic Ministers:
Miriam Hunter
Gladys St. Leger

Sunday 11:30 a.m. - August 27

- Priest: Fr. Carl Gales, SVD
- Lectors: Patrick Egwiekhor
Desmond Owusu
- Eucharistic Ministers:
Sharon Binion
Lena Young

Mass Intentions

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 +

Monday, August 21

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

Tuesday, August 22

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

Wednesday, August 23

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

Thursday, August 24

- 8 a.m. Mass - Alfrances Sharpe

Friday, August 25

- 8 a.m. Mass - Deniece Thomas

Saturday, August 26

- 4 p.m. Mass - Lucille Moore +

Sunday, August 27

- 9 a.m. Mass - George Moore +
- 11:30 a.m. Mass - Evelyn Morman +

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.



From harnessing best practices for catechesis to taking the first step toward using social media for ministry, the National Black Catholic Congress had something for everyone. Over the course of 3 days, I had the opportunity to attend four sessions for new insights and ideas on how to serve God and God's people better.

The first session entitled **Black Catholic's Faith Online-A Prophetic Call to Evangelize Globally** presented by Michael Howard, course designer and professor for online courses at Loyola Marymount University, shared information about courses that one can take from home about Black Catholic Spirituality without the stress of getting an advanced degree.

The new course **Living the Gospels with Dr. King and Sr. Dr. Thea** explored how through the Word, spirituals, and storytelling, Dr. King and Sr. Dr. Thea were able to accompany, encourage, and actualize hope for liberation and social justice for the beloved community regardless of culture or faith tradition.

Developing Catechetical Resources from an Africentric Perspective presented by Therese Wilson Favors, former director of the Office of African American Ministries for the Archdiocese of Baltimore, provided tips, sources, and best practices for developing programs and other resources that honor and celebrate our Black Catholic Identity.

Live Streaming Your Mass and Technology was presented by Ronald Thomas, AV director and technical lead for St. Mary of the Purification Church in Houston TX talked at great length about developing an AV ministry at one's parish. A few things stood out in his presentation. 1. Livestreaming is an outreach

ministry. For our sick and shut-ins as well as those who are out of state or overseas, livestreaming allows people to connect with the parish in a tangible way. 2. Parishes must be willing to make an investment in this ministry. The pandemic has forced us to use this new technology but this technology costs. To harness its full potential, we must be willing to invest.

Finally, In the session "**Oh Lord Jesus It's a Fire': Reimaging Pastoral and Church Ministry in the Digital Age**" Dr. Teddy Reeves, producer, and curator for the National Museum of African American History and Culture, reminded us that will have to be willing to meet with youth and communicate with them about Jesus and the faith without the labels that identify us belonging to a certain denomination, group, or tribe. Young people desire to have rich and fulfilling relationships with others, but they must be authentic and without judgment. We must be willing to learn from them and about their experiences with God. Our engagement should come from more than those chance interactions on Sunday. Just as our faith should be practiced with intention, so should the bonds that we develop with our youth and young adults. Having a relationship with God and/or each other that is on autopilot will not be fulfilling for God, others, or yourself. Like everything else, we must make the investment. This could mean, planning a movie outing, sponsoring a paint-and-sip event, or having a light discussion about God. By creating safe spaces and engaging activities, we can develop rich and fruitful encounters for our youth and ourselves thereby strengthening and building up the Kingdom of God.



The Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms during Sunday Mass are available at the following times:

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
8/10 Silmon Reed

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



Please Remember in Daily Prayer and Devotions

Sunday, August 20

Readings: Is 56: 1. 6-7/ Ps 67: 2-3. 5. 6. 8 (4)/ Rom 11: 13-15. 29-32/ Mt 15: 21-28

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

Monday, August 21

Readings: Jgs 2: 11-19/ Ps 106: 34-35. 36-37. 39-40. 43ab and 44/ Mt 19: 16-22

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

Tuesday, August 22

Readings: Jgs 6: 11-24a/ Ps 85: 9. 11-12. 13-14/ Mt 19: 23-30

OLA Book of Prayer: Dorla Allen, David Berry, Roscoe Burns, Naiya Williams

Wednesday, August 23

Readings: Jgs 9: 6-15/ Ps 21: 2-3. 4-5. 6-7/ Mt 20: 1-16

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

Thursday, August 24

Readings: Rv 21: 9b-14/ Ps 145: 10-11. 12-13. 17-18/ Jn 1: 45-51

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

Friday, August 25

Readings: Ru 1: 1. 3-6. 14b-16. 22/ Ps 146: 5-6ab. 6c-7. 8-9a. 9bc-10/ Mt 22: 34-40

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

Saturday, August 26

Readings: Ru 2: 1-3. 8-11; 4: 13-17/ Ps 128: 1b-2. 3. 4. 5/ Mt 23: 1-12

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

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*

Knights of Peter Claver

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 Ambassador

Jennifer Iwuchukwu

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 Parish



What: Community Meal & Resource Assistance

- **Referrals and Assistance for Essential Resources like:**
 - Medicaid and SNAP signup help
 - Government phone signup
 - CHA housing application help

Where: Our Lady of Africa Parish
607 E Oakwood Blvd
Chicago, IL 60653

When: 1-3 PM, First and Third Thursday of each month, starting
September 7th and 21st

Interested in volunteering at a meal?
Contact Father Carl Gales at 773-624-5375

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. London!



Sunrise Service and Prayer Breakfast - THIS SATURDAY

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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Onsite: Yes No

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Date: _____