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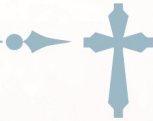
PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday, June 4, 2023



Served by the Society of the Divine Word

ETERNAL



God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son.

JOHN 3:16

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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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

Contact Us

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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 4

- First Communion Class - 10 a.m.
| Tolton Heritage Center
- Parish Finance Council Meeting - 10 a.m.
| Parish Office
- Sunday School - 11:30 a.m.
| Sunday School Room
- Confirmation Retreat - 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
| Tolton Heritage Center

Tuesday, June 6

- Holy Angels Catholic School
Kindergarten Graduation - 11:30 a.m.
| Parish
- Phone-In Bible Study - 6 p.m.

Wednesday, June 7

- Bible Study - 11 a.m. | Parish Hall
- Social Justice Meeting - 7 p.m. | Parish Hall

Thursday, June 8

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

Saturday, June 10

- Hope and Healing Circle
9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. | Parish
- First Communion Rehearsal - 11 a.m. | Parish
- Choir Rehearsal - 12 p.m. | Parish
- Altar Server Training - 2 p.m. | Parish

Sunday, June 11

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

Stewardship

Offertory - May 27/28, 2023

\$5,144.00
\$ 305.00- online offertory
\$5,449.00

Offertory - May 28/29, 2022

\$5,624.00
\$ 355.00- online offertory
\$5,979.00

Total Offertory and Income for May 2023

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

Expenses for May 2023

\$51,149.49

Weekly average of expenses

\$12,787.37

Thank you for your generosity!

Ministry List for Upcoming Liturgies

Saturday 4 p.m. - June 10

- Priest: Fr. Carl Gales, SVD
- Lectors: Dr. Dorothy Williams
Silmon Reed

Sunday 9 a.m. - June 11

- Priest: Fr. Carl Gales, SVD
- Lectors: Edith Smith
Reco Condiff
- Eucharistic Ministers:
Sr. Joanne Delehanty
Shirley McKinney

Sunday 11:30 a.m. - June 11

- Priest: Fr. Carl Gales, SVD
- Lectors: Katie Jordan
Taleah Cage
- Eucharistic Ministers:
Trish Rawls
Shawnece Wilson

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 3

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

Sunday, June 4

- 9 a.m. Mass + Ruthie Whitfield
Req. by Rosemary Sykes
- 11:30 a.m. Mass - OLA Church Family

Monday, June 5

- Harolyn Cain

Tuesday, June 6

- LaJeunee Davis

Wednesday, June 7

- Louise Bates

Thursday, June 8

- Janice Taylor

Friday, June 9

- James Brazier

Saturday, June 10

- 4 p.m. Mass - TBD

Sunday, June 11

- 9 a.m. Mass - TBD
- 11:30 a.m. Mass - TBD

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.



SR. MARY POKORNY, O.P.!!!!

**The 50/50 Split Fundraiser raised \$700.00.
Thanks to your generosity, \$350 will be sent
to the Seminarians in Colombia, South America.**

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 4

Readings: Ex 34: 4b-6. 8-9/ Dn 3: 52. 53. 54. 55. 56 (52b)/ 2 Cor 13: 11-13/ Jn 3: 16-18

OLA Book of Prayer: Sr. Jamie Phelps, O.P.,
Alfrances Sharpe, Deniece Thomas,
Alice Thompson, Rachel Watson, Dorothy Williams

Monday, June 5

Readings: Tb 1: 3; 2: 1a-8/ Ps 112: 1b-2. 3b-4. 5-6/
Mk 12: 1-12

OLA Book of Prayer: Jan Johnson, Lugenia Lewis,
Carolyn McQuarter, Michael Moore

Tuesday, June 6

Readings: Tb 2: 9-14/ Ps 112: 1-2. 7-8. 9/
Mk 12: 13-17

OLA Book of Prayer: Cecelia Douglass,
Eleanor Griffin, Jim Henkel, Janet James

Wednesday, June 7

Readings: Tb 3: 1-11a. 16-17a/ Ps 25: 2-3. 4-5ab. 6
and 7bc. 8-9/ Mk 12: 18-27

OLA Book of Prayer: Louise Ray, Emma Stewart,
Audrey Tuggle, Eryn Whitaker, Michael Williams

Thursday, June 8

Readings: Tb 6: 10-11; 7: 1bcde. 9-17; 8: 4-9a/
Mk 12: 28-34

OLA Book of Prayer: Denise Lawson,
Linda Mason, Deborah Mitchell, Clara Reisner

Friday, June 9

Readings: Tb 11: 5-17/ Ps 146: 1b-2. 6c-7. 8-9a.
9bc-10/ Mk 12: 35-37

OLA Book of Prayer: Elsie Freeman,
Florence Glenn, Exie Haralson, Sandra Houston

Saturday, June 10

Readings: Tb 12: 1. 5-15. 20/ Tb 13: 2. 6efgh. 7. 8/
Mk 12: 38-44

OLA Book of Prayer: Janice Taylor,
Tandra Watson, Arlene G. Williams,
Diana Williams, Sunnette Varnado Smith

Parish Directory



Baptisms

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Theresa Rhea

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Administrator
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Fr. Manie Manuel, SVD
Fr. Tracy O'Sullivan, O.Carm.
Dcn. Michael Foggie
Dcn. Merv Johnson

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First Communion

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Lisa Littleton

Food Pantry

Ladell Johnson

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HIV/AIDS Ministry

Rosemary Sykes

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Tyrone Smith

Medical Ministry

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Music Ministry

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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

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.

THE JOY OF STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

Your continued ministry of giving to support Our Lady of Africa Parish can be done by going to the following links:

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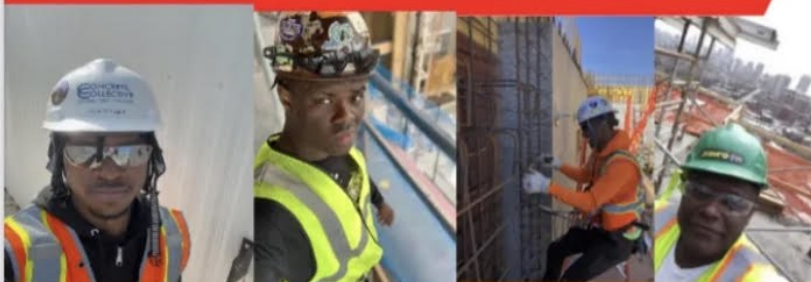
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The Most Holy Trinity - Reflection by Gardis Watts



One of the most mystifying concepts of the Christian faith is the Trinity. A concept that breaks the barriers of human thought. Most theologians, ministers and preachers try to explain it in its simplest terms, and in most cases, it goes over people's heads. Some people feel like it cannot be explained. Others believe that it shouldn't be explained. Then there are those who feel its not there because we don't find the word 'Trinity' in the Bible.

While it is true that 'Trinity' is not in the Bible, the concepts of the Trinity is there (Reference Matthew 3:16-17, Luke 3:22, John 14:25-26 and Acts 1:4-5 just to name a few). But just because a particular word is missing from the Bible doesn't mean that it is non-existent. There are various theological terms we use and hear but never see it in the Bible. Words like 'original sin', 'discipleship' and 'Easter' are just a few that we recognize that are not explicitly in scripture. So how do we understand these terms? It is through our faith tradition that we get a clear understanding.

What does our tradition tell us about the Trinity? According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, *"The Trinity is One. We do not confess three Gods, but one God in three separate persons, the "consubstantial Trinity." The divine persons do not share the one divinity among themselves but each of them is God whole and entire: 'The Father is that which the Son is, the Son that which the Father is, the Father and the Son that which the Holy Spirit is, i.e., by nature one God.'"* (CCC 253) There are some people who have read this statement that might have a better understanding of the Trinity. Then there are others who still might be confused and want to ask questions.

In our Gospel reading, we find this passage being part of a larger conversation that took place between Jesus and a Pharisee named Nicodemus. Nicodemus is intrigued by Jesus and his reputation as a miracle worker and wants to talk to him but only in the cover of the night. Nicodemus, who holds a high rank in the

Jewish Council, cannot be publicly seen with Jesus since Jesus has already drawn the ire of some Jewish leaders. Nicodemus converses with Jesus to have him clarify several things that was confusing him. That's because Jesus is talking in terms of the spirit and Nicodemus is stuck in the physical realm. When Jesus talks about being born again, Nicodemus thinks he must re-enter his mother's womb, which is impossible in a realistic sense. Just like many of us who try to solve the mysteries of the Trinity, we get caught up like Nicodemus of not seeing in a spiritual sense and being more confused.

Going into the actual Gospel reading that is being proclaimed for Sunday, we find one of the most popular scriptures, John 3:16, "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but have eternal life." Now, what does this have to do with the Trinity? Everything! The basis of the Trinity is a relational model. This model represents an indwelling of one another and it is based off love. The Trinity also represents a symbol of perfect community. With each of the parts honoring one another, the Trinity models the very nature of the Divine. The Trinity is also a way God relates to us by revealing Himself. Our scripture passage for Sunday exemplifies the Father's love for the world by blessing us with his loving relationship with his Son. If there is anything we need to understand about the Trinity, let us understand its purpose, and that is for love.

The Trinity symbolizes how we are to model our society through peace, love and justice. The Trinity expresses a harmonious relationship that works in communion with each other and is based on love for one another. If we can focus on that part of the Trinity instead of trying to intellectually pontificate it, we can come to a better spiritual fulfillment.