



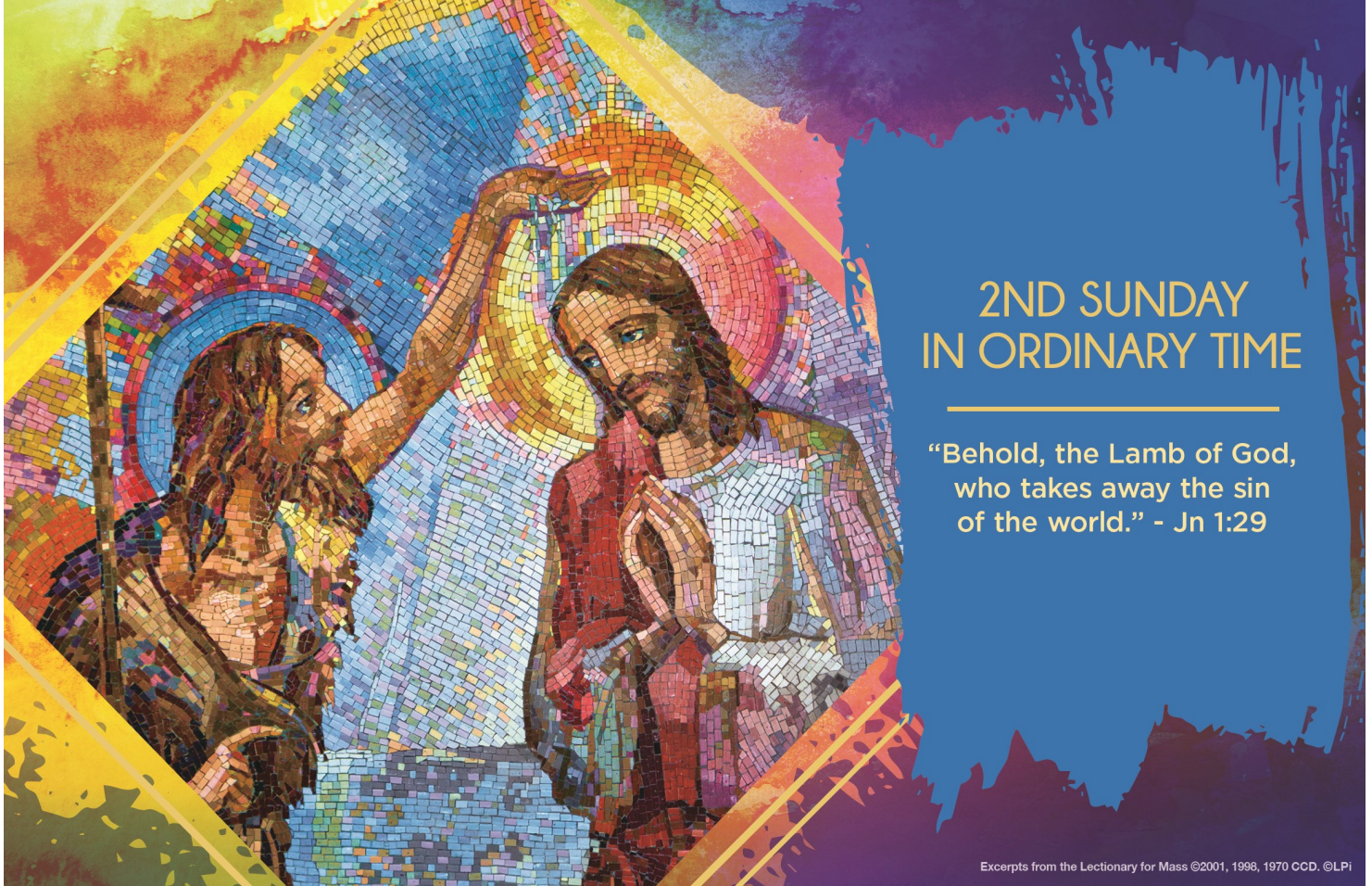
OUR LADY OF AFRICA

PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday, January 15, 2023



Served by the Society of the Divine Word



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Behold, the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin
of the world.” - Jn 1:29

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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.

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, January 15

- Blessed Sacrament Officer's Installation
- after 9 a.m. Mass | Parish Hall
- Medical Ministry Meeting
- after 9 a.m. Mass | TBD
- RCIA - 10 a.m. | Parish Meeting Room
- Sunday School - 11:30 a.m. Mass
| Parish Hall

Monday, January 16

- **PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**
- MLK Social Justice Committee Meeting
- 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. | Parish Hall

Tuesday, January 17

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

Wednesday, January 18

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

Thursday, January 19

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

Friday, January 20

- Funeral of +Rakwan Crosby
- 10 a.m. Viewing /11 a.m. Mass | Parish

Saturday, January 21

- Choir Rehearsal - 1 p.m. | Parish

Scriptures for the Week

Sunday, January 15

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Is 49: 3. 5-6/ Ps 40: 2. 4. 7-8. 8-9. 10 (8a. 9a)/1 Cor
1:1-3/ Jn 1: 29-34

Monday, January 16

Heb 5: 1-10/ Ps 110: 1. 2. 3. 4/ Mk 2: 18-22

Tuesday, January 17

St. Anthony of Egypt, ab M
Heb 6: 10-20/ Ps 111: 1-2. 4-5. 9 and 10c/Mk 2: 23-
28

Wednesday, January 18

Heb 7: 1-3. 15-17/ Ps 110: 1. 2. 3. 4/ Mk 3: 1-6

Thursday, January 19

Heb 7: 25 8: 6/ Ps 40: 7-8a. 8b-9. 10. 17/Mk 3: 7-12

Friday, January 20

St. Fabian, pp, mt/ St. Sebastian, mt
Heb 8: 6-13/ Ps 85: 8 and 10. 11-12. 13-14/
Mk 3: 13-19

Saturday, January 21

St. Agnes, v, mt M
Heb 9: 2-3. 11-14/ Ps 47: 2-3. 6-7. 8-9/ Mk 3: 20-21

Ministry List for Next Weekend

Saturday 4:p.m.—January 21

- Lectors: Dr. Dorothy Williams
Silmon Reed

Sunday 9 a.m. - January 22

- Lectors: Stephanie Gado
Anthony Williams

- Eucharistic Ministers:
Zachary Smith
Barbara Hill

Sunday 11:30 a.m. - January 22

- Lectors: Mary Johnson
Lisa Pruitt

- Eucharistic Ministers:
Trish Rawls
Velma Hill



Requesting Mass Intentions

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.

January Birthdays

1/07 Edith Lane	1/18 Florence Person
1/08 Mary Jefferson	1/19 James Brown
1/08 Shawnece Wilson	1/21 Marcella Aguda
1/12 Wendell Smith-Williams	1/23 Brenda Boston
1/15 Ed Scott	1/25 LaTanya Berry-Johnson
1/16 James Burgess	1/27 Sonia Davis
1/16 Clarisse Credit	1/31 Lillian Cherry
1/17 Norman Dunbar	1/31 Samira Rawls

Pastor's Message



Father Robert Kelly, SVD
Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Our official celebration of Christmas ended last Monday when we celebrated the Baptism of the Lord. Usually, this celebration is on a Sunday. However, the Solemnities of Christmas and Mary, Mother of God both being on Sundays this liturgical year, the Baptism of the Lord was observed last Monday.

Thinking of my own Baptismal Call, I cannot help but think of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He lived his Baptismal Call every day and he made a difference by challenging this nation and the dominant culture who was/is in charge to heed the real message of the Gospel. Yes, he focused his content on our United States Constitution. But he was telling us to remember and live that we are all created in the image and likeness of God.

"Dr. King's principles are meant to change us and in changing us to change our society. They are addressed first and foremost to the heart, calling us to

conversion, a conversion that leads to a different way of thinking, speaking and acting. They urge us to leave behind 'business as usual' and instead to find ways not only to come together but to stay together for the long haul, in peaceful dialogue and cooperation for the sake of each person's dignity and for the common good.

Thus, if we truly allow Dr. King's principles of nonviolence to guide us to conversion, we will not be content to camouflage our problems but rather be spurred into action; we will be moved to address and resist injustice in our community. Ultimately, however, it is only a change of mind and heart on the part of many that will lead to a new beginning for us wherever we live in this country." (Pastoral Reflection). Dr. King's message of freedom, equality, justice, and love is still not even close to being achieved. We all know our country is more divided than ever. The acceptance of all and opportunities for all are still not there, and that list is still unending today. The Dr. King Holiday tomorrow celebrates his life of great ultimate sacrifice and service among us. May his life and work help us to live up to our Baptismal Call and make a difference!

Parish Directory

Baptisms

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Confirmation

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Theresa Rhea

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Dcn. Michael Foggie
Dcn. Ivan Lazcano
Dcn. Merv Johnson
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Events Committee

Keisha Chavers - Chairperson

First Communion

Barbara Edwards-Hill
Lisa Littleton

Food Pantry

Ladell Johnson

Funerals

Katie Jordan
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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

Tyrone Pittman

Parish Administrator

Shirley McKinney
773-624-5375

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

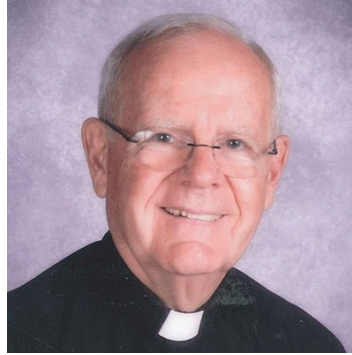
Youth Ministry

Taleah Cage
Silmon Reed





Father Tracy's Reflection for the 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Dear Friends,

This year we will walk with the Jesus of St. Mathew in our Sunday Gospel selections. I always look forward to a new journey that is the same but always deeper, always more inviting as we grow more in our personal maturity and in faith.

Today, however, we start out with a passage from the Gospel of John. It invites us to encounter Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. This is one of many titles John gives to Jesus such as the Light of the World, the Living Water, the Bread of Life, the Life and the Resurrection and the Life, of course, the Way, the Life and The Truth.

In John's Gospel these "I am" statements signify God speaking to us through Jesus. Jesus is the full revelation of God. To hear Jesus speak, is to hear God.

The message of today's Gospel is clear and to the point. Jesus is the fullness of God's revelation. He will lead us on the journey to salvation. We need to be faithful to his call because He has the answer to the deepest yearnings of the human heart.

John the Baptist had stirred Messianic hopes among the people. In naming Jesus **"the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world"** John was doing two things. First, he was directing the Messianic hopes toward Jesus. Secondly, he was challenging the traditional view of the anticipated Messiah. Jesus directed his mission to restoring humanity's

broken relationship with God. He was not primarily a political broker attempting to restore the power, prestige and prosperity of Israel. The role of Jesus as the Lamb of God was focused on the much deeper issue of the destructive power of sin that encompassed all alienation from God. Jesus ultimately offered true freedom, peace and justice in the midst of a very broken world.

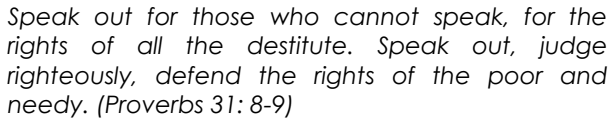
Jesus, the Lamb of God, was the perfect servant of God who gave the gift of his life: **"Here I am Lord, I come to do your will."** (Responsorial Psalm)

We are yearning for the answer to the hungers in our heart. It is an openness to God's call in the person of His Son. Jesus as the Lamb of God will lead us to the freedom of the Gospel message of Good News. This is why the Church begins our new journey of Ordinary Time with John whose picture of Christ is strong and forceful right from the start. With this introduction to Jesus, we join Matthew next week as our guide on the dusty roads of Galilee to encounter the Son of God who calls us out of sin to the freedom, peace and justice of love that will deliver us from our sin and the sin of the world.

Just as the disciples moved through the byways and highways of Galilee, we, too, have the opportunity to walk once again with the Son of God made flesh who calls us out of darkness into the light.

Please Hold Up in Prayer

- Please pray for Deacon Manie's Older Sister, Aida Correa, who had a Heart Attack and mini stroke.
- Dee Dee Gales, sister of Father Carl, is still at the Mayo Clinic in Phoenix, Arizona. Please pray for healing.
- Please remember in your prayers, +Melanie Slay, the sister of Celestial Kolheim-Smith, who passed away in Florida.



The Poor People's campaign went on and in early May hundreds of thousands descended on Washington, D.C. reminding the leaders that the marginalized have a voice too and were heard.

states placed Martin Luther King Jr. Day on their books. However, by 1983 and a compromise convinced enough members of Congress to pass the bill. At the time, only two men's birthdays were celebrated as federal holidays, Christopher Columbus, and George Washington. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. is the third. President Ronald Reagan signed the bill on November 2nd, 1983, commemorating the third Monday in January as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Dr. King's legacy is more than one speech on a hot summer day in 1963. Dr. King's life is more than the recognition and awards that he received while he walked on this earth. Dr. King showed us that if you are willing to do the work, stay the course and lean on the strength of God almighty, minds can be changed, hearts can be won over and we can get closer to the ideals that this country was founded on over 200 years ago.

Use your voice to speak out against injustice. Listen to the youth as they cry out and invite them to join the struggle. It is only through our collective voices working together as one, will we be able to change our families, our neighborhoods, our communities, and our country.

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





Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

Have you ever wondered how Eucharistic hosts for Mass are made, and who makes them? Orders of religious sisters and nuns commonly manufacture hosts as a means of supporting the work of their communities. Not only does this work offer a means of self-support for those communities, but it also forges a tangible, physical connection between the sisters and the parishes and other diocesan ministries that use the hosts at Mass and bring the Blessed Sacrament to prisoners, seniors, and others who cannot attend Mass.

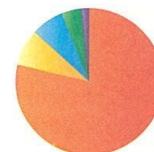
The Conceptionist Sisters of Fortaleza, Brazil, is one community that makes the hosts used at Masses in the diocese. After years of manufacturing hosts, the sisters needed new, more reliable, modern equipment for baking and cutting the hosts. With the assistance of a grant from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Church in Latin America program, the sisters purchased new machinery that allows them to continue this work of service and unity for the local Church now and for years to come. Your generous donations to the Collection for the Church in Latin America are your way of participating in the sisters' work and that of communities throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

For more information about the Collection for the Church in Latin America, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

2021 CLA Financials

Expenses

- Grants and Donations: **78.67%**
- Program Costs: **8.25%**
- Allocations—Internal Grants: **7.22%**
- Promotions and Fundraising Expenses: **4.25%**
- Administrative Expenses: **1.61%**
- Total Expenses: \$5,556,692**



Total Number of Grants Approved: 281
Total Amount Approved: \$6,112,536

- General Pastoral*: **49%**
- Emergency Disaster Funds: **29%**
- Formation of Clergy and Religious, and Vocations: **20%**
- Child Protection: **2%**



*includes evangelization, religious education, family and other pastoral ministries



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EST. July 4, 2021 • Chicago

Social Justice Committee Meeting

607 E Oakwood Blvd, Chicago, IL 60653

01.16.2023 | 10AM- 11:30AM



OLA Book Club Announcement



NEXT WEEK!!!! JANUARY 22ND!!!!

**OLA BOOK CLUB WILL MEET AFTER THE
11:30 MASS AT THE TOLTON CENTER!**

COME TO HAVE LUNCH AND DISCUSS

**"THE LIGHT WE CARRY"
BY MICHELLE OBAMA**

RSVP AT THE PARISH OFFICE.

**LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU
THERE!!!**



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
Ola Mae Forde
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
Justine 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
Minnette Penman
Allen Peoples
Sr. Jamie Phelps, O.P.
Marionette Phelps
Jean Porter
Louise Ray
Clara Reiser
Tyna Rule
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
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