



# OUR LADY OF AFRICA

PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday, March 3, 2024



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## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

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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](mailto:ourladyofafricachicago@gmail.com)

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Chicago, IL 60653

### **Church Address**

607 East Oakwood Boulevard  
Chicago, IL 60653

### **Office Hours**

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



## This Week at OLA

### Sunday, March 3

- Blessed Sacrament Meeting | 10 a.m.  
| Parish Hall
- First Communion Class | 10 a.m.  
| Tolton Center
- Sunday School | 11:30 a.m.  
| Sunday School Room

### Tuesday, March 5

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

### Wednesday, March 6

- OCIA Meeting | 6 p.m. | Parish Hall
- **Daily Mass | 6:30 p.m.**

### Thursday, March 7

- 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, March 8

- **Daily Mass | 10:30 a.m.**
- Stations of the Cross | 12 Noon | Church
- Stations of the Cross | 6:30 p.m. | Church

### Saturday, March 9

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

### Sunday, March 10

- Sunday School | 11:30 a.m.  
| Sunday School Room
- Confirmation Class - Lenten Retreat  
| 1:30 p.m. | Tolton Center

## Ministry List for Upcoming Liturgies

### Saturday 4 p.m. - March 9

- Priest: Fr. Carl Gales, SVD
- Lectors: Eileen Foggie  
Silmon Reed

### Sunday 9 a.m. - March 10

- Priests: Fr. Carl Gales, SVD
- Lectors: Debra Causay  
Vita Faulkner
- Eucharistic Ministers:  
Rosemary Sykes  
Sonia Davis

### Sunday 11:30 a.m. - March 10

- Priests: Fr. Carl Gales, SVD
- Lectors: Mary Johnson  
Velma Hill
- Eucharistic Ministers:  
Velma Hill  
Trish Rawls

## Stewardship

### Offertory - February 24/25, 2024

\$ 6,427.00  
\$ 2,470.00 - online offertory  
\$ 8,897.00

### Offertory - February 25/26, 2023

\$ 6,167.00  
\$ 770.00 - online offertory  
\$ 7,725.00

### Average Weekly Operating Costs

\$ (14,423.08)  
\$ 8,897.00- Total Offertory  
\$ **5,526.08**

Thank you for your generosity!

## Migrants in Need

Thank you for your continued support of the migrants.

**AT THIS TIME,  
MIGRANTS ARE REQUESTING TOILETRIES  
AND SANITARY ITEMS .**

Your donations are really helping and they are really grateful.

## Attendance February 24/25

4 p.m. Mass	26
9 a.m. Mass	70
11:30 a.m. Mass	200
2:30 p.m. Mass	153
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>449</b>



The Merciful Anger of Jesus Watch your fellow churchgoers today as the priest or deacon reads the story of Jesus raising hell (or perhaps he's raising heaven?) in the temple square. Dollars to donuts, they'll be squirming.

As Catholics, we have become very uncomfortable with Angry Jesus. He makes us cringe in the same way that the Old Testament God does when He calls Himself "jealous" and talks about punishment. That level of intensity makes us recoil. If it were present in a human relationship, it would be toxic and abusive, because in humanity, fierceness and love rarely coexist in a healthy way.

But what a tragedy it would be for us to mistake our relationship with God for our relationship with our spouse, our best friend, or even our human father. Because we cannot see clearly, we would mistake His zeal for anger and His law for decree.

The strong and sure movement of a wave against a rocky cliff will, over time, erode its

surface, just as an overabundance of raindrops will flood a city. We do not call the water callous and cruel. We still luxuriate in its coolness and refreshment. Its destructive powers don't negate the life-giving properties of water. We do not demand that water apologize to us for being strong.

Fierce, uncompromising — but also, soft and merciful. How can God — and God's law — be both, at the same time? How can Christ cast a whip at someone's foot, overturn a table and scatter coins? How can the law of God be perfect, as the Psalm says, and refresh the soul — while demanding so much of it?

All I can say is, thank God for Angry Jesus. We need his fierceness and thank God it does not wane because it confuses us. Thank God his mercy does not decrease because we doubt it.

*"For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength."*

— 1 Corinthians 1:25

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### **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 several times, either in person or on Zoom to talk about their plans, their commitment to one another, what the Sacrament of Marriage truly means, and complete the necessary steps to get married. To discuss your future wedding plans, please contact Father Carl at the Parish Office: (773)624-5375

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



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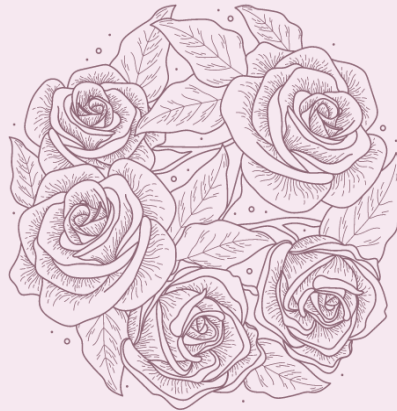
You can send your offertory through Zelle:

**[ourladyofafricachicago@gmail.com](mailto:ourladyofafricachicago@gmail.com)**



# THANK YOU TO THE OLA EVENT'S PLANNING COMMITTEE AND VOLUNTEERS

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LaTanya Berry-Johnson

Byron Diggs

Julian Brevardy

Melody Brevardy

Marcia Cage

Marleah Cage-Johnson

Taleah Cage

Cynthia Chappell

Regina Cook

Debra Crosby

Gloria Dean

Trent Dean

Joyce Franklin

Denise Jackson-Wilson

Celestial Kolheim-Smith

Yawavi Koudjonou

Shirley McKinney

Lorraine O'Conner

Shirley Peoples

Vircy Spight-Harris

Tiffany Swann-Covington

Genesis Watts

Pat Wilson

Anthony Williams

The Soul Food Reception  
was truly unforgettable!  
THANK YOU!!





# Holy Week

**Palm Sunday**

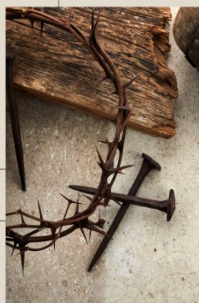
**March 24**

**9 & 11:30 a.m.**



**Holy Thursday, March 28**

**7 p.m.**



**Good Friday**

**March 29**

**3 p.m. Stations**

**7 p.m. Service**

**Easter Sunday**

**March 31**

**9 & 11:30 a.m.**



**Easter Vigil**

**March 30**

**7 p.m.**



**O DEATH, WHERE  
IS YOUR STING?**

**OLA MUSICAL GALA RAFFLE TICKETS ON SALE!!!**

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**THIRD PRIZE: \$500**

**ONE TICKET: \$25**  
**FIVE TICKETS: \$100**

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AFTER MASS, OR CALL THE PARISH OFFICE!**

## March Birthdays

3/05 Raymond Hillard  
 3/06 William Higginbotham  
 3/08 Michelle Farrar  
 3/09 Virginia Coleman  
 3/12 Cassiette West-Williams  
 3/13 Barbara Edwards-Hill  
 3/18 Vivian Clark

3/19 Willa Biglow  
 3/22 Patricia Anderson  
 3/23 Jayden Banks  
 3/28 Rosemary Gardner  
 3/29 Juanita Hern  
 3/31 Judith Easter

## Mass Schedule

### Sunday, March 3

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

**Readings:** Ex 20: 1-17/ Ps 19: 8. 9. 10. 11/  
 1 Cor 1: 22-25/ Jn 2: 13-25

#### **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:** Dorla Allen, David Berry,  
 Roscoe Burns, Naiya Williams

### Monday, March 4

MONDAY: 3RD WEEK OF LENT

**Readings:** 2 Kgs 5: 1-15b/ Ps 42: 2. 3; 43: 3. 4/  
 Lk 4: 24-30

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

### Tuesday, March 5

TUESDAY: 3RD WEEK OF LENT

**Readings:** Dn 3: 25. 34-43/ Ps 25: 4-5ab. 6 and  
 7bc. 8 and 9/ Mt 18: 21-35

#### **Mass Intentions:**

10:30 a.m. | Family Members of Trish Rawls

**OLA Book of Prayer:** Jessie Andrews,  
 Helen Brooms, Dean Brazier, Lydia Clark

### Wednesday, March 6

WEDNESDAY: 3RD WEEK OF LENT

**Readings:** Dt 4:1. 5-9/ Ps 147: 12-13. 15-16. 19-20/  
 Mt 5: 17-19

#### **Mass Intentions:**

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

**OLA Book of Prayer:** James Barker,  
 Christine Brown, James Brazier, Willie B. Clay

### Thursday, March 7

**STS PERPETUA AND FELICITY, AFRICAN SAINTS**

**Readings:** Jer 7: 23-28/ Ps 95: 1-2. 6-7. 8-9/  
 Lk 11: 14-23

#### **Mass Intentions:**

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

**OLA Book of Prayer:** Curtis Albright, Myra Baugh,  
 Patricia Brown, James Burgess, Russell Carter

### Friday, March 8

FRIDAY: 3RD WEEK OF LENT/ST. JOHN OF GOD

**Readings:** Hos 14: 2-10/ Ps 81: 6c-8a. 8bc-9. 10-  
 11ab. 14 and 17/ Mk 12: 28-34

#### **Mass Intentions:**

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

**OLA Book of Prayer:** Donald Barner,  
 Barbara McGee-Berry, Marilyn Campbell,  
 Catherine Crosby

### Saturday, March 9

SATURDAY: 3RD WEEK OF LENT/FRANCES OF ROME

**Readings:** Hos 6: 1-6/ Ps 51: 3-4. 18-19. 20-21ab/  
 Lk 18: 9-14

**OLA Book of Prayer:** Ophelia Adams,  
 Louise Bates, Arthur Brooks, Esperanza Carr



**NEXT WEEKDAY ADORATION  
 TUESDAY, MARCH 12TH  
 6:30 PM**



# Harambee!

*Celebrating 30 years of the Augustus Tolton Pastoral Ministry Program*

## Join us for Harambee!

**Saturday, March 9, 2024**

**IN-PERSON**

Noon - 4:00 PM

*Celebrating and Honoring the Ministry of*

**Auxiliary Bishop Joseph N. Perry, DD (Retired)**

Vicariate VI, Archdiocese of Chicago

Postulator for the canonization cause of Venerable Augustus Tolton

Catholic Theological Union

5416 South Cornell Avenue | Chicago

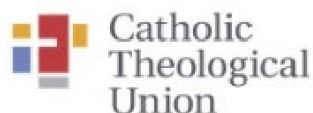
Complimentary parking available in the CTU garage.

Featuring a delicious meal, engaging program and entertainment.

To order on-line, please visit the website: <https://ctu.edu/event/harambee/>

If you're writing a check, make all checks payable to: **Catholic Theological Union**

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## LENT SERIES

### MARTHA TOLTON

MOTHER. ADVOCATE.  
SPIRITUAL GUIDE.  
GET TO KNOW THE  
WOMAN WHO MOLDED  
VENERABLE AUGUSTUS  
TOLTON.



March 7, 2024  
6 PM - 7 PM (CT)

**Tina Carter**  
Tolton Scholar

**REGISTER NOW!**

[www.toltonspirituality.org](http://www.toltonspirituality.org)

### Parish Directory

#### Baptisms

Tina Carter  
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#### 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](mailto: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  
773-268-1518

#### Ushers and Greeters

Jackson Lucas

#### Youth Ministry

Taleah Cage  
Silmon Reed