



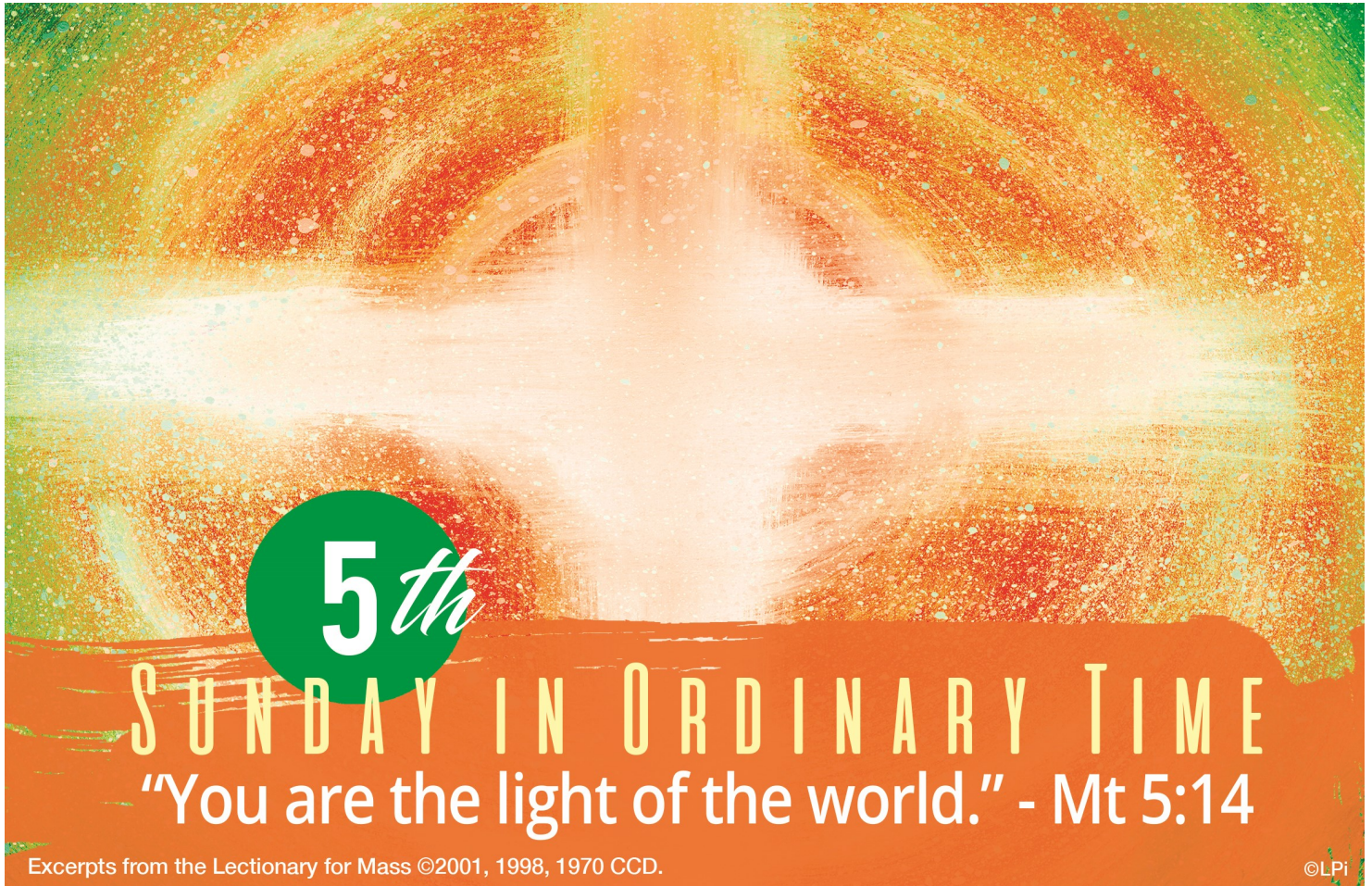
OUR LADY OF AFRICA

PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday, February 5, 2023



Served by the Society of the Divine Word



5th

SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You are the light of the world." - Mt 5:14

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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

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Office Hours

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

Parish Administrator: Ms. Shirley McKinney



This Week at OLA

Sunday, February 5

- RCIA - after 9 a.m. Mass
| Parish Hall Room
- First Communion - 10 a.m. | Tolton Center
- Sunday School - 11:30 a.m. Mass
| Parish Hall
- Confirmation meeting/Black History Month
after 11:30 a.m. Mass | Parish Hall

Tuesday, February 7

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

Wednesday, February 8

- Holy Angel's School Mass - 10 a.m. | Gym

Thursday, February 9

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

Saturday, February 11

- Choir Rehearsal - 1 p.m. | Parish
- Altar Server Training - 2 p.m. | Parish
- First Communion - 3 p.m. | Parish Hall

Scriptures for the Week

February 5 SUN: FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 58: 7-10/ Ps 112: 4-5. 6-7. 8-9 (4a)/ 1 Cor 2: 1-5/
Mt 5: 13-16

February 6 Mon: Paul Miki, p, mt, & co., mts M

Gn 1: 1-19/ Ps 104: 1-2a. 5-6. 10 and 12. 24 and
35c/ Mk 6: 53-56

February 7 Tue: Ordinary Weekday

Gn 1: 20 2: 4a/ Ps 8: 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/ Mk 7: 1-13

February 8 Wed: Ordinary Weekday/ Jerome

Emiliani, p, rf/ Josephine Bakhita, v

Gn 2: 4b-9. 15-17/ Ps 104: 1-2a. 27-28. 29bc-30/
Mk 7: 14-23

February 9 Thu: Ordinary Weekday

Gn 2: 18-25/ Ps 128: 1-2. 3. 4-5/ Mk 7: 24-30

February 10 Fri: Scholastica, v, r M

Gn 3: 1-8/ Ps 32: 1-2. 5. 6. 7/ Mk 7: 31-37

February 11 Sat: Ordinary Weekday/ BVM/

Our Lady of Lourdes

Gn 3: 9-24/ Ps 90: 2. 3-4abc. 5-6. 12-13/
Mk 8: 1-10

Ministry List for Next Weekend

Saturday 4 p.m. - February 11

- Lectors: Art Reliford
Eileen Foggie

Sunday 9 a.m. - February 12

- Lectors: Edith Smith
Reco Condiff
- Eucharistic Ministers:
Ladell Johnson
Sonia Davis

Sunday 11:30 a.m. - February 12

- Lectors: Patrick Egwiekhor
Katie Jordan
- Eucharistic Ministers:
Marcheta Smith
Lena Young

Rest in the Peace of Christ

Please pray for the repose of her soul of
+Geraldine Waters who passed away this past
Monday, January 30th.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 5

- 9 a.m. Mass
+Tamara Hudson and
+Arthemise Washington
Requested by Taliva Tillman
- 11:30 a.m. Mass
African American and African Families

Monday, February 6

- Poor Souls

Tuesday, February 7

- Dorothy Williams

Wednesday, February 8

- Argentry Mitchell

Thursday, February 9

- Gloria George-Patrick

Friday, February 10

- Cliff and Claire Barber

Saturday, February 11

- 4 p.m. Vigil 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.



“

I AM DEFINITELY
LOVED AND WHATEVER
HAPPENS TO ME —
I AM AWAITED BY
THIS LOVE. AND SO
MY LIFE IS GOOD.

”

- ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

MODEL OF HOPE



FEBRUARY 8
PATRON SAINT OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Donations

Your continued donations to support Our Lady of Africa Parish can be given by going to the following links:

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Events Committee Keisha Chavers - <i>Chairperson</i>		



EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS

For the month of February, there will be an Art Exhibit that features two church members of Our Lady of Africa.

Larry Cope is an award-winning Graphic Designer with a strong passion for art. With his burgeoning talent displayed at a very young age, he was encouraged to apply to the Art Institute of Chicago but instead chose the University of Illinois Chicago.

He earned a degree in Graphic Design and has successfully worked in the field for more twenty years. He created numerous award-winning book designs and was also selected to re-design the ceiling medallions for Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago.

The logo of Our Lady of Africa that we currently use was created by Larry Cope.



Larry Cope, Artist



Madame Butterfly
Alan Emerson Hicks,
Artist

Alan Emerson Hicks is a "creator of temporal sculpture". He uses plastic from found objects and stickers to create his sculptures and mixed media pieces in an effort to show how plastics do not bio-degrade in the environment. He received a BFA in Fine Art (Sculpture) from Illinois State University and previously taught at the Luther High School in Chicago for 7 years. His work has been exhibited at many galleries in and around Chicago.



Celebrating Black History Month



February 4-5, 2023

Libations - Honoring Our Ancestors
United Day of Prayer for African-American and African Families

February 11-12, 2023

Celebrating Organizations that Further Black Excellence in Our Community

11:30 a.m. Mass - African American Heritage Mass
Bishop Joseph N. Perry - Principal Celebrant and Homilist
Mass of Thea Bowman
Dr. Aaron Matthews, Composer
Reception to Follow Celebration

February 18-19, 2023

Deacon Mel Tardy - Homilist for the 11:30 a.m. Mass
Liturgical Dance featuring Stefani Hicks
Presentation by Youth of the Church - Part One

February 25-26, 2023

Libations - Honoring Our Ancestors
Father Stephan Brown, SVD - Priest Celebrant for All Weekend Masses
Presentation by Youth of the Church - Part Two



Meet Dr. Aaron Matthews



Dr. Aaron Matthews

We are excited to welcome Dr. Aaron Matthews to our Church Community.

Dr. Aaron Matthews earned a Bachelor of Arts in Piano Performance from Morehouse College, a Master of Music in Piano Pedagogy from Georgia State University, and a Doctor of Musical Arts in Piano Pedagogy from the University of South Carolina. He has served on the music faculty of Allen University, Viterbo University, Xavier University of Louisiana, and Alverno College.

Dr. Matthews serves as the Music Director of St. Charles Parish and School in Hartland, Wisconsin. Dr. Matthews was overjoyed to have returned to St. Charles in June 2022, having first served there from 2015 to 2019.

setting, Dr. Matthews writes, "Sr. Thea's faith-filled presence, singing, and teaching has inspired my journey as a liturgical musician and educator. This Mass setting is dedicated to her memory, legacy, and her cause for canonization."

Dr. Matthews will be present at our African-American Heritage Mass on February 12, 2023. We are honored that he will travel from Wisconsin to worship with us that day.

Sources: <https://parish.stcharleshartland.com/bio/dr-aaron-matthews>
<https://www.giamusic.com/store/resource/mass-for-sister-thea-bowman-print-g10332>



Meaning and History of Libations



Honoring the Ancestors: The Sacred Act of Libations

By Tina Carter

"And likewise, the cup after they had eaten, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which will be shed for you.'"
Luke:22:20

As one generation comes, another generation passes. With each generation, wisdom, history, and legacies are remembered and honored. One way to honor what our ancestors have given us is through the sacred act of pouring libations. This honored tradition is practiced in most ancient cultures. Even today, pouring one out for the homies who are no longer with us is a way to reminisce and celebrate their lives on this earth.

We include this sacred practice during celebrations such as weddings, and cultural holidays like Kwanzaa, and even this practice has a part to play in our holy Mass.

While different liquids can be used to pour out libations, for most Catholic services, water is used. This serves several purposes:

- Our very bodies are made up mostly of water.
- Our baptism is of water.
- Water represents purification and cleansing.
- Water is both life-giving and life-taking.
- Water reminds us of our ancestors who were lost in it during the transatlantic slave trade.

Libations are poured back into the earth or into a plant reminding us of the life that our ancestors have given us through their wisdom, chastisement, love, and support.

When it is time to give libations, one must ask an elder for permission. It is through this very sacred sign of respect that we recognize their importance in our community and culture. Once the elder gives permission, we greet the community and as water is being poured, we call on the names of our spiritual ancestors i.e., Moses, David, Ruth, and Mary. We then call on our saints i.e., Augustine, Monica, Josephine Bahkita, Augustus, Pierre, Julia, Sr. Thea. We then call on the names of our community ancestors in history i.e., Harriet, Sojourner, Rosa, and Martin. We finally call on our ancestors in our church family i.e., Fr. George Clemons, and Fr. Mark Weber, SVD. You can then invite members of the congregation to call on personal family members.

As we call on these men and women of faith, courage, wisdom, and love, we ask for their continued prayers for us and guidance through the memories and legacies that they have left us to continue in the work of God.





Deacon Melvin R. Tardy, Jr.

Deacon Mel Tardy earned a BA in Studio Art in 1986 and an MBA in International Finance in 1990 at the University of Notre Dame, where he serves as an Associate Advising Professor in the College of Arts & Letters.

Ordained a permanent deacon in May 2011, Tardy serves the Diocese of Ft. Wayne-South Bend at St. Augustine Parish; as chair of the Black Catholic Advisory Board; and as a member of the Deacon Admissions and Scrutiny Board.

Deacon Tardy also serves as president of the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus and on the boards of the National Black Catholic Congress, the National Association of Black Catholic Deacons and the John S. Marten Program in Homiletics & Liturgics at Notre Dame.

Further service includes the Mission Integration Committee for the University of St. Francis in Ft. Wayne, IN; the Catholic Criminal Justice Reform Network of the Lumen Christi Institute in Chicago; and, the African American Vocations Committee of the National Religious Vocations Conference.

He and his wife Annie are active in the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Tolton Ambassadors of Indiana, and Youth & Young Adult Ministry at their home parish.



Deacon Melvin Tardy



Fr. Stephan Brown, SVD

Father Stephan Brown, SVD

Rev. Stephan Brown, S.V.D., M. Div., was born in, Cleveland Ohio. He now resides in the Diocese of St. Petersburg, Florida. He is a priest of the Society of the Divine Word (SVD), order. He attended Divine Word College; the only undergraduate Roman Catholic seminary in the United States, dedicated to educating men and women for missionary service.

Fr. Brown speaks a number of languages, including Spanish & Portuguese. He has spent several years in the mission field. The people of Brazil hold a special place in his heart as he spent much time there working with the poor and marginalized.

Fr. Brown is alive in the Spirit. He has conducted many retreats and evangelization conferences in Dioceses and Archdioceses across the US sharing his passion & strong commitment to our faith.

He is a long time member of the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus. He is a board member and consultant for the African American/Hispanic Relations for the Diocese of St. Petersburg.



Please Remember Those on Our Sick and Shut-In List in your Prayers

Ophelia Adams
Curtis Albright
Dorla Allen
Patrice Anderson
Jessie Andrews
James Barker
Donald Barner
Louise Bates
Myra Baugh
David Berry
Mary Berry
Helen Brooms
Christine Brown
Barbara McGee-Berry
Arthur Brooks
Patricia Brown
Roscoe Burns
Michael Burt
Dean Brazier
James Brazier
Marilyn Campbell
Esperanza Carr
Russell Carter
Lillian Cherry
Michael A. Clark
Lydia Clark
Willie B. Clay
Catherine Crosby
Mary Crawford
Sr. Eleanor Doidge
Cecelia Douglas
Irene Dove
Judith Easter
Elsie Freeman
Wanda Finney
Nazaree Fuller
Tyrone Fuller
Dywanda D. Gales
Rosemary Gardner
Frederick Gibson
Florence Glenn
Andre D. Golden
Mable Gray

Bettie Green
Eleanor Griffin
Barbara Golden
Anna Marie Hampton
Exie Haralson
Catherine Harper
Marjorie Heard
Lorraine Henderson
Jim Henkel
Kelly Robin Hill
Rita Holland
Sandra Houston
Doris Humphries
Nolan Humphries
George James
Janet James
Leslie Jackson
Mildred Jackson
Majorbelle James
Therese Jessie
Cindy Jirsa
Jan Johnson
Pamela Jones
Susan Larry McKeever
Denise Lawson
Annette Lee
Gloria Leonard
Monica Lewers
Lugenia Lewis
John Littleton
Betty Lumpkins
Lenda Mason
Gail McGruder
McShan Family
Bernadine McNeal
Carolyn McQuarter
Anastacia Mebane
Judy Michaelis
Deborah Mitchell
Argentry Mitchell
Geraldine Moore
Jeff Moore
Michael Moore

Euphrasia Mutinda
Maria Jossey Owen
Gregory Papesch
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Clara Reisner
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Phyllis Shackelford
Alfrances Sharpe
Beverly Sims
Shirley Simmons
Emma Stewart
Margaret Stewart
Alonzo Studstill
Janice Taylor
Alice Thompson
Cynthia Thompson
Renee Trotter
Audrey Tuggle
Joanne Wallace
Joyce Wallace
Tandra Watson
Rachel Watson
Cassiette West-Williams
Doris Whitaker
Eryn Whitaker
Rita White
Yvonne Whitenier
Arlene G. Williams
Dorothy Williams
Evelyn Williams
Naiya Williams
Michael Williams
Patricia Williams
Sheila Williams
Sunnette Varnado Smith



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