



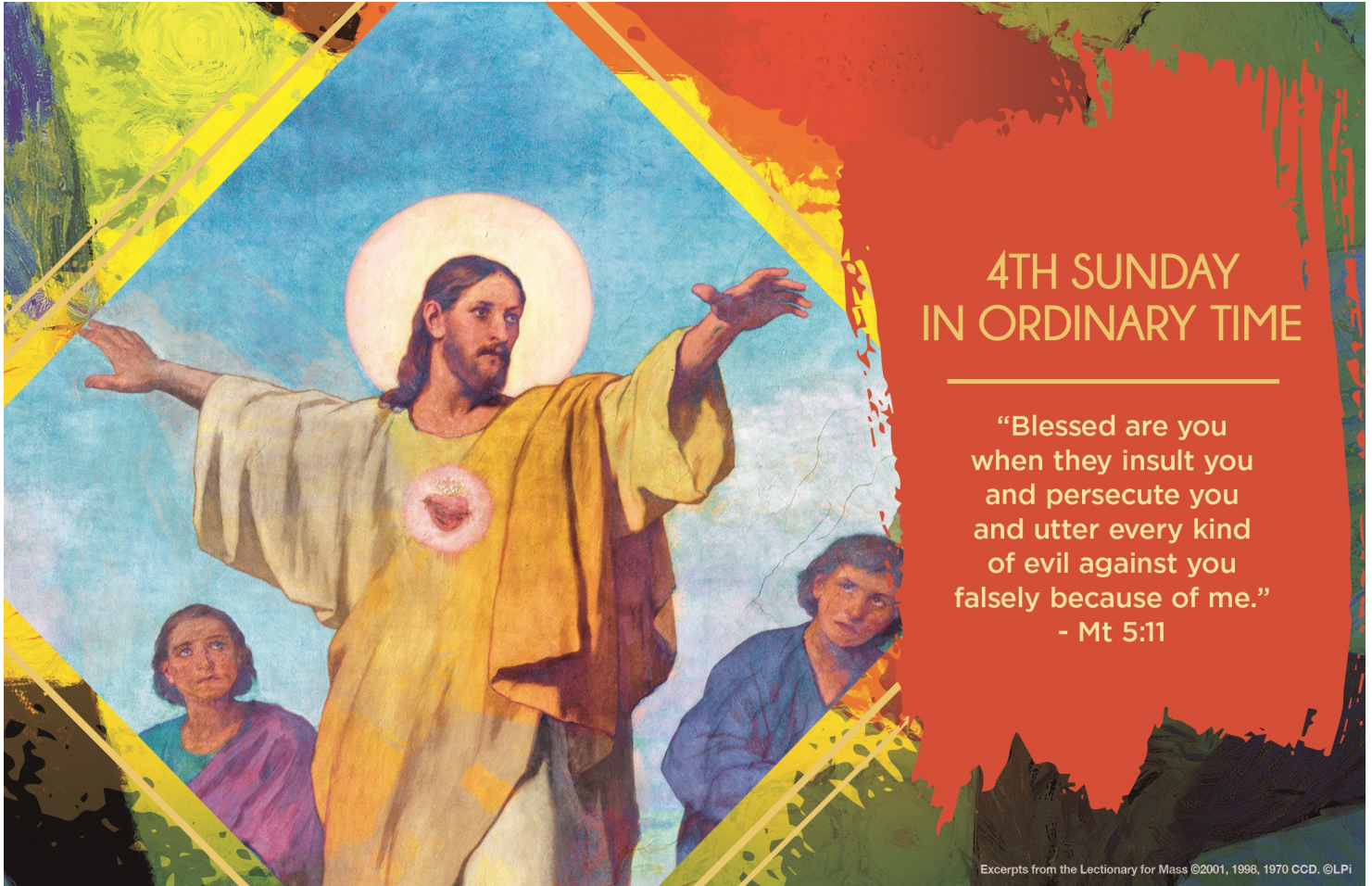
# OUR LADY OF AFRICA

PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday, January 29, 2023



Served by the Society of the Divine Word



## 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Blessed are you  
when they insult you  
and persecute you  
and utter every kind  
of evil against you  
falsely because of me.”  
- Mt 5:11

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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

### **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. - 3:30 p.m.

Parish Administrator: Ms. Shirley McKinney



## This Week at OLA

### Sunday, January 29

- Adoration - after 9:00 a.m. Mass | Parish
- RCIA - after 9:00 a.m. Mass  
| Parish Hall Room
- Sunday School - 11:30 a.m. Mass  
| Parish Hall
- Confirmation Class - 1:30 p.m.  
| Tolton Center

### Tuesday, January 31

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

### Wednesday, February 1

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

### Thursday, February 2

- Angels on Air Phone Prayer Line - 9 a.m.

### Saturday, February 4

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

## Scriptures for the Week

### Jan 29 SUN: FOURTH SUNDAY ORD TIME

Zep 2: 3; 3:12-13/ Ps 146:6-7. 8-9. 9-10/  
1 Cor 1:26-31/ Mt 5:1-12a

### Jan 30 Mon: Ordinary Weekday

Heb 11:32-40/ Ps 31: 20. 21. 22. 23. 24/ Mk 5:1-20

### Jan 31 Tue: John Bosco, p, rf M

Heb 12:1-4/ Ps 22:26b-27. 28 and 30. 31-32/  
Mk 5:21-43

### Feb 1 Wed: Ordinary Weekday

Heb 12:4-7. 11-15/ Ps 103:1-2. 13-14. 17-18a/  
Mk 6:1-6

### Feb 2 Thu: PRESENTATION OF THE LORD F

Mal 3:1-4/ Ps 24: 7. 8. 9. 10/ Heb 2:14-18/  
Lk 2:22-40

### Feb 3 Fri: Ordinary Weekday / Blase, bp, mt/ Ansgar, bp, ms

Heb 13:1-8/ Ps 27:1. 3. 5. 8b-9abc/ Mk 6:14-29

### Feb 4 Sat: Ordinary Weekday/ BVM

Heb 13:15-17. 20-21/ Ps 23:1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6/  
Mk 6:30-34

## Ministry List for Next Weekend

### Saturday 4:p.m.—January 28

- Lectors: Keith Wilson  
Denise Wilson

### Sunday 9 a.m. - January 29

- Lectors: Sr. Joanne Delehanty  
Eileen Foggie
- Eucharistic Ministers:  
Miriam Hunter  
Gladys St. Leger

### Sunday 11:30 a.m. - January 29

- Lectors: Larry Cope  
David Powell
- Eucharistic Ministers:  
Regina Cook  
Earlene Hodges

## Announcement

The Men's Restroom will be CLOSED for remodeling. The Women's restroom will be used by both Men & Women. We ask for your patience during this time. Please read the signs posted. Thanks for your patience as we make progress in improving our parish facilities step by step.

## Rest in the Peace of Christ

+Ola Mae Forde, formerly of Corpus Christi, passed away on Saturday night, January 21st. She was 96 years old. Please pray for the repose of her soul.

## 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/February Birthdays

1/31 Lillian Cherry	2/19 Marjorie P. Coombs
1/31 Samira Rawls	2/19 Theresa Dishman
2/01 Christine J. Brown	2/19 Velma J. Hill
2/02 Ted C. Budzynski	2/22 Sylvia Earles
2/03 Katherine Shaw	2/24 Eleanor Griffin
2/03 Yvonne Whiteneir	2/25 Beatrice Green
2/04 Geraldine Moore	2/26 Roscoe Burns
2/07 Dorothy Williams	2/27 Irene Dove
2/11 Theresa Rhea	2/27 Patricia A. Williams
2/12 David Johnson	2/28 Lugenia Lewis
2/18 Shirley Sargent	

## The Pastor's Message for the Week



Dear Parishioners,

The Beatitudes we hear today are found in the Gospel of Matthew. It is one of Jesus' first sermons in this Gospel. It is called the Sermon on the Mount.

I am sure we try to live the Beatitudes. We all know it is not easy. The Beatitudes are counter-cultural to the world in which we live. They are not part of the social norm. These blessings are Jesus' invitation to us for Christian living to build the Kingdom of Heaven. Let us reflect on these blessings which can continually change us and our witness in world.

## African American History Month

Beginning the first Sunday of February until the last Sunday of February, OLA will be celebrating African-American culture, tradition, and excellence.

We will have new music presented, drumming, dancing, presentations, as well as featured preachers topped with a celebratory feast! Please stay tuned!! Know that it will be a month-long celebration that will be remembered and our inspiration for further excellence throughout the coming year!

## Donations

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

<https://donate.holyangelschicago.com/give>

Or Scan this QR Code



Or mail to: **Our Lady of Africa Parish**  
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Chicago, IL 60653

## Parish Directory

### Baptisms

**Tina Carter**  
tinalcarter71@gmail.com

### Blessed Sacrament Society

**Linda Broadnax - President**

### Confirmation

**Tina Carter, Stephanie Gado**  
**Theresa Rhea**

### Clergy

**Fr. Bob Kelly, SVD - Pastor**  
bkellysvd@gmail.com  
**Fr. Carl Gales, SVD - Associate**  
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**Fr. Tracy O'Sullivan, O.Carm.**  
**Dcn. Michael Foggie**  
**Dcn. Ivan Lazcano**  
**Dcn. Merv Johnson**  
**Dcn. Manie Manuel, SVD**

### Events Committee

**Keisha Chavers - Chairperson**

### First Communion

**Barbara Edwards-Hill**  
**Lisa Littleton**

### Food Pantry

**Ladell Johnson**

### Funerals

**Katie Jordan**  
kwcluwpresident@gmail.com

### 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

**Frazer Zachary Smith, SVD**

### Sunday School

**Eileen Foggie**

### Tolton Heritage Center

**Regina Cook**  
773-268-1518

### Ushers and Greeters

**Jackson Lucas**

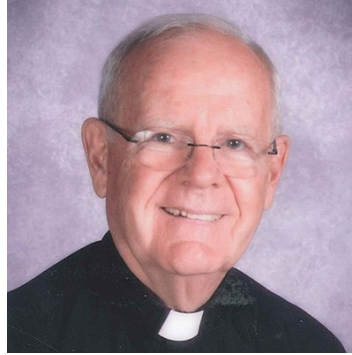
### Youth Ministry

**Taleah Cage**  
**Silmon Reed**





## Father Tracy's Reflection for the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Dear Friends,

Today, on this Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time, we have the first of five Sundays in which we will be invited into the Sermon on the Mount. These three chapters (5-7) in Matthew are a summary of the Gospel message. Today's passage on the Beatitudes is a summary of the Sermon on the Mount. The Beatitudes are not laws. They are a summons into the mystery of Jesus. He is the one who is truly blessed. The Beatitudes are a revelation of the depth and breadth of the mystery of love that is Jesus Christ.

Thomas Merton has a beautiful definition of prayer. He says, ***Prayer is yearning to be in the presence of God, a personal understanding of God's Word, knowledge of God's will and the capacity to hear and obey it.***

The Beatitudes are a description of Jesus. They are an invitation to cross the threshold into the mystery of God. They are a call to ponder the Word that is Jesus. This draws us to embrace God's will. The next step for us is to translate this new wisdom into action. This is exactly what Merton is describing in his definition of prayer. Prayer is forever connected to life.

I would like to use one short example of this wisdom of the gospel world of the Beatitudes where the first are last and we need to lose our life to save it.

Jesus says, ***"Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted". (Mt 5:4)*** *This, like all the Beatitudes, shatters our common sense perception of reality. Mourning and being comforted just do not fit together in our ordinary quest for happiness.*

A deeper look at the mourning that Jesus is proclaiming begins to shed light on the reality. For Jesus, death is truly part of life. Death is part a passage to a new life that has always been part of God's plan for each of us.

Why do we mourn? The reason we mourn is because we love. Without love there is no need to mourn. Jesus is teaching us that in the end, love will win out. All our losses are in transition when we walk with Jesus. He invites us into a way and a life and a truth that guarantees the victory of love. He reveals that victory in the Resurrection. He gives us the presence of a new reality where every fear will be wiped away. That reality begins now when we love. In the end, that love will share the fullness of the victory that is the Risen Christ. We are much richer when we mourn because we love. When we are indifferent and have no need to mourn we operate in a selfishness that leads to death not life. Indeed, we can say in the fullness of truth and joy, ***"Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted."*** (Mt 5: 4)

In similar fashion, all of the Beatitudes are an invitation into the upside down world of the gospel. They each reveal to us a deeper truth of the great reversal that is the coming of God's kingdom where love will have the last word.



OUR LADY OF AFRICA

# African American Heritage Mass

Reception to follow in the  
parish hall

February 12 2023      11:30 Mass

Each week of February will focus on an aspect of  
African-American life and culture

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## 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

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**THIS THURSDAY  
FEBRUARY 2, 2023**

Info for Saturday food pantry...  
Every fourth Saturday  
@10:00AM-12:00PM

Fresh fruits, vegetables, and  
non-perishable groceries.

44 E 41St  
Chicago, IL 60653

**SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY 28, 2023**





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The National  
BLACK CATHOLIC  
Congress

## A DAY OF REFLECTION

# State of the Union: Black Catholics in Chicago

## National Black Catholic Congress XIII

### ***Our Prophetic Call to Thrive***

Preparing for Congress XIII

**February 4, 2023 | 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

Registration will close January 31 at 12 p.m.

### **Cardinal Meyer Center**

3525 South Lake Park Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60629

Registration is available at [forms.office.com/r/VcXi2Qy5Ah](https://forms.office.com/r/VcXi2Qy5Ah).

For more information, please contact Valerie Jennings at  
312.965.2284 or [vjennings@archchicago.org](mailto:vjennings@archchicago.org).







## 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  
Minnette Penman  
Allen Peoples  
Sr. Jamie Phelps, O.P.  
Marionette Phelps  
Jean Porter  
Louise Ray  
Clara Reisner  
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  
Sheila Williams  
Sunnette Varnado Smith

