



OUR LADY OF AFRICA

PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday, October 29, 2023



Served by the Society of the Divine Word

LOVE

30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“You shall love the Lord,
your God, with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with
all your mind.”

MATTHEW 22:37

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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

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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.

Office Administrator: Ms. Shirley McKinney



This Week at OLA

Sunday, October 29

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

Tuesday, October 31

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

Wednesday, November 1

- **ALL SAINTS DAY**
Holy Day of Obligation
10 a.m. Mass
6:30 p.m. Mass

Thursday, November 2

- 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
- **ALL SOULS DAY - 6:30 p.m. Mass**

Friday, November 3

- **NEW Devotion and Adoration**
see pg. 6 - 6:30 p.m. | Church

Saturday, November 4

- Hope and Healing Circle
9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. | Sanctuary
- Choir Rehearsal - 12:30 p.m.
- Altar Server Training - 2 p.m.

Sunday, November 5

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

Ministry List for Upcoming Liturgies

Wednesday 10 a.m.- November 1

- Priest: Fr. Carl Gales, SVD
- Lectors: Shirley McKinney
Sr. Joanne Delehanty, OP
- Eucharistic Ministers:
Gladys St. Leger & Clergy

Wednesday 6:30 p.m. November 1

- Priest: Fr. Carl Gales, SVD
- Lectors: Christine Davis Stewart
Silmon Reed
- Eucharistic Ministers: Clergy

Thursday 6:30 p.m. November 2

- Priest: Fr. Carl Gales, SVD
- Lectors: Katie Jordan
Liz Mardis
- Eucharistic Ministers:
Clergy

Saturday 4 p.m. - November 4

- Priest: Fr. George Kintiba, SVD
- Lectors: Dr. Dorothy Williams
Theresa Rhea

Sunday 9 a.m. - November 5

- Priest: Fr. George Kintiba, SVD
- Lectors: Debra Causay
Pat Brown
- Eucharistic Ministers:
Ladell Johnson
Sonia Davis

Sunday 11:30 a.m. - November 5

- Priest: Fr. George Kintiba, SVD
- Lectors: Christine Stewart
Alicia Davis
- Eucharistic Ministers:
Katie Jordan
Silmon Reed

Stewardship

Offertory - October 21/22, 2023

\$ 6,190.00
\$ 2,440.00 - online offertory
\$ 250.00 - Zelle Donations
\$ 8,880.00

Offertory - October 22/23, 2022

\$ 4,626.00
\$ 1,220.00 - online offertory
\$ 5,846.00

Expenses for October 1 - 23, 2023

\$ 27,517.60

Thank you for your generosity!

Attendance October 21/22, 2023

Saturday Vigil - 4 p.m.	32
Sunday - 9 a.m.	84
Sunday - 11:30 a.m.	158
Sunday - 2:30 p.m. Igbo Mass	116
Weekend Total:	390



Father Carl Gales, SVD
Parish Administrator

Dear Parishioners,

Greetings to Our Lady of Africa Church Family! As always, it is a blessing to see you all each week at Mass and at our various celebrations of fellowship. There are several exciting things happening up the road that I wanted to make sure you were aware of. Time is moving fast and 2024 is right around the corner. Please mark your calendars for the following dates!

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2023 - ALL SAINTS - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

This is one of the most holy days of liturgical year and one filled with heavenly graces. It is a special time when one can experience the veil between heaven and earth being parted as the Communion of the Saints is expressed in our devotion and prayer. We will have two opportunities for Mass on that day: 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2023 - ALL SOULS - DAY OF REMEMBERING OUR DECEASED LOVED ONES

The following day, Thursday at 6:30 p.m., we will remember our loved ones who have passed. We will remember them in a special way with our tribute and photo display. If you would like to also pray with me the Novena for the Souls of the Faithful Departed, the sign up sheet and booklets will be made available.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2023 - UNITY MASS

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.

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.

I look forward to all these celebrations as we continue being united in prayer and in good works to build up the Kingdom of God!

Peace and all good,
Fr. Carl Gales, SVD



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 finalcarter71@gmail.com for more information.

October

**10/28 Shirley Simmons
10/29 Joyce Nevils
10/30 JoAnn Porter
10/30 Lisa Pruitt**

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 11/29 Carolena & Gabriella McEwen 11/30 Robert Malone
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Please Remember in Daily Prayer and Devotions

Sunday, October 29

Readings: Ex 22: 20-26/ Ps 18: 2-3. 3-4. 47. 51 (2)/ 1
Thes 1: 5c-10/ Mt 22: 34-40

OLA Book of Prayer: Pamela Jones,
Tasha McShan, Anastacia Mebane,
Euphrasia Mufinda

Monday, October 30

Readings: Rom 8: 12-17/ Ps 68: 2 and 4. 6-7ab. 20-
21/ Lk 13: 10-17

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

Tuesday, October 31

Readings: Rom 8: 18-25/ Ps 126: 1b-2ab. 2cd-3. 4-
5. 6/ Lk 13: 18-21

OLA Book of Prayer: Judith Easter,
Frederick Gibson, Anna Marie Hampton,
Rita Holland, Mildred Jackson

Wednesday, November 1

Readings: Rv 7: 2-4. 9-14/ Ps 24: 1b-2. 3-4ab. 5-6/ 1
Jn 3: 1-3/ Mt 5: 1-12a

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

Thursday, November 2

Readings: Wis 3:1-9/ Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5-6/Rom 6:3
-9/Jn 6:37-40

OLA Book of Prayer: Sr. Eleanor Doidge,
Tyrone Fuller, Bettie Green, Lorraine Henderson,
George James

Friday, November 3

Readings: Rom 9: 1-5/ Ps 147: 12-13. 14-15. 19-20/
Lk 14: 1-6

OLA Book of Prayer: Andre D. Golden,
Catherine Harper, Doris Humphries,
Therese Jessie, Gloria Leonard

Saturday, November 4

Readings: Rom 11: 1-2a. 11-12. 25-29/ Ps 94: 12-
13a. 14-15. 17-18/ Lk 14: 1. 7-11

OLA Book of Prayer: Mary Crawford,
Nazaree Fuller, Mable Gray, Marjorie Heard
Sr. Jamie Phelps, O.P.,

Parish Directory



Baptisms

Tina Carter
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Blessed Sacrament Society

Tasha McShan - *President*

Business Administrator

Shirley McKinney
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Confirmation

Tina Carter, Stephanie Gado
Theresa Rhea,
Shawnece Wilson

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Fr. Carl Gales, SVD
Parish Administrator
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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



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>

THIS SUNDAY!!!



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

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(773) 520-7435

**LIGHT REFRESHMENTS
WILL BE SERVED**



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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**



Dear Friends

The leaders once again are trying to entrap Jesus. Today's Gospel selection is the third of four conflict stories in chapter twenty two of Matthew. Each time Jesus turns the challenge around to give a deeper insight into his Gospel message. In fact, today's lesson is about as close as we are going to get to a summary of the meaning of the Gospel.

In His instruction about the twofold commandment of love of God and love of neighbor Jesus said, **"The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."** (Mt 22:40)

The unreserved and all-consuming love of God means that we are called to share and participate in God's love for our neighbor. There is a basic and intrinsic bond between loving God and loving neighbor. This divine love is unconditional and without limit. We have many expressions of this love in Matthew's Gospel but especially in the Sermon on the Mount. A very powerful example of this personal invitation to share God's love for all is in the incredibly challenging section in Matthew 5: 21-48. There are a series of six **"You have heard"** statements about the law, adultery, divorce, oaths, retaliation and love of enemies. Each example offers a radical alternative of selfless love. The demands of this section of Matthew seem utterly impossible to our common sense approach to reality: **"Whoever is angry with his brother (or sister) will be liable to judgment."** (Mt 5:21); **"Everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery."** (Mt 5:28); **"When someone strikes you on the right cheek turn the other one to him as well."** (Mt 5:39); **"Love your enemies and pray for those who**

persecute you." (Mt 5:44)

These teachings from the Sermon on the Mount shine out in the life of Jesus. These, and the rest of the Gospel message, are summarized in the two commandments of love of God and love of neighbor. The task of participating in God's love is the work of a lifetime on the journey with Jesus. The summons of the Gospel is a gradual opening up to the awesome reality portrayed by Matthew where we read, **"Lord, when did we see you... and the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen I say to you whatever you did for one of these least brothers (or sisters) of mine, you did it for me.'"** (Mt 25: 39-40.)

Love is the key to the law. In the end, when there is confusion about which way to interpret and follow the law, love is the answer. Jesus' love commandment enlivens the entire law. In the discernment for direction, love will always open the most meaningful path forward. This is perfectly compatible with Matthew presenting Jesus as fulfilling the Law not replacing the Law. When it is wrapped in love, there is no inconsistency.

Our good friend St. Teresa of Avila states in the seventh mansion, the highest state of mystical union, the deepest state of love in our human condition: "Good works, my sisters, good works, good works!" In other words, at the highest and most purified expression of love in the transformed human heart, love of God and love of neighbor are totally one: service to our brothers and sisters.

This is our goal. The journey is long and arduous but it is possible when we take the next step, no matter how small, on the journey of love in the footsteps of Jesus!!

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 once a week, either in person or on Zoom to talk about their plans, their commitment to one another, and what the Sacrament of Marriage truly means. To discuss your future wedding plans, please contact Father Carl at the Parish Office: (773)624-5375



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!



Mark your calendars for November 4th!!

We will have a 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 of emotional support.

The ministry will be lead by Sr. Janet Ryan and Trenesha Boyd.

To register, please email Sr. Janet: janet@pbmr.org or Sign-Up in the Narthex.



HOPE AND HEALING

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DATE: NOVEMBER 4, 2023
TIME: 9 A.M. to 11 A.M.
Coffee and Donuts Provided

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

15 TICKETS LEFT

Money is due by November 10th.

For more information, please contact the rectory.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2023

OUR LADY OF AFRICA-ST. JAMES-WABASH MINISTRY



LOVE IS NOT ABUSIVE

1 IN 4 WOMEN AND 1 IN 9 MEN EXPERIENCE SEVERE INTIMATE
PARTNER PHYSICAL VIOLENCE.

ABOUT 20 PEOPLE PER MINUTE ARE PHYSICALLY ABUSED BY
AN INTIMATE PARTNER IN THE UNITED STATES.

BUT THE VIOLENCE IS MORE THAN PHYSICAL.

Join this new ministry in raising awareness & discussing solutions to end gender-based violence. It's time to make a difference in all of our lives.

What: Gender-Based Violence Ministry Inaugural Event

When: 10:30 am-Noon, Sat., Nov. 4, 2023

Where: Tolton Heritage Hall, 44 E. 41st St., Chicago

Cost: Free, open to all

