



# OUR LADY OF AFRICA

PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday, November 12, 2023



Served by the Society of the Divine Word



32ND  
SUNDAY  
IN  
ORDINARY  
TIME

## **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, 2nd, (3rd) Sunday of each month*)

2:30 p.m.—Igbo Community (*last two Sundays of 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.

## **Parish Administrator**

Father Carl Gales, SVD

## **Contact Us**

Phone: 773-624-5375

Email: ourladyofafricachicago@gmail.com

## **Church Address**

615 East Oakwood Boulevard  
Chicago, IL 60653

## **Office Hours**

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

Office Administrator: Ms. Shirley McKinney



## This Week at OLA

### Sunday, November 12

- KPCLA Meeting - 10 a.m.
- Medical Ministry Meeting - 10 a.m.
- Sunday School - 11:30 a.m.  
| Sunday School Room

### Tuesday, November 14

- Phone-In Bible Study - 6 p.m.  
(267) 807-9601 - Code: 340-355-967

### Wednesday, November 15

- Bible Study - 11 a.m. | Parish Hall
- OCIA Meeting - 6 p.m. | Parish Hall

### Thursday, November 16

- Angels on Air Phone Prayer Line - 9 a.m.  
(267) 807-9601 - Code: 340-355-967
- Food Pantry - 10 a.m. to noon  
| Tolton Center

### Friday, November 17

- Devotion and Adoration - 6:30 p.m.  
| Church

### Saturday, November 18

- Turkey Giveaway - 10 a.m. to Noon  
| Parish Hall
- Choir Rehearsal - 12:30 p.m.
- Altar Server Training - 2 p.m.

### Sunday, November 19

- **NO MASS AT 9 a.m.**
- Men's Coalition Meeting - 9 a.m. | Zoom
- **ONE UNITY MASS at 11:30 a.m.**
- Sunday School - 11:30 a.m.

## Stewardship

### Offertory - November 4/5, 2023

\$ 10,181.69  
\$ 1,005.00 - online offertory  
\$ 692.88 - Zelle Donations  
\$ 11,879.57

### Offertory - November 5/6, 2022

\$ 7,684.00  
\$ 2,087.00 - online offertory  
\$ 9,781.00

### Average Weekly Operating Costs

\$ (14,423.08)  
\$ 11,879.57 - Total Offertory  
\$ (2,543.51)

## Ministry List for Upcoming Liturgies

### Saturday 4 p.m. - November 18

- Priest: Fr. Russ Feldmeier, MM
- Lectors: Keith Wilson  
Denise Wilson

### Sunday 9 a.m. NO MASS

### Sunday 11:30 a.m. - November 19

- Priests: Bishop Joseph N. Perry  
Fr. Carl Gales, SVD  
Fr. Stan Ilo  
Fr. David Ahiahornu
- Lectors: Vanessa Owusu  
Genesis Watts
- Eucharistic Ministers:  
Clergy

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, November 4

- 4 p.m. Mass - All Souls Novena (3)

### Sunday, November 5

- 9 a.m. Mass - All Souls Novena (4)
- 11:30 a.m. Mass - All Souls Novena (4)

### Monday, November 6

- 10 a.m. Mass - All Souls Novena (5)

### Tuesday, November 7

- 10 a.m. Mass - All Souls Novena (6)

### Wednesday, November 8

- 10 a.m. Mass - All Souls Novena (7)

### Thursday, November 9

- 8 a.m. Mass - All Souls Novena (8)

### Friday, November 10

- 8 a.m. Mass - All Souls Novena (9)

### Saturday, November 11

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

### Sunday, November 12

- 9 a.m. Mass - OLA Church Family
- 11:30 a.m. Mass - OLA Church Family

## 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.



Please join us for a

# TURKEY GIVEAWAY



9 a.m. to Noon

November 18th

607 E Oakwood Blvd

Chicago, IL 60653







## Confirmation Class Schedule

**Classes take place on Sundays from 1:30 pm until 3:00 pm at**

**The Tolton Center  
4058 S Michigan Ave.**

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES WILL TAKE PLACE ON**

**November 5th & 19th  
December 3rd & 17th**

**Contact Tina Carter [tinalcarter71@gmail.com](mailto:tinalcarter71@gmail.com) for more information.**

### November Birthdays

11/03 Keisha Chavers  
11/03 Tasha McShan  
11/07 Vircy Spight-Harris  
11/08 Larry Carter  
11/09 Florence Glenn  
11/10 Stephanie Inis

11/11 Jacqueline Perisee  
11/12 Meltonia Swain  
11/19 Fr. Manie Manuel, SVD  
11/19 Sr Mary Pokorny, OP  
11/20 Jordan Amman  
West-Williams

11/21 Jackson Lucas  
11/22 Ola Credit  
11/27 Vanessa Beavers  
11/27 Altha Williams  
11/29 Carolena & Gabriella  
McEwen

### Please Remember in Daily Prayer and Devotions

#### **Sunday, November 12**

Readings: Wis 6: 12-16/ Ps 63: 2. 3-4. 5-6. 7-8 (2b)/  
1 Thes 4: 13-18/ Mt 25: 1-13

**OLA Book of Prayer:** Dorla Allen, David Berry,  
Roscoe Burns, Naiya Williams

#### **Monday, November 13**

Readings: Wis 1: 1-7/ Ps 139: 1b-3. 4-6. 7-8. 9-10/  
Lk 17: 1-6

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

#### **Tuesday, November 14**

Readings: Wis 2: 23 -- 3: 9/ Ps 34: 2-3. 16-17. 18-19/  
Lk 17: 7-10

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

#### **Wednesday, November 15**

Readings: Wis 6: 1-11/ Ps 82: 3-4. 6-7/ Lk 17: 11-19

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

#### **Thursday, November 16**

Readings: Wis 7: 22b -- 8: 1/ Ps 119: 89. 90. 91.  
130. 135. 175/ Lk 17: 20-25

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

#### **Friday, November 17**

Readings: Wis 13: 1-9/ Ps 19: 2-3. 4-5ab/  
Lk 17: 26-37

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

#### **Saturday, November 18**

Readings: Wis 18: 14-16; 19: 6-9/ Ps 105: 2-3. 36-37.  
42-43/ Lk 18: 1-8

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

## Parish Directory



### Baptisms

**Tina Carter**  
tinalcarter71@gmail.com

### Blessed Sacrament Society

**Tasha McShan** - *President*

### Business Administrator

**Shirley McKinney**  
773-624-5375

### Confirmation

**Tina Carter, Stephanie Gado**  
**Theresa Rhea,**  
**Shawnece Wilson**

### Clergy

**Fr. Carl Gales, SVD**  
*Parish Administrator*  
galesce0422@gmail.com  
**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

### 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

**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

### 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**

## THE JOY OF STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY



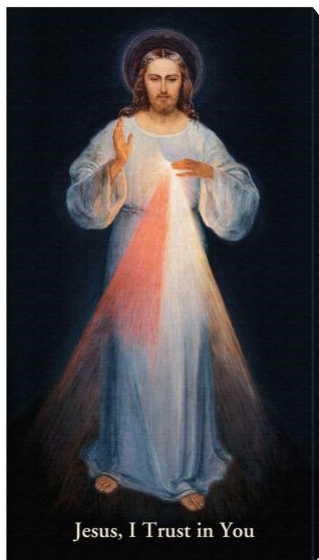
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You can send your offertory through Zelle:

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



## Devotion to the Divine Mercy - FRIDAYS at 6:30 P.M.



Beginning the first week of November, we will have Devotion and Adoration on Fridays at 6:30 p.m.

After a hectic and busy week, you can come and spend time in communal prayer. Our world has been besieged by injustice and cruelty. The war in the Middle East is but one effect of all the hatred that is plaguing humanity. Prayer changes things. And the Devotion to Divine Mercy is powerful in moving mountains.

I hope you will come and spend time in prayer and devotion on at least one Friday of the month. In addition to the Divine Mercy Chaplet, there will be time for sharing, reflection, music, contemplation and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

“For the sake of His Sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.”

For more info:

<https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/chaplet>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2023 - TURKEY GIVEAWAY

This year we will be giving away Turkeys for your Thanksgiving Holiday Celebrations. PLEASE REGISTER TO GET YOUR TURKEY. ONE TURKEY PER HOUSEHOLD.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023 - UNITY MASS - ONE MASS ONLY

The Townhall Meeting brought out an important focus for the need to have more opportunities for all the different communities that worship at Our Lady of Africa to worship together as one. Based on this need, we are having a Unity Mass that will unite our African-America, Ghanaian, Nigerian-Igbo, and French-speaking Communities. Bishop Perry will be the main celebrant. On that Sunday, we will have only ONE Mass at 11:30 a.m.

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2023 - THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

Come to the House of the Living God and Give God Thanks for another year. Mass will be at 10 a.m. and if you'd like to volunteer at the Homeless Shelter for that day, we are looking for volunteers to go after Mass.



### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023 - CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS

This year, we will have Midnight Mass for the first time in many years! I am very excited and I hope that you will be too! We will start Carol Singing at 11 p.m. For those concerned with safety, we will have police patrolling so as to make sure that we are all safe.





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**SIGN UP IN  
NARTHEX**

**classes  
begin**

**December 3**



**FIRST COMMUNION**



**ORDER OF CATHOLIC INITIATION  
FOR ADULTS**



**SIGN UP IN  
NARTHEX**

**classes  
begin**

**November  
15**



## 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Reflection by Sr. Joanne Delehanty, OP

I once read a commentary about today's Gospel (the ten bridesmaids) which said that the moral should not have been "Stay awake!" but rather "Have oil!" Good point. What do we do with such stories as this one, with its harsh ending---so unlike how we think Christ acts?

Perhaps, we should ask what stories like this one can tell us about ourselves, and how their energy, and the transformation they call us to, can make for a different future. The two-edged insight of personal perception and moving forward can stretch us beyond private interpretations into an embrace of the Good News as "God's news"---a Word that is living and active and Kingdom-bringing.

Aren't we really both foolish and wise, sometimes prepared and sometimes dismally lacking in fulfilling our responsibilities, sometimes desperate and sometimes just lucky? Sometimes we are givers of banquets and sometimes guests, sometimes lockers of doors and sometimes openers of doors. We are all called to the

heavenly banquet, to be in communion...and just as equally to be transformed and do something with this daughtership and sonship we have because of God's love and charge to us to "be Church."

There is nothing passive about Gospel living. Incarnation is the inbreaking of the divine into life, and that is active, animated, never finished, ever-evolving, forever blooming with meaning and connections, never staid...an always -growing fullness while at the same time a paring down of what hinders and distracts us from clarity in our understanding. All of that is messy and exhausting and exhilarating and life-giving...and of God.

Take the Gospel and run with it! "Stay awake!" "Have oil!" "Open the door!" "Lock it!" "Start the party!" It isn't a relic to be revered. It's a mirror and a push forward. What can I learn about myself? And how can the future be different because of what I learn, how I am transformed?

### Our Lady of Africa Parish

THE CHICAGO  
**HELP**  
INITIATIVE



**What: Community Meal & Resource Assistance**

- **Referrals and Assistance for Essential Resources like:**
  - Medicaid and SNAP signup help
  - Government phone signup
  - CHA housing application help

**Where: Our Lady of Africa Parish  
607 E Oakwood Blvd  
(2 blocks South of Pershing Rd. )  
Chicago, IL 60653**

**When: 1 - 3 PM  
1st and 3rd Thursdays of EVERY MONTH!**