



OUR LADY OF AFRICA

PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday, June 11, 2023



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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

“Whoever eats my flesh and
drinks my blood remains in
me and I in him.” - Jn 6:56

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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.

Administrator

Father Carl Gales, SVD

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Church Address

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Office Hours

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

Business Administrator: Ms. Shirley McKinney



This Week at OLA

Sunday, June 11

- KPCLA Meeting - 10:15 to 11:15 a.m.
| Parish Hall
- Sunday School - 11:30 a.m.
| Sunday School Room

Thursday, June 15

- Angels on Air Phone Prayer Line - 9 a.m.
- Food Pantry - 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
| Tolton Center

Saturday, June 17

- Funeral Services for Mable Gray
10 a.m. (11 a.m. Mass) | Parish
- Choir Rehearsal - 12 p.m. | Parish
- Altar Server Training - 2 p.m. | Parish

Sunday, June 18

- HIV Ministry Meeting - 10:15 to 11:15 a.m.
| Parish Hall
- Sunday School - 11:30 a.m.
| Sunday School Room

JOIN THE OLA CHURCH FAMILY

Welcome to Our Lady of Africa! We are thankful and grateful for your presence.

Our Lady of Africa is striving to provide spiritual outreach and ministry to our church members and the community at large.

To become a member of our parish, please sign up in the Narthex or contact our Parish Office: (773)624-5375.

Stewardship

Offerstory - June 3/4, 2023

\$ 6,182.00
\$ 2,830.00 - online offertory
\$ 9,012.00

Offerstory - June 4/5, 2022

\$ 9,247.00
\$ 865.00 - online offertory
\$10,112.00

Total Offerstory and Income for May 2023

\$32,036.27 - Offerstory
\$21,341.12 - Income (hall rentals, leases..)
\$53,377.39

Expenses for June 2023 - to date

\$9,779.35

Weekly average of expenses

\$12,787.37

Thank you for your generosity!

Ministry List for Upcoming Liturgies

Saturday 4 p.m. - June 17

- Priest: Fr. Carl Gales, SVD
- Lectors: Shawnece Wilson
Ted Budzynski

Sunday 9 a.m. - June 18

- Priest: Fr. Carl Gales, SVD
- Lectors: Norman Walton
Sr. Janet Ryan
- Eucharistic Ministers:
Sonia Davis
Eileen Foggie

Sunday 11:30 a.m. - June 18

- Priest: Bishop Joseph N. Perry
- Lectors: Vanessa Owusu-Ansah
Genesis Watts
- Eucharistic Ministers:
Stephanie Inis
Silmon Reed

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 10

- 4 p.m. Mass - Divine Word College Benefactors

Sunday, June 11

- 9 a.m. Mass - Jennifer T. Lacey
(For Special Intention)
- 11:30 a.m. Mass - OLA First Communion Class

Monday, June 12

- Shirley McKinney & Deniece Thomas
(Birthdays)

Tuesday, June 13

- Exie Haralson

Wednesday, June 14

- Theresa Rich (Birthday)

Thursday, June 15

- Maria Jossey Owen

Friday, June 16

- James Teemer (Birthday)

Saturday, June 17

- 4 p.m. Mass - Divine Word College Benefactors

Sunday, June 18

- 9 a.m. Mass +Argentry Mitchell
- 11:30 a.m. Mass - OLA Confirmation Class

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE



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



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

**Along with the preparations for your wedding day, you should plan to
meet with the priest and have wedding prep which is 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.**

BECOMING CATHOLIC

Becoming Catholic is to enter into history. You become linked to the earliest traditions that are at the roots of all Christian denominations.

What you will discover is that being Catholic unites all peoples all over the world. You will travel to one side of the world to the other and still experience the worship of the One Holy Catholic Church.

Beautiful in its unity and multifaceted in its diversity, Catholicism embraces the most humble to the richest philosophical and theological minds. In prayer and through the intercession of the Holy Spirit, the diverse gifts of each member shines through the ages in the history of the Saints.

If you would like to explore becoming Catholic, please let us know. You can contact the Parish Office (773) 624-5375 and start your process of discernment.





Status of the Air Conditioning Unit

Our air-conditioning unit for the Church Sanctuary is about 30 years old. It has served us well and we thank it for its service. One of our last repairs for this AC unit will cost \$9,855.00. This will repair the compressor, the unloader assembly, a refill of refrigerant, and other needed repairs.

This will, God's willing, get us through the summer. Future plans are to replace the AC unit. The lead time to do this will take about a year.

Building maintenance is quite costly. The solution is to be proactive and plan for the future. To this end, we will have on our church webpage online donations area an icon for Building Maintenance. Please prayerfully consider what you believe you can contribute over and above your normal donations.

Respectfully yours in Christ,
Fr. Carl

Please go to ourladyofafricachicago.org and click on ONLINE GIVING

June Birthdays

6/04 Louis B. Ray
6/05 Harolyn Cain
6/06 LaJeunee Davis
6/10 Sharon Binion
6/10 Stephanie Gado
6/12 Deniece Thomas
6/12 Shirley McKinney

6/14 Theresa Rich
6/16 James Teemer
6/18 Lutricia Thomas-Rawls
6/22 Marcheta Smith
6/24 Monica Broderick
6/24 Clifford Doyle

Please Remember in Daily Prayer and Devotions

Sunday, June 11

Readings: Dt 8: 2-3. 14b-16a/ Ps 147: 12-13. 14-15. 19-20 (12)/ 1 Cor 10: 16-17/ Jn 6: 51-58

OLA Book of Prayer: Mary Crawford, Nazaree Fuller, Mable Gray, Marjorie Heard

Monday, June 12

Readings: 2 Cor 1: 1-7/ Ps 34: 2-3. 4-5. 6-7. 8-9/ Mt 5: 1-12

OLA Book of Prayer: Sr. Eleanor Doidge, Tyrone Fuller, Bettie Green, Lorraine Henderson, George James

Tuesday, June 13

Readings: 2 Cor 1: 18-22/ Ps 119: 129. 130. 131. 132. 133. 135/ Mt 5: 13-16

OLA Book of Prayer: Pamela Jones, John Littleton, Tasha McShan, Anastacia Mebane, Euphrasia Mutinda

Wednesday, June 14

Readings: 2 Cor 3: 4-11/ Ps 99: 5. 6. 7. 8. 9/ Mt 5: 17-19

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

Thursday, June 15

Readings: 2 Cor 3: 15 - 4: 1. 3-6/ Ps 85: 9ab and 10. 11-12. 13-14/ Mt 5: 20-26

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

Friday, June 16

Readings: Dt 7: 6-11/ Ps 103: 1-2. 3-4. 6-7. 8. 10 (see 17)/ 1 Jn 4: 7-16/ Mt 11: 25-30

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

Saturday, June 17

Readings: 2 Cor 5: 14-21/ Ps 103: 1-2. 3-4. 9-10. 11-12/ Lk 2: 41-51

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

Parish Directory



Baptisms

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Dcn. Michael Foggie
Dcn. Merv Johnson

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Music Ministry

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LaTanya Berry-Johnson

Seminarian

Frater Zachary Smith, SVD

Sunday School

Eileen Foggie

Tolton Heritage Center

Regina Cook
773-268-1518

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Youth Ministry

Taleah Cage
Silmon Reed

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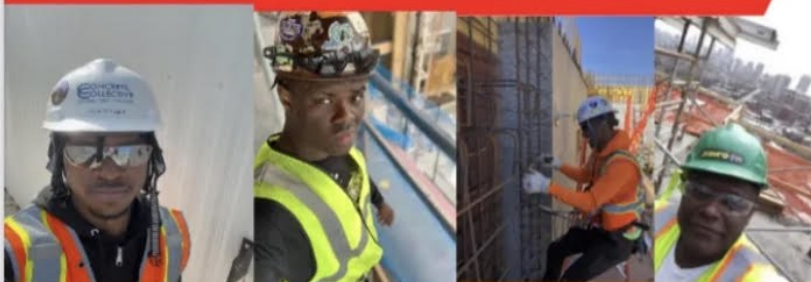
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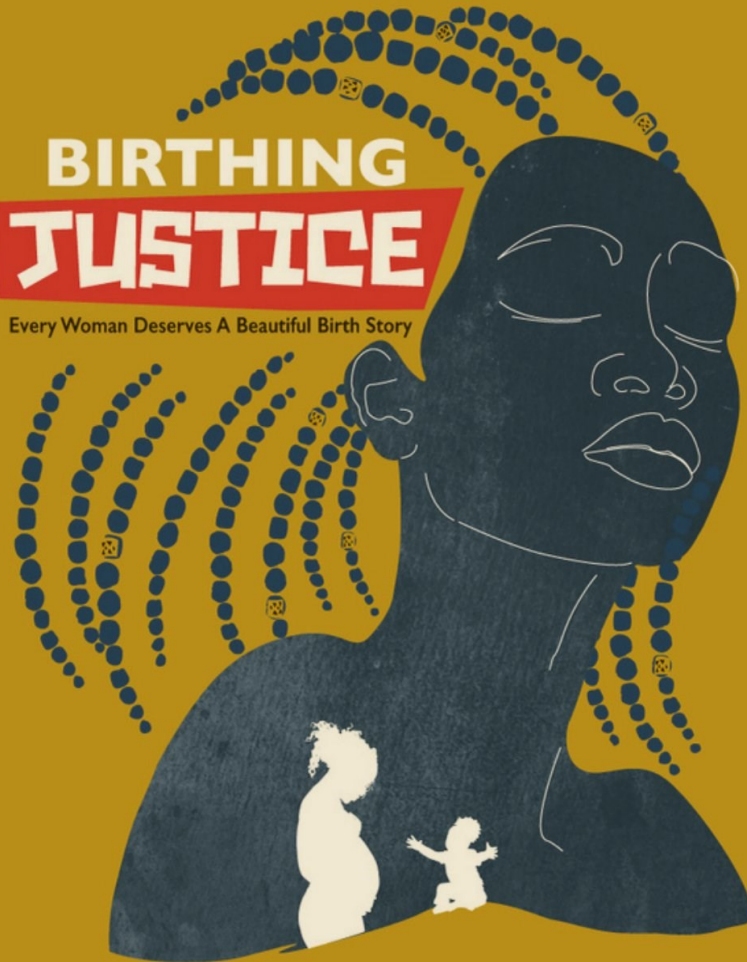
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- 18 years of age or older
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- Pass a drug test
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This program is sponsored by the Courage to Love in Action, a collaborative that is working to improve the health and well-being of women, pregnant people, and babies by building healing-centered, restorative justice skills and practices in organizations that serve families.



A Free Public Film Screening

Wednesday, July 12th

2pm-5pm

Catholic Theological Union

5416 S. Cornell Ave

Chicago, IL 60615

Doors Open at 1:30pm

[Click Here to Register](#)

Join us for a film that captures the experiences and challenges of Black women, their families, caretakers and advocates, and examines the structures and systems that determine disparate rates of mortality. Afterwards we will come together for a powerful discussion.

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This project is Funded by The Chicago Department of Public Health's Office of Violence Prevention.

For more info contact darlena@courage2love.org



Corpus Christi - Reflection by Sr Joanne Delehanty, O.P.

Before Vatican II, as people knelt to receive Communion, the priest would proceed down the line of kneeling communicants and say to each one in Latin:

Corpus Domini nostri Jesu Christi custodiat animam tuam in vitam aeternam. Amen.
May the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ preserve your soul unto life everlasting. Amen

Within that is the name by which this feast is often known: Corpus Christi. The beginning of the second reading (1 Corinthians 10:16) perfectly captures the essence and importance of this feast in our liturgical calendar:

Brothers and sisters: The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ?

The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?

That's the heart of it. Two short sentences say it all. And the key word is participation. Richard Rohr wrote in *Near Occasions of Grace*, that "The Body of Christ, the spiritual family, is God's strategy. Until and unless Christ is someone happening between people, the Gospel remains largely an abstraction. Until Jesus Christ is passed on personally through faithfulness and forgiveness, through bonds of union, I doubt whether he is passed on at all."

The consecrated bread and wine is Jesus, present among us: all that Jesus Christ is and stands for, lived and died and rose for. But don't stop there. We also celebrate the unmerited love of the Trinity offered to us, pulling us into its communion through Jesus Christ. The sacrament of Eucharist invites us into that communion, holds us in its grace, empowers us to move out to help make the ever-expanding Kingdom a lived reality.

That is worth attending to. That is worth a feast day. That is worth a lifetime of receiving communion..."unto life everlasting."

Let the Church say, "Amen!"

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