



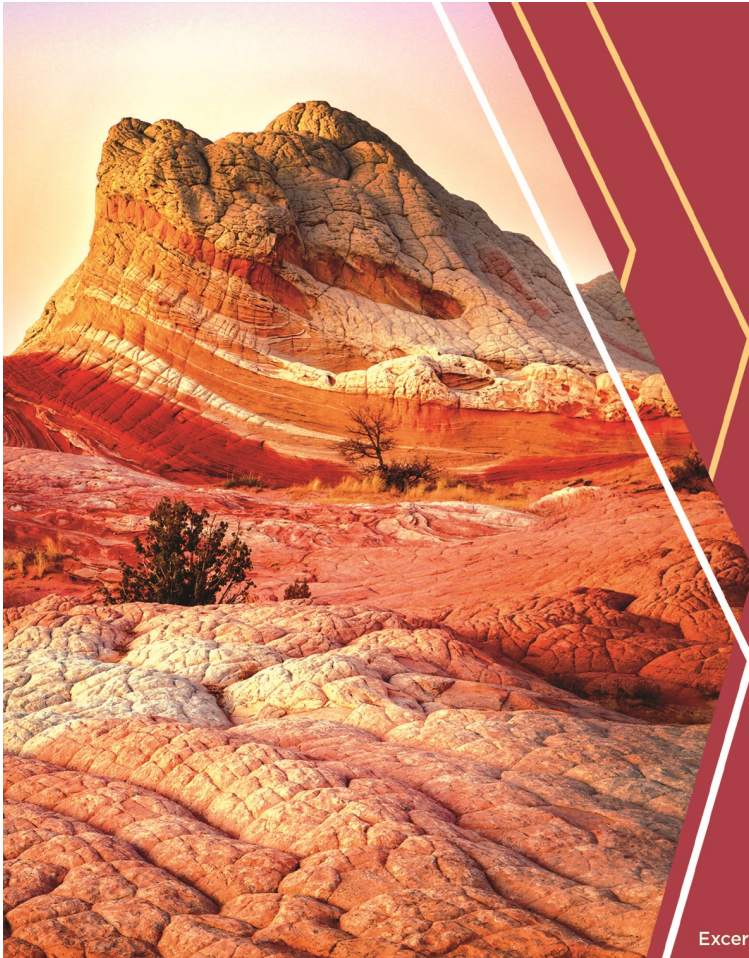
OUR LADY OF AFRICA

PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday, May 14, 2023



Served by the Society of the Divine Word



6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I will ask the Father,
and he will give you
another Advocate to
be with you always,
the Spirit of truth."
- Jn 14:16-17a

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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, May 14 - Mother's Day

- Sunday School - 11:30 a.m.
| Sunday School Room

Tuesday, May 16

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

Wednesday, May 17

- Mass at Holy Angels School - 10 a.m.
| Gymnasium

Thursday, May 18

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

Saturday, May 20

- Blessed Sacrament Society
Day of Reflection - 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
| Parish Hall
- Choir Rehearsal - 1 p.m. | Parish
- Altar Server - 2 p.m. | Parish
- First Communion Class - 3 p.m. | Parish Hall

Sunday, May 21

- First Communion - 10 a.m.
| Tolton Heritage Center
- Parish Council Formation Meeting - 10 a.m.
| Parish Office
- Sunday School - 11:30 a.m.
| Sunday School Room
- Confirmation Class - 1:30 p.m.
| Tolton Heritage Center

Stewardship

Offerstory - May 6/7, 2023

\$5,423.00
~~\$1,425.00~~- online offertory
\$6,848.00

Offerstory - May 1/2, 2022

\$5,171.00
~~\$ 555.00~~ - online offertory
\$5,726.00

Payroll for May 2023

\$20,557.26

Total Expenses for May (not available)

Weekly average of expenses (4 weeks)

\$10,700.20

Next week's 2nd Collection (May 13/14) is for Catholic Charities.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Ministry List for Upcoming Liturgies

Saturday 4 p.m. - May 20

- Priest: Fr. Patrick Mugisho, SJ
- Lectors: Theresa Rhea
Ted Budzinsky

Sunday 9 a.m. - May 21

- Priest: Fr. Carl Gales, SVD
- Lectors: John Preston
Flora Smith
- Eucharistic Ministers:
Rosemary Sykes
Eileen Foggie

Sunday 11:30 a.m. - May 21

- Priest: Fr. Tracy O'Sullivan, OCarm
- Lectors: Mary Johnson
Lisa Pruitt
- Eucharistic Ministers:
Stephanie Inis
Velma Hill

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 13

- 4 p.m. Mass - OLA Mothers

Sunday, May 14

- 9 a.m. Mass - Heavenly Mothers
- 11:30 a.m. Mass - All Mothers

Monday, May 15

- Marionette Phelps

Tuesday, May 16

- Tyrone Fulller

Wednesday, May 17

- Patricia Brown

Thursday, May 18

- Catherine Harper

Friday, May 19

- Margaret Stewart

Saturday, May 20

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

Sunday, May 21

- 9 a.m. Mass - +Craig Neal
-Requested by Sharon Crossley-Neal
- 11:30 a.m. Mass - +Wesley Eugene Jordan
Requested by Katie Jordan

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY



Dear Church Family,

This weekend is special to us all. We celebrate the person who brought us into the world: our Mother.

I call my mother, Mommy. And I'm sure many of you still call your mom by the name you used when you were young. My mom reminds me all that time that I will continue to be her baby.

That's just one of the comforting things about our Mothers. Their presence in our lives reassures us that there is love in the world. We can be sure that we have at least one person in our corner as we walk this journey of life.

So to all the mothers, here, near and far, and those who have gone to their heavenly reward, we say "Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts." - Fr. Carl

Blessed Are Our Mothers

Blessed are Mothers whose hearts no longer are their own once they find out about the new life they are about to have.

Blessed are Mothers whose sacrifice for their children is silent and unwavering.

Blessed are Mothers whose tears water the love within their children.

Blessed are Mothers whose stern looks guide their children on the right path.

Blessed are Mothers whose grumbling bellies ensure their children won't go hungry.

Blessed are Mothers whose worn clothes and shoes help keep the clothes on their children's back warm and comforted.

Blessed are Mothers whose fierce protection keeps their children safe.

Blessed are Mothers whose wisdom and wrinkles keep their children returning for advice.

Blessed are Mothers whose anguish for their lost children leads to hope and change for others.

Rejoice and celebrate for Mother is the name of God in the hearts and lips of her children. For only mothers and God can bring forth life.

May the mothers in your life continue to be blessed as they have blessed you!

Happy Mother's Day

-Tina L Carter



Sixth Sunday of Easter Reflection - Sr. Joanne Delehanty

Lent is marked by forty days. A long time. Easter is celebrated with fifty days. A longer time. Deliberately making a point about where victory lies.

Where do we keep meeting the resurrected Christ? Today's Gospel offers one answer.

Look at the words that describe God's behaviors toward us:

- Be with you always
- Remain with you
- Not leave you
- Come to you
- Will reveal myself

And then remember: Resurrection was realized by presence, not by the empty tomb. Those phrases remind us that God's presence to us is unqualified, unrestricted, absolutely committed, and personal. Lean into that. Nurture your awareness of God's presence within you. And remember further: We are charged with appropriating those behaviors, too. For we must let ourselves be transformed by our experience of God's presence, and express it in our own interactions with others. The second reading tells us why. The purpose of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection was "that he might lead you to God." We are called to join that effort. Our lives, our ways of being present to one another, can lead others to God, and bring us together to everlasting life.

Parish Directory

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Fr. Tracy O'Sullivan, O.Carm.

Dcn. Michael Foggie

Dcn. Merv Johnson

Dcn. Manie Manuel, SVD

Events Committee

Keisha Chavers - Chairperson

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Lady's Auxiliary

Lena Young - Grand Lady

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Bobby Malone

Tyrone Smith

Medical Ministry

Dr. James Hunter

Men's Coalition

Michael Morman - President

Music Ministry

Maestro Tyrone Pittman

Religious Missionary

Brother Alu Aisi, SVD

School and Church Liaison

LaTanya Berry-Johnson

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Regina Cook

773-268-1518

Ushers and Greeters

Jackson Lucas

Youth Ministry

Taleah Cage

Silmon Reed



Parish Finance and Parish Formation Council Update

In the next few months, OLA will have two provisional councils for the Parish and for Finance. They will be provisional until OLA has been assigned a pastor.

The purpose of the provisional councils are to establish norms, protocols, and vision for a shorter amount of time: one year. It will be for the elected parish council members to establish a longer range plan for their respective terms (2-3 years).

The finance council and parish council will be chosen by the eventual pastor.

For the provisional finance council, we will have a first meeting June 4, 2023 at 10 a.m. in the Parish Office.

For those with a background in finance, law, business, and /or accounting, please contact Fr. Carl by phone or by email: galesce0422@gmail.com.

May Birthdays

5/01 Beverly Sims
5/02 Michael Hill
5/05 Zachary Smith, SVD
5/06 Joanne McClure
5/06 Mattie Slate
5/08 Katie Jordan
5/09 Edwin Hill
5/10 Dorothy Dunbar

5/11 Brenda Inis
5/14 Flora Smith
5/15 Keith Wilson
5/16 Bro. Alu Aisi, SVD
5/17 Jean Porter
5/18 Patricia Brown
5/21 Nazaree Fuller

5/22 Fred Hail III
5/22 Anthony Williams
5/23 Donna Perisee-McFarlane
5/23 Phyllis Shackelford
5/24 Parris Washington
5/24 Sharon Crossley- Neal
5/24 Karen Perisee-Woodson
5/26 Ladell Johnson

Please Remember in Daily Prayer and Devotions

Sunday, May 14

Readings: Acts 8: 5-8, 14-17/ Ps 66: 1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20/ 1 Pt 3: 15-18/ Jn 14: 15-21

OLA Book of Prayer: Nolan Humphries, Cindy Jirsa, Monica Lewers, Bernadine McNeal, Jeff Moore

Monday, May 15

Readings: Acts 16: 11-15/ Ps 149: 1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/ Jn 15: 26 -- 16: 4a

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

Tuesday, May 16

Readings: Acts 16: 22-34/ Ps 138: 1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/ Jn 16: 5-11

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

Wednesday, May 17

Readings: Acts 17: 15, 22 -- 18: 1/ Ps 148: 1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/ Jn 16: 12-15

OLA Book of Prayer: Susan LarryMcKeever, Betty Lumpkins, Judy Michaelis, Maria Jossey Owen

Thursday, May 18

Readings: Acts 18: 1-8/ Ps 98: 1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Jn 16: 16-20

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

Friday, May 19

Readings: Acts 18: 9-18/ Ps 47: 2-3, 4-5, 6-7/ Jn 16: 20-23

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

Saturday, May 20

Readings: Acts 18: 23-28/ Ps 47: 2-3, 8-9, 10/ Jn 16: 23b-28

OLA Book of Prayer: McShan Family, Geraldine Moore, Allen Peoples, Phyllis Shackelford,



BLESSED SACRAMENT SOCIETY

WOMEN'S DAY OF EMPOWERMENT

**Our Lady of Africa Church
607 East Oakwood Boulevard
Chicago, Illinois 60653**

Saturday, May 20, 2023

Donation: \$25.00

Zelle: blessedsacramentsociety@yahoo.com

9am-3pm

Guest Speaker

Shawn L. Hines (Motivational speaker)



**Continental Breakfast
Empowering Guest Speaker
Paint & Sip Activity
Meditation
Lunch
Women Vendors**



For tickets contact:

Tasha McShan @ 773-474-2823 (President)

Lena Young @ 773-848-3581 (Chair)

Virey Spight Harris @ 773-485-0885 (Financial Secretary)



50/50 Split Fundraiser

TICKETS COST

- ✓ 2 tickets for \$5.00
- ✓ 5 tickets for \$10.00



Tickets will be sold at the Saturday 4P.M,
Sunday 9 A.M and 11:30 A.M Masses
Starting April 29 until May 27th

Drawing will be held on May 27th at Deacon
Manie's First Thanksgiving Mass Reception



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