



OUR LADY OF AFRICA

PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday, October 8, 2023



Served by the Society of the Divine Word



27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“The stone that the
builders rejected
has become
the cornerstone.”
- Mt 21:42ab

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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 8

- KPCLA Meeting - 10 a.m. | Parish Hall
- Sunday School - 11:30 a.m.
| Sunday School Room

Tuesday, October 10

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

Wednesday, October 11

- Bible Study - 11 a.m. | Parish Hall
- Peace and Social Justice Meeting
6 p.m. | Tolton Center

Thursday, October 12

- 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

Saturday, October 14

- Hope and Healing Circle
9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. | Church Sanctuary
- Choir Rehearsal - 1 p.m.
- Altar Server Training - 2 p.m.

Sunday, October 15

- HIV Meeting - 10 a.m. | Parish Hall
- Sunday School - 11:30 a.m.

Stewardship

Offertory - September 30 - October 1, 2023

\$ 10,958.00
\$ 1,040.00 - online offertory
\$ 915.00 - Zelle Donations
\$ 12,913.00

Offertory - September 24/25, 2022

\$ 7,272.60
\$ 1,285.00 - online offertory
\$ 8,557.60

Expenses for October 1-3, 2023

\$3,192.36

Thank you for your generosity!

Attendance September 30/ Oct 1

416

Ministry List for Upcoming Liturgies

Saturday 4 p.m. - October 14

- Priest: Fr. Patrick Mugisho, SJ
- Lectors: Shawnece Wilson
Ted Budzynski

Sunday 9 a.m. - October 15

- Priest: Fr. Tracy O'Sullivan, O.Carm
- Lectors: Edith Smith
Reco Condiff
- Eucharistic Ministers:
Sonia Davis
Rosemary Sykes

Sunday 11:30 a.m. - October 15

- Priest: Fr. Patrick Mugisho, SJ
- Lectors: Regina Cook
Donna McFarlane
- Eucharistic Ministers:
Stephanie Inis
Dr. Mark Kutame

Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 7

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

Sunday, October 8

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

Monday, October 9

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

Tuesday, October 10

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

Wednesday, October 11

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

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 - OLA Church Family

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.





The reading from the letter to the Philippians speaks appealingly of having no anxiety and having the peace of God guard our hearts and minds. Lovely thought!

We often think of peace in terms of passivity and quietude. But the letter to the Philippians connects peace to some virtues: truth, honor, justice, purity, beauty, graciousness. Virtues require living, not just thinking or studying. By these actions, chosen over and over again, we accept the invitation to participate in God's own life, God's way of engaging with glorious creation, and living into the Kingdom.

"Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen..." wrote Paul. We are to help create peace by being peace and bringing peace, reflecting that "peace of God that surpasses all understanding and guards our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Brother David Steindl-Rast wrote: *"Only if we become calm as earth, fluid as water, and blazing as fire will we be able to rise to the task of peacemaking."*

Now that's a tall order! But soooooo possible! We have our work cut out for us! On your marks....

Requiescat in Pace



Auxiliary Bishop Kevin Birmingham

Born: October 7, 1971 Oak Lawn, Illinois, U.S.

Passing: October 2, 2023 (aged 51) Chicago, Illinois, U.S.





The Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms during Sunday Mass are available at the following times:

October 29, 2023

For more information about the Sacrament of Baptism and Baptismal Prep Classes,
please speak with Tina Carter or email her: tinalcarter71@gmail.com

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 8

Readings: Is 5: 1-7/ Ps 80: 9. 12. 13-14. 15-16. 19-20/ Phil 4: 6-9/ Mt 21: 33-43

OLA Book of Prayer: Cecelia Douglass, Eleanor Griffin, Jim Henkel, Janet James

Monday, October 9

Readings: Jon 1: 1 2: 1-2. 11/ Jon 2: 3. 4. 5. 8/ Lk 10: 25-37

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

Tuesday, October 10

Readings: Jon 3: 1-10/ Ps 130: 1b-2. 3-4ab. 7-8/ Lk 10: 38-42

OLA Book of Prayer: Elsie Freeman, Florence Glenn, Exie Haralson, Sandra Houston

Wednesday, October 11

Readings: Jon 4: 1-11/ Ps 86: 3-4. 5-6. 9-10/ Lk 11: 1-4

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

Thursday, October 12

Readings: Mal 3: 13-20b/ Ps 1: 1-2. 3. 4 and 6/ Lk 11: 5-13

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

Friday, October 13

Readings: Jl 1: 13-15; 2: 1-2/ Ps 9: 2-3. 6 and 16. 8-9/ Lk 11: 15-26

OLA Book of Prayer: Janice Taylor, Tandra Watson, Arlene G. Williams, Wanda Finney

Saturday, October 14

Readings: Jl 4: 12-21/ Ps 97: 1-2. 5-6. 11-12/ Lk 11: 27-28

OLA Book of Prayer: Edith Lane Alfrances Sharpe, Deniece Thomas, Rachel Watson, Dorothy Williams

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

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*

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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

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



Hope and Healing Circle



Mark your calendars for October 14!!!

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 Tresha Boyd.

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



DATE: OCTOBER 14, 2023
TIME: 9:30 A.M. to 11 A.M.
BREAKFAST SERVED AT 9 A.M.

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.**

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.



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*



CATHOLIC CHARITIES
Archdiocese of Chicago

Donate Diapers



**Our Lady
of Africa**



Catholic Charities Diaper Depot distributes diapers throughout Chicagoland.

Donate new, unopened diaper boxes to support families in need.

Diapers can be brought to mass on Sundays.

To **volunteer** to pack diapers for families, contact ourladyofafricachicago@gmail.com.

Needed Sizes: Newborn, 1, 2, 3

Our Lady of Africa & the Diaper Bank Project of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago
catholiccharities.net



Sacrament of Matrimony

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

**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:

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