



OUR LADY OF AFRICA

PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday, January 21, 2024



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3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

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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 Sunday)
2:30 p.m.—Igbo Community (*last two Sundays*)
6:00 p.m.—French (*1st Sunday*)
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 10 a.m.
Wednesday: 6 p.m.
Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.
Or by appointment (773)624-5375

Parish Administrator

Father Carl Gales, SVD

Contact Us

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Email: ourladyofafricachicago@gmail.com

Church Address

615 East Oakwood Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60653

Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



This Week at OLA

Sunday, January 21

- Adoration | After 9 a.m. Mass
| Chapel
- First Communion | 10 a.m. | Tolton Center
- Sunday School | 11:30 a.m.
| Sunday School Room
- Confirmation Class | 1:30 p.m.
| Tolton Center

Tuesday, January 23

- **Daily Mass | 10:30 a.m.**
- Phone-In Bible Study | 6 p.m.
| (267) 807-9601 | Code: 340-355-967
- Parish Formative Council Meeting | 6 p.m.
| via Zoom

Wednesday, January 24

- Bible Study | 11 a.m. | Parish Hall
- OCIA Meeting | 6 p.m. | Parish Hall
- **Daily Mass | 6:30 p.m.**

Thursday, January 25

- Angels on Air Phone Prayer Line | 9 a.m.
| (267) 807-9601 | Code: 340-355-967
- **Daily Mass | 10:30 a.m.**
- Food Pantry | 10 a.m. to Noon
| Tolton Center

Friday, January 26

- **Daily Mass | 10:30 a.m.**
- Adoration, Taize, and Devotion
| 6:30 p.m. | Church

Saturday, January 27

- Mobile Food Pantry | 10 a.m. - Noon
| Tolton Heritage Center
- Choir Rehearsal | 12:30 p.m. | Church
- Altar Server Training | 2 p.m. | Church

Sunday, January 28

- Knights of Columbus Meet and Greet
| 10 a.m. | Parish Hall
- Sunday School | 11:30 a.m.
| Sunday School Room
- Confirmation Class | 1:30 p.m.
| Tolton Center

Attendance January 13/14

4 p.m. Mass	26
9 a.m. Mass	50
11:30 a.m. Mass	98
TOTAL	168

Ministry List for Upcoming Liturgies

Saturday 4 p.m. - January 27

- Priest: Fr. Carl Gales, SVD
- Lectors: Theresa Rhea
James Asenso

Sunday 9 a.m. - January 28

- Priests: Fr. Carl Gales, SVD
- Lectors: Sr. Janet Ryan, OSF
Anthony Williams
- Eucharistic Ministers:
Shirley McKinney
Eileen Foggie

Sunday 11:30 a.m. - January 28

- Priests: Fr. Carl Gales, SVD
- Lectors: Gregory Chappell
Liz Mardis
- Eucharistic Ministers:
Sharon Binion
Lena Young

Stewardship

Offertory - January 13/14, 2024

\$ 2,655.00
\$ 1,572.00 - online offertory
\$ 4,227.00

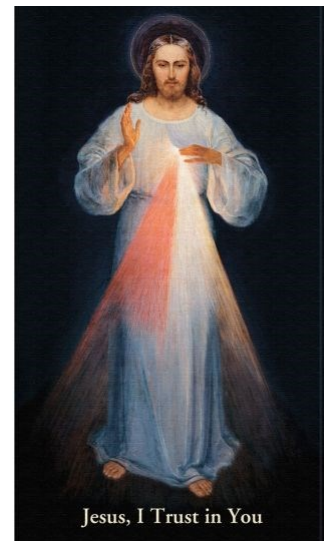
Offertory - January 14/15, 2023

\$ 5,177.00
\$ 1,535.00 - online offertory
\$ 6,712.00

Average Weekly Operating Costs

\$ (14,423.08)
\$ 4,227.00 - Total Offertory
\$ **10,196.00**

Thank you for your generosity!





We start telling lies around the age of three, the experts tell us. It's understandable. Lying is a god-like power. Whatever I want, I need only say it, and the world rearranges itself accordingly. It's amazing at first. But soon reality snaps back and I'm faced with a dilemma. If I remain committed to my lie I start to fracture into pieces. My words and reality drift apart, and I find myself lost in a lonely world of further falsehoods and fear of being found out.

How marvelous, then, that Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming: "Repent!" We tend to think it means "stop doing bad things" but it doesn't. It literally means "go beyond the mind you have." Think in a new way. It's painful to admit, but some portion of my mind is addicted to lie-telling, usually to protect my ego or make life easier. To repent means to admit this tendency, to say, "I'm done lying," and to move beyond my split mind into a complete commitment to the truth. Perhaps that's why at Mass we together proclaim, "I have sinned in my thoughts, and in my words..." Repentance and truth-telling work together.

Those who know the twelve-step process of addiction recovery know this process well. The fourth step requires radical truth-telling: listing our moral defects. This isn't being scrupulous. Rather it is freedom from falsehood, and entrance into the real world. This week, I invite you to join me in this practice. Get your phone or piece of paper. Answer the question: what are your true moral defects? Write them down. Remember, the Lord knows them already and loves you. We have a sacrament where this truth-telling is celebrated: Confession. Perhaps it is finally time to go beyond our childish lies.

God Loves a Cheerful Giver - 2 Corinthians 9:6-8



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You can send your offertory through Zelle:

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MOBILE FOOD PANTRY



Our Lady Of Africa/Tolton Site
4058 S Michigan Ave
Chicago, IL 60653
(773) 268-1518

OUR LADY OF AFRICA FOOD PANTRY

Fresh fruits, vegetables, meats and non-perishable groceries.

Info for Thursday food pantry...

Every Thursday
@10:00AM-12:00PM

Meats and non-perishable food

*You can only receive once a month, identification is required and no boundaries

4058 S Michigan Ave
Chicago, IL 60653

Info for Saturday food pantry...

Every fourth Saturday
@10:00AM-12:00PM

Fresh fruits, vegetables, and non-perishable groceries.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Our Lady of Africa is THE place to have your Wedding!!



For all young couples discerning their future together, there is a lot of planning involved.

Along with the preparations for your wedding day, you should plan to meet with the priest and have wedding prep which should be about 3 months. The couple and priest would meet once a week, either in person or on Zoom to talk about their plans, their commitment to one another, and what the Sacrament of Marriage truly means. To discuss your future wedding plans, please contact Father Carl at the Parish Office: (773)624-5375



OLA TOWN HALL MEETING

TOPIC DISCUSSION

We will discuss how your suggestions
and input have been put into action.

A financial update and next steps will also be topics for discussion.

607 E OAKWOOD BLVD

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

9 AM TO NOON

**GROWING IN HOLINESS
WITH A MISSION TO SERVE**



Birthdays

01/07 Edith Lane
01/08 Shawnece Wilson
01/09 Alicia Davis
01/12 Wendell Smith-Williams
01/15 Ed Scott
01/16 James Burgess

01/16 Clarisse D. Credit
01/16 Reggie Seay
01/18 Florence Person
01/19 James Brown
01/20 Shaka Rawls
01/21 Marcella Aguda

01/21 Jonathan McClure
01/23 Brenda Boston
01/25 LaTanya Berry-Johnson
01/27 Sonia Davis
01/31 Lillian Cherry
01/31 Samira Rawls

Mass Schedule

Sunday, January 21

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Readings: Jon 3: 1-5. 10/ Ps 25: 4-5. 6-7. 8-9 (4a)/
1 Cor 7: 29-31/ Mk 1: 14-20

Mass Intentions:

4 p.m. | Divine Word College Benefactors
9 a.m. | OLA Church Family
11:30 a.m. | OLA Church Family

OLA Book of Prayer: Pamela Jones,
Anastacia Mebane, Euphrasia Mutinda

Monday, January 22

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF
UNBORN CHILDREN

Readings: 2 Sm 5: 1-7. 10/ Ps 89: 20. 21-22. 25-26/
Mk 3: 22-30

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

Tuesday, January 23

ST VINCENT, DEACON, MARTYR

Readings: 2 Sm 6: 12b-15. 17-19/ Ps 24: 7. 8. 9. 10/
Mk 3: 31-35

Mass Intentions:

10:30 a.m. | Poor Souls in Purgatory

OLA Book of Prayer: Judith Easter,
Frederick Gibson, Rita Holland, Mildred Jackson

Wednesday, January 24

ST FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP, DOCTOR

Readings: 2 Sm 7: 4-17/ Ps 89: 4-5. 27-28. 29-30/
Mk 4: 1-20

Mass Intentions:

6:30 p.m. | Poor Souls in Purgatory

OLA Book of Prayer: Majorbelle James,
Annette Lee, Gail McGruder, Minnette Penman

Thursday, January 25

THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL, FEAST

Readings: Acts 22: 3-16 or Acts 9: 1-22/ Ps 117:
1bc. 2/ Mk 16: 15-18

Mass Intentions:

10:30 a.m. | Poor Souls in Purgatory

OLA Book of Prayer: Sr. Eleanor Doidge,
Bettie Green, Lorraine Henderson

Friday, January 26

STS TIMOTHY AND TITUS, BISHOPS

Readings: 2 Tm 1: 1-8 or Ti 1: 1-5/ Ps 96: 1-2a. 2b-3.
7-8a. 10/ Mk 4: 26-34

Mass Intentions:

10:30 a.m. | Poor Souls in Purgatory

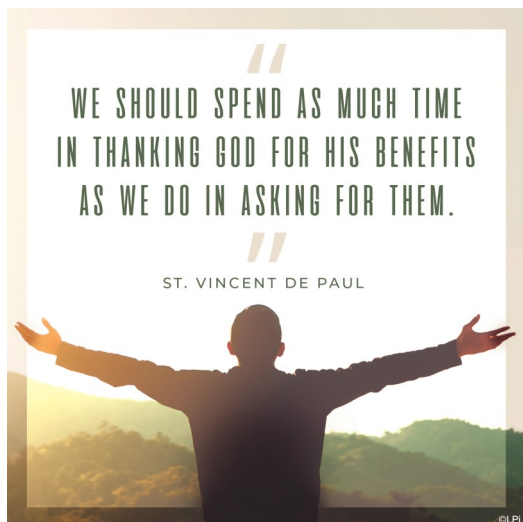
OLA Book of Prayer: Andre D. Golden,
Catherine Harper, Doris Humphries,
Therese Jessie, Gloria Leonard

Saturday, January 27

ST ANGELA MERICI, VIRGIN

Readings: 2 Sm 12: 1-7a. 10-17/ Ps 51: 12-13. 14-
15. 16-17/ Mk 4: 35-41

OLA Book of Prayer: Mary Crawford,
Nazaree Fuller, Mable Gray, Marjorie Heard
Sr. Jamie Phelps, OP



Black Creativity Art Exhibition - Featuring Artist Larry Cope



The Black Creativity Juried Art Exhibition celebrates Black artists from around the country, including youth artists between the ages of 14 and 17. I'm honored to have my work featured along with other dynamic artists when the exhibit opens Monday, January 15, 2024, and run through Sunday, April 21, 2024!

Thank you for your past and continuous support!

Larry Cope



It's my pleasure to announce that my art piece **"Black Panther"** will be in the Museum of Science and Industry's **Black Creativity Juried Art Exhibition!**



OLA BOOK CLUB - FEBRUARY 11th

Come and join us!

OLA BOOK CLUB

- Sunday, February 11th
- Time: After the 11:30 am Mass
- Book: You Were Always Mine
- Authors: Christine Pride and Jo Piazza





FINANCIAL SEMINAR



PRESENTERS:
SIDNEY JOHNSON
EDWIN HILL
WILLIAM HODGES
BARBARA EDWARDS HILL

TIME: FEBRUARY 18, 2024

10:15 TO 11:15 AM

PLACE: PARISH HALL

OLA FINANCE MINISTRY

PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE AGENCY
BOLD RETIREMENT STRATEGIES



Parish Directory

Baptisms

Tina Carter
tinalcarter71@gmail.com

Blessed Sacrament Society

Tasha McShan - President

Business Administrator

Shirley McKinney
773-624-5375

Confirmation

Tina Carter, Stephanie Gado
Theresa Rhea,
Tiffany Swann-Covington
Shawnece Wilson

Clergy

Fr. Carl Gales, SVD
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

IT Crew

Gloria Dean - Lead

Knights of Peter Claver

Thomas Rich - Grand Knight

Knights of Peter Claver

Lady's Auxiliary
Lena Young - Grand Lady

Maintenance

Tyrone Smith

Medical Ministry

Dr. James Hunter

Men's Coalition

Michael Morman - President

Music Ministry

Maestro Tyrone Pittman

OCIA

Kimberly Brooks

Peace and Social Justice

Byron Diggs -Co-Chair
Parris Washington -Co-Chair

School and Church Liaison

LaTanya Berry-Johnson

Sunday School

Eileen Foggie

Tolton Ambassador

Jennifer Iwuchukwu

Tolton Heritage Center

Regina Cook
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Ushers and Greeters

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