



OUR LADY OF AFRICA

PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday, October 15, 2023



Served by the Society of the Divine Word



28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Come to the feast.”
- Mt 22:4bc

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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, 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, October 15

- HIV Meeting - 10 a.m. | Parish Hall
- Sunday School - 11:30 a.m.
- Stay At Home Tea
After the 11:30 a.m. Mass | Parish Hall
- Confirmation Classes - 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Tolton Center

Tuesday, October 17

- Phone-In Bible Study - 6 p.m.
(267) 807-9601 - Code: 340-355-967
- **Chicago Black Catholic Alliance Revival**
5 p.m. - 6 p.m. Food and Fellowship
6:30 p.m. Revival - Fr. Carl Gales, SVD

Wednesday, October 18

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

Thursday, October 19

- 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
- CHI Community Meal and Social Services
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Friday, October 20

- 2nd Annual Jammy Jam - 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Holy Angels Catholic School

Saturday, October 21

- Choir Rehearsal - 1 p.m.
- Altar Server Training - 2 p.m.

Sunday, October 22

- Adoration - after 9 a.m. Mass | Chapel
- Sunday School - 11:30 a.m.
| Sunday School Room

Stewardship

Offertory - October 7/8, 2023

\$ 5,020.00
\$ 830.00 - online offertory
\$ 649.45 - Zelle Donations
\$ 6,499.45

Offertory - October 8/9, 2022

\$ 4,078.00
\$ 1,220.00 - online offertory
\$ 5,298.00

Expenses for October 1-3, 2023

\$ 15,360.42

Thank you for your generosity!

Ministry List for Upcoming Liturgies

Saturday 4 p.m. - October 21

- Priest: Fr. Carl Gales, SVD
- Lectors: Keith Wilson
Denise Wilson

Sunday 9 a.m. - October 22

- Priest: Fr. Carl Gales, SVD
- Lectors: Anthony Williams
Sr. Janet Ryan, OSF
- Eucharistic Ministers:
Miriam Hunter
Gladys St. Leger

Sunday 11:30 a.m. - October 22

- Priest: Fr. Carl Gales, SVD
- Lectors: Patrick Egwiekor
Desmond Owusu-Ansah
- Eucharistic Ministers:
Sharon Binion
Lena Young

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 14

- 4 p.m. Mass - OLA Church Family

Sunday, October 15

- 9 a.m. Mass - Divine Word College Benefactors
- 11:30 a.m. Mass - Devin Thomas+

Wednesday, October 18

- 10 a.m. Mass - Catholic School Students

Thursday, October 19

- 8 a.m. Mass - Poor Souls in Purgatory

Friday, October 20

- 8 a.m. Mass - Poor Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, October 21

- 4 p.m. Mass - Virginia Goodman

Sunday, October 22

- 9 a.m. Mass - Grace + & Leon Howell +
- 11:30 a.m. Mass - Nick Ayon and Joyce Ramey

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. Mass stipends during the weekends (\$20 per intention) and during the weekdays (\$10 per intention) are the recommended donations.

Please submit a Mass Intention request by calling the Parish Office.

Attendance October 7/8, 2023

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Dear Friends,

Today's gospel from Matthew has many layers of meaning and challenges. There are two points I want to consider. We have received an invitation to the wedding feast and that has consequences for us.

In the Bible, the theme of the invitation or call is repeated often. Abraham is the first, then Moses, David and the prophets. In the New Testament it is Peter and the Apostles and finally, Paul. We join that very prestigious group in our own lives. We are invited to the wedding feast; we are called to follow Jesus. With the call there are responsibilities.

Jesus' invitation, like his life, is an unending, unmeasurable and relentless act of love. The feast that Jesus hosts is open to all at all times. Our task is simple yet profound. We need to recognize that accepting the invitation demands the wedding garment of living according to the gospel values.

The banquet is beyond anything one could imagine. It awaits our arrival. Our seat is reserved for eternity. The story of the wedding garment helps us to understand this reality. When God calls, and He does so often, we need to take action. We have to accept the message of Jesus. We want to make our yes express itself in a new way of living. The wedding garment means our lifestyle is trying to express the gospel message. The demands of Jesus' wisdom are not met by a token effort or just following the crowd. It demands a change of heart, a conversion.

The wedding garment tells us it is not enough to just show up. We need a commitment that goes deeper. The fact is that God is never finished with us. God always wants more. The Christian life asks us to constantly choose Jesus who, indeed, is the wedding feast. The Christian life is never satisfied with just following the routine.

We need to work at reconciliation to keep on forgiving not just seven times but seventy times seven times. We need to hear the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth not with a casual effort but with true sacrifice and generosity. We need to be open to all, not just our parish or our group, but to the stranger and the ones that are different.

Indeed, the wedding garment is a way of life that understands that God is never finished with us. There is always more that God wants. Jesus really meant it when He said if we want to save our life we have to lose it. If we are to be the leader, we need to be the servant of all! He has loads more of these upside down and inside out changes of reality that never let us forget to put on the wedding garment if we want to get into the wedding feast. All of this is the case because God's love has no limits. God wants us to share in the fullness of the feast of that love. As always, we do this by walking in the footsteps of Jesus.

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.



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

**October 15th & 29th
November 5th & 19th
December 3rd & 17th**

Contact Tina Carter tinalcarter71@gmail.com for more information.

October Birthdays

**10/3 Theresa Enaholo
10/4 Dcn Michael Foggie
10/6 Lauren Martin
10/10 Sandra Houston
10/13 Katherine Brown
10/16 Don McKinney, Jr.
10/22 Rosemary Sykes**

**10/24 Louise Bates
10/26 Debra Causay
10/27 Cecelia Douglass
10/28 Shirley Simmons
10/29 Joyce Nevils
10/30 JoAnn Porter
10/30 Lisa Pruitt**

Please Remember in Daily Prayer and Devotions

Sunday, October 15

Readings: Is 25: 6-10a/ Ps 23: 1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6
(6cd)/ Phil 4: 12-14. 19-20/ Mt 22: 1-14

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

Monday, October 16

Readings: Rom 1: 1-7/ Ps 98: 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4/
Lk 11: 29-32

OLA Book of Prayer: Patrice Anderson,
Mary Berry, Michael Burt, Michael A. Clark

Tuesday, October 17

Readings: Rom 1: 16-25/ Ps 19: 2-3. 4-5/
Lk 11: 37-41

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

Wednesday, October 18

Readings: 2 Tm 4: 10-17b/ Ps 145: 10-11. 12-13. 17-
18/ Lk 10: 1-9

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

Thursday, October 19

Readings: Rom 3: 21-30/ Ps 130: 1b-2. 3-4. 5-6ab/
Lk 11: 47-54

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

Friday, October 20

Readings: Rom 4: 1-8/ Ps 32: 1b-2. 5. 11/ Lk 12: 1-7

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

Saturday, October 21

Readings: Rom 4: 13. 16-18/ Ps 105: 6-7. 8-9. 42-
43/ Lk 12: 8-12

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

Bobby Malone
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



UPCOMING EVENTS!



YOU'RE INVITED
TO A BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATION FOR...

Sr. Helen Strueder

SUNDAY
OCTOBER 29TH
1PM-5PM

LOCATION:

ST. ELIZABETH HALL

44 E. 41ST ST.

CHICAGO, IL 60653

PLEASE RSVP BY

OCTOBER 15, 2023

TO TERRI JOHNSON AT

JTJMAXIN@AOL.COM

CONTACT NUMBER

(773) 520-7435

**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
WILL BE SERVED**

SAVE THE DATE!!

Chicagoland Walk

Saturday, October 21, 2023

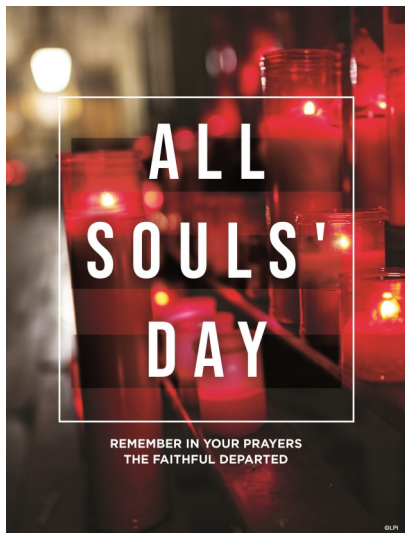
9:00 am | Montrose Harbor -- Chicago, IL

Scan the QR code or register at:

afsp.org/chicago



All Souls Remembrance



Next month is the time in our Liturgical Year when we honor our loved ones who have passed. We are asking that you send in photos of all your loved ones who have passed away that you would like the church to remember so that we can make a presentation honoring their lives. Please send your photos by email: ourladyofafricachicago@gmail.com or by coming to the parish office where we can scan the photos.

Migrants in Need of Clothing for the Winter

**THE TEMPORARY SHELTER ON 35TH AND MICHIGAN AVE
IS LOOKING FOR WINTER CLOTHES FOR MIGRANTS.**

**IF YOU HAVE GENTLY USED WINTER CLOTHES
THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE,
PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE.**

WE WILL DROP OFF THE ITEMS TO THE SHELTER.

**THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIFTS OF CLOTHING
FOR THE MIGRANTS.**

Want to become Catholic? Let's talk about OCIA***!

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.

***** OCIA stands for Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, formerly known as the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) . It was changed by the USCCB in November 2021.**



UPCOMING EVENTS

CHICAGO BLACK CATHOLICS ALLIANCE PRESENTS

*Looking Back: Where
We Have Been as
Black Catholics"*

OCTOBER 16TH

REVIVALIST

REV. MARK THOMAS AMEH, MSP
STS MARTHA,
MARY & LAZARUS.

WORD ON FIRE SPEAKER:
DR. MARK NIMO.

ST. SIMON OF CYRENE

(St. Martin de Porres site)
5112 W. Washington Blvd,
Chicago, IL 60644



**AUTHENTICALLY BLACK & TRULY CATHOLIC:
FAITH, PEACE, AND LOVE IN UNITY**

OCTOBER 17TH

REVIVALIST

REV. CARL GALES, SVD
OUR LADY OF AFRICA

WORD ON FIRE SPEAKER:
DR. C. VANESSA WHITE

OUR LADY OF AFRICA

615 E. Oakwood Blvd,
Chicago, IL 60653

*Where We are NOW
as Black Catholics"*

5PM-6PM | FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP | 6:30PM-9PM | REVIVAL SERVICE

there will be a love offering collection

*Where we are going
as Black Catholics"*

OCTOBER 18TH

REVIVALIST

REV. MICHAEL PFLEGER
ST SABINA

WORD ON FIRE SPEAKER:
DR KIMBERLY LYMORE

ST. SABINA

1210 W. 78th Pl,
Chicago, IL 60620



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!



JAMMY JAM - OCTOBER 20th

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20TH

TIME TO JAMMY JAM

Our Lady Of Africa Church
Holy Angels School



DIAPER DRIVE

We are also collecting diapers
for our church. We would
appreciate any donations!

You're invited!

Join us on Friday, October
20th from 3pm - 6pm, for
an evening of food and
fun while we celebrate
Jammy Jam

750 E 40th St

OLA BOOK CLUB - The 1619 PROJECT

OLA BOOK CLUB

NOVEMBER 12

"IF WE ARE TRULY A GREAT NATION, THE TRUTH
CANNOT DESTROY US."

OUR NEXT BOOK IS THE 1619 PROJECT

"James Baldwin famously said, 'Not everything
that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be
changed unless it is faced.'"

Nikole Hannah-Jones, *The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story*



Please join Our Lady of Africa's
Confirmation class
for a fun time
with the



Briar Street Theatre
3133 N Halsted St. Chicago, IL 60657
www.briarstreetbroadway.com

Saturday, November 18th at 2 pm
For ages 5 & up

The bus will leave Our Lady of Africa at 12:45 pm and
return to the parish no later than 5:30 pm

~~\$80.00~~, \$20.00 per person
50 tickets are available.

Money is due by November 10th.

For more information, please contact the rectory.

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Chicago IL 60653
773-624-5375

<http://www.ourladyofafricachicago.org>



THIS SUNDAY!!!

**You're cordially invited to Our Lady of Africa's
Blessed Sacrament Society
Stay at Home Tea**



Sunday, October 15, 2023

(After the 11:30 mass)

Raffle tickets available

(\$5 each or 6 \$25.00)

1st Prize: \$200.00

2nd & 3rd Prizes: \$100.00

4th-6th Prizes: \$50.00

7-8th Prizes: \$25.00



**No worries, no special prep, no need to stress, just enjoy this cup, then kindly
send your donation of any amount to aid the continuation of our good work.
Enjoy, relax, savor and know this pleasure for your donation is making a
difference.**

All proceeds go to Our Lady of Africa Church



For more information contact:

Deborah Powell (Chair) @ 708-547-9097

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