



OUR LADY OF AFRICA

PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday, May 21, 2023



Served by the Society of the Divine Word



7th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus raised his eyes to
heaven and said, “Father,
the hour has come. Give
glory to your son, so that
your son may glorify you.”
- Jn 17:1

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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

615 East Oakwood Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60653

Office Hours

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

Business Administrator: Ms. Shirley McKinney



This Week at OLA

Sunday, May 21

- Adoration - after 9 a.m. Mass | Chapel
- 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

Tuesday, May 23

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

Wednesday, May 24

- Bible Study - 11 a.m. | Parish Hall

Thursday, May 25

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

Saturday, May 27

- **Bus to Ordination - leaves at 8 a.m.**
- Priestly Ordination of Dcn Manie Manuel
11 a.m. | St. Joseph the Worker,
Wheeling, IL
- Thanksgiving Mass of Fr. Manie Manuel SVD
5 p.m. | Parish
- Reception and 50/50 Raffle - after 5 p.m.
Mass | Parish Hall

Sunday, May 28

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

Stewardship

Offertory - May 13/14, 2023

\$6,373.00
\$ 800.00- online offertory
\$7,173.00

Offertory - May 8/9, 2022

\$3,335.50
\$1,325.00 - online offertory
\$4,660.50

Payroll for May 2023

\$20,557.26

Expenses for May to date

\$23,755.12

Weekly average of expenses

\$10,700.20

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Ministry List for Upcoming Liturgies

Saturday 5 p.m. - May 27 Please note TIME CHANGE

- Priest: Fr. Manie Manuel, SVD
- Lectors: Sr. Joanne Delehanty
Edith Lane

Sunday 9 a.m. - May 21

- Priest: Fr. Carl Gales, SVD
- Lectors: Debra Causay
Patricia Brown
- Eucharistic Ministers:
Miriam Hunter
Gladys St. Leger

Sunday 11:30 a.m. - May 21

- Priest: Fr. Carl Gales, SVD
- Lectors: Greg Chappell
Liz Mardis
- Eucharistic Ministers:
Sharon Binion
Lena Young

Mass Intentions

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

Monday, May 22

- Deniece Thomas

Tuesday, May 23

- Dorla Allen

Wednesday, May 24

- Tandra Watson

Thursday, May 25

- Clara Reisner

Friday, May 26

- Cindy Jirsa

Saturday, May 27

- 5 p.m. Mass +Ranie Pearl Crumpton
(Grandmother of Fr. Manie Manuel)

Sunday, May 28

- 9 a.m. Mass +Ella Mae Crossley
Requested by Sharon Crossley-Neal
- 11:30 a.m. Mass +Lula Pearl Graves
Requested by Katie Jordan



“HIS LIFE IS OUR LIFE,
HIS MISSION, OUR MISSION.”



SVD Constitutions



“DO THIS
IN MEMORY OF ME.”

Luke 22:19

With praise and thanksgiving to the Holy Triune God

The SOCIETY of the DIVINE WORD
U.S. Chicago Province

joyfully announces and cordially invites you to the

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

of our Deacons

EDWAN ‘MANIE’ MANUEL, SVD
QUANG NGOC PHAM, SVD
JORGE ZETINO, SVD

through the invocation of the Holy Spirit
and the imposition of hands by

His Eminence **BLASE J. CUPICH**

Cardinal, Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Chicago

Saturday | May 27, 2023 | 11:00 AM

Saint Joseph the Worker Church

181 West Dundee Road, Wheeling, IL 60090, U.S.A.

The Ordination Mass will be livestreamed at facebook.com/DWT2023.

Con alabanza y acción de gracias al Santo Dios Trino

LA SOCIEDAD DEL VERBO DIVINO
Provincia de Chicago

se complace en invitarlos

ORDENACIÓN SACERDOTAL

por imposición de manos y plegaria de ordenación
del Emmo. Sr. Cardenal **BLASE J. CUPICH**
Arzobispo de Chicago

el Sábado | 27 de Mayo de 2023 | 11:00 A.M.

Iglesia de San José Obrero
181 West Dundee Road, Wheeling, IL 60090, U.S.A.

Trong tâm tình ngợi khen và cảm tạ Ba Ngôi Thiên Chúa

DÒNG TRUYỀN GIÁO NGÔI LỜI
Tỉnh dòng Chicago, Hoa Kỳ

hân hoan kính báo và kính mời Quý vị tham dự

THÁNH LỄ TRUYỀN CHỨC LINH MỤC

qua sự truyền phép và chúc lành của
Đức Hồng y **BLASE J. CUPICH**
Tổng Giám mục Tổng Giáo phận Chicago

Thứ Bảy | 27 tháng 5 năm 2023 | 11:00 sáng

Nhà thờ Thánh Giuse Thợ
181 West Dundee Road, Wheeling, IL 60090, U.S.A.



MASSES OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. **EDWAN ‘MANIE’ MANUEL, SVD**
assigned to U.S. Southern Province (USS)

English Mass

Saturday | May 27, 2023 | 5:00 PM

Our Lady of Africa
607 East Oakwood Blvd., Chicago, IL 60653

Rev. **QUANG NGOC PHAM, SVD**
assigned to U.S. Western Province (USW)

Vietnamese Mass

Sunday | May 28, 2023 | 12:30 PM

Queenship of Mary Church
219 Armitage Ave, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Rev. **JORGE ZETINO, SVD**
assigned to U.S. Chicago Province (USC)

Sunday | May 28, 2023

English Mass at 9:45 AM & Spanish Mass at 12:45 PM

Saint Joseph the Worker Church
181 West Dundee Road, Wheeling, IL 60090



The Ascension of the Lord - Reflection by Fr Tracy O'Sullivan, O.Carm

Dear Friends,

The Gospels are always inviting us deeper into the mystery revealed by Jesus Christ. There is no end to the profound insights about the wonder of God that awaits us as we faithfully pursue the gospel.

In today's scripture texts of the Ascension, I would like to point out four small points that help us see how shocking and tumultuous this event was for the disciples and how it should draw us into an ever deeper appreciation of what it means for us to walk in the footsteps of Jesus.

First of all, try to imagine how alarming and distressful it was for the disciples. A significant part of Matthew's Gospel was on the fulfillment of the Mosaic Law not the withdrawal from it. Jesus made it clear, over and over again, his mission was to the family of Abraham. Now, in this final encounter, the mission is to **"make disciples of all nations."** (Mt 28:19) It was going to take some time for the first disciples to grasp the depth of Jesus' call to universal inclusion. The consequent confusion is portrayed clearly in *The Acts of the Apostles*.

Secondly, we read in the Gospel text: **"when they saw him, they worshipped, but they doubted."** (Mt 28:17) While Matthew is much gentler than Mark, he too, portrays the original twelve as a flawed group of human beings. This text is an example of that. Right from the beginning, the Church was struggling with the clear limits of the human condition no matter how exalted the divine commission to preach the gospel to the ends of the earth.

Thirdly, after a lifetime of experience and centuries of tradition, the concept of being "The Chosen People" was simply part of their Jewish DNA. Now in a flash, they are missioned to turn everything around and upside down and inside out and preach the gospel to the heathen gentiles.

A final observation is more comforting. In Mt 1:23 we read: **"Behold, a virgin shall be with child and they shall name him Emmanuel**

which means "God is with us." Now again we are given this divine assurance of Jesus: **"And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the ages."** (Mt 28:20)

Today, we also face our daily reality and have the call of Christ to be witnesses and preachers of the gospel. It is a challenging task if we truly respond with generosity. The obstacles are enormous. Seemingly countless of our friends and relative and children have abandoned the Church. The young people of today seem much more inclined to find their spiritual way outside of organized religion. Our culture gets more materialistic by the hour and less inclined to take spirituality seriously. Along with these, and many other negative factors, we have the seeming endless onslaught of the sexual abuse in the Church.

In it all, we need to cling to the promise of Emmanuel, God is with us.

The meaning of this beautiful feast of the Ascension is further captured in the words of today's preface of the Mass:

Christ, the mediator between God and men

Judge of the world and Lord of all

Has passed beyond our sight

Not to abandon us but to be our hope.

Christ is the beginning, the head of the Church;

Where he is gone we hope to follow.

Our hope is rooted in the reality that Jesus is with us all of the time. Our fate is not hopelessness and confusion. It is a simple commitment to live with faith and trust in a God who has a better plan. We pray in the opening prayer of the Mass of the Ascension, "May we follow him into the new creation, for his Ascension is our glory and our hope."



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 21

Readings: Acts 1: 1-11/ Ps 47: 2-3. 6-7. 8-9 (6)/ Eph 1: 17-23/ Mt 28: 16-20

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

Monday, May 22

Readings: Acts 19: 1-8/ Ps 68: 2-3ab. 4-5acd. 6-7ab/ Jn 16: 29-33

OLA Book of Prayer: Marionette Phelps,
Beverly Sims, Cynthia Thompson,
Cassette West-Williams, Evelyn Williams

Tuesday, May 23

Readings: Acts 20: 17-27/ Ps 68: 10-11. 20-21/ Jn 17: 1-11a

OLA Book of Prayer: Jean Porter, Shirley Simmons,
Renee Trotter, Doris Whitaker, Naiya Williams

Wednesday, May 24

Readings: Acts 20: 28-38/ Ps 68: 29-30. 33-35a. 35bc-36ab/ Jn 17: 11b-19

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

Thursday, May 25

Readings: Acts 22: 30; 23: 6-11/ Ps 16: 1-2a and 5. 7-8. 9-10. 11/ Jn 17: 20-26

OLA Book of Prayer: Margaret Stewart,
Joanne Wallace, Rita White, Patricia Williams

Friday, May 26

Readings: Acts 25: 13b-21/ Ps 103: 1-2. 11-12. 19-20ab/ Jn 21: 15-19

OLA Book of Prayer: Tyna Rule, Alonzo Studstill,
Joyce Wallace, Yvonne Whitenier,
Sheila Williams

Saturday, May 27

Readings: Acts 28: 16-20. 30-31/ Ps 11: 4. 5 and 7/ Jn 21: 20-25

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

Upcoming Events



Mark your calendars for June 10th!!

We will have our second Hope and Healing Circle at Our Lady of Africa.

The circle is usually made up of 12 to 15 individuals and is meant to offer a space for hope and healing for those who are dealing with grief and in need emotional support.

The ministry will be lead by Sr. Janet Ryan.

To register, please email Sr. Janet:
janet@pbmr.org



DATE: JUNE 10, 2023

TIME: 9:30 A.M. to 11 P.M.

PLACE: OUR LADY OF AFRICA PARISH CHURCH

SAVE THE DATE!!! YOUTH MINISTRY EVENT

YOUTH HORSE BACK RIDING!

WHEN
Friday, June 30th
11am - 5:30pm

WHERE
Silver Stallion Ranch
15125 Sacramento St
Markham, Illinois 60428



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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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

Clergy

Fr. Carl Gales, SVD

Administrator

galesce0422@gmail.com

Fr. Tracy O'Sullivan, O.Carm.

Dcn. Michael Foggie

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

HIV/AIDS Ministry

Rosemary Sykes

Knights of Peter Claver

Thomas Rich - Grand Knight

Knights of Peter Claver

Lady's Auxiliary

Lena Young - Grand Lady

Maintenance

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

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:

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

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