

OUR LADY OF AFRICA

PARISH BULLETIN Sunday, April 14, 2024



Served by the Society of the Divine Word



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 Sunday) 2:30 p.m.—Igbo Community (last two Sundays)

6:00 p.m.—French (1st Sunday) Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday: 6:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday: 10 a.m.

Wednesday: 6 p.m. Saturday: 3:00 - 3:45 p.m.

Or by appointment (773)624-5375

Parish Administrator

Father Carl Gales, SVD

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Office Hours

Monday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Website

www.ourladyofafricachicago.com



This Week at OLA

Sunday, April 14

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

Tuesday, April 16 NO DAILY MASS

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

Wednesday, April 17

Bible Study | 11 a.m. | Parish HallNO DAILY MASS

Thursday, April 18

- Angels on Air Phone Prayer Line | 9 a.m.
 | (267) 807-9601 | Code: 340-355-967
- Daily Mass | 10:30 a.m.
- Food Pantry | 10 a.m. to Noon | Tolton Center
- CHI Community Meal & Resource
 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. | Parish Hall

Friday, April 19

- Daily Mass | 10:30 a.m.
- OLA Musical Gala and Dinner
 | 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. | St Ignatius Prep

Saturday, April 20

- Confirmation Spirit Day Retreat
 Blessed Sacrament Youth Center
- Choir Rehearsal | 12:30 p.m. | Church
- Altar Server Training | 2 p.m. | Church

Sunday, April 21

- First Communion Class | 10 a.m. | Tolton Heritage Center
- Sunday School | 11:30 a.m.| Sunday School Room
- Confirmation Class | 1:30 p.m.



Ministry List for Upcoming Liturgies

Saturday 4 p.m. April 20

Priest: Fr. Carl Gales, SVDLectors: Dr. Denise Wilson Dr. Keith Wilson

Sunday 9 a.m. April 21

Priests: Fr. Carl Gales, SVD

 Lectors: Edith Smith Reco Condiff

• Eucharistic Ministers:

Sr. Joanne Delehanty, OP Barbara Edwards-Hill

Sunday 11:30 a.m. April 21

Priests: Fr. Carl Gales, SVDLectors: Patrick Egwiekor Desmond Ansah

• Eucharistic Ministers:

Stephanie Inis Silmon Reed

Attendance April 6-7

TOTAL	331
6 p.m. Francophone	35
1:30 p.m. Ghanaian	18
11:30 a.m. Mass	157
9 a.m. Mass	88
4 p.m. Vigil Mass	33

Stewardship

Offertory - April 6-7, 2024

\$ 7,771.00

\$ 1,995.00 - online offertory

\$ 9,766.00

Offertory - April 6-9, 2023 (Holy Week-Easter)

\$ 15,324.24

\$ 975.00 - online offertory

\$ 16,299.24

Average Weekly Operating Costs

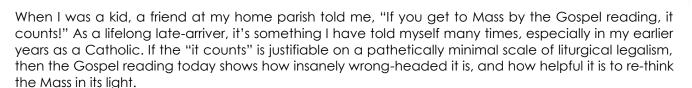
\$ (14,423.08)

\$ 9,766.00 - Total Offertory

\$ (4,657.08)

Thank you for your generosity!

Third Sunday of Easter Gospel Reflection - Fr. John Muir



The famous "Road to Emmaus" story recounts, on that first Sunday of the Resurrection, the basic two-fold structure of the Mass: Word, followed by Eucharist. Jesus spends a significant period of time with two dismayed disciples, as he connects a wide swath of the Hebrew scriptures with his own suffering, death, and resurrection. They would later report that this Liturgy of the Word touched their hearts with an inexplicable fire. This Word-induced flame alone is what leads the two disciples to discover Jesus' presence in the "breaking of the bread."

With this in mind, how can we possibly think that the Liturgy of the Word is unnecessary or incidental? The two disciples needed the Scriptures explained to them in order to experience Jesus alive in the eucharistic breaking of bread. Sure, we say, but they had the Risen Jesus. But that's precisely the point: Jesus is risen and accompanies us in both parts of the Mass. Imagine how much our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist would deepen if we (preachers and listeners) took even more seriously that Jesus himself sets our hearts ablaze with his Word so that we know him in the Eucharist. That Word-induced fire counts, too!

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

God Loves a Cheerful Giver - 2 Corinthians 9:6-8



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You can send your offertory through Zelle:

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April Birthdays

4/05 Rosetta Batiste 4/05 Avis Green 4/07 Thelma Jackson 4/08 Janice Ware 4/09 Chery Tyson 4/11 Joyce Franklin 4/14 Sylvia Shokunbi 4/15 Marcia Berry 4/17 Dwight Hearns 4/17 Merril Tyson 4/18 Julie Sumpter 4/22 Barbara Golden 4/25 Gail Betty 4/26 Ku-San Thomas 4/27 Jean Parkham-Jacques 4/28 Alan Emerson Hicks 4/30 Edith Smith

Mass Schedule

Sunday, April 14

3rd Sunday of Easter

Readings: Acts 3: 13-15. 17-19/ Ps 4: 2. 4. 7-8. 9

(7a)/ 1 Jn 2: 1-5a/ Lk 24: 35-48

Mass Intentions:

4 p.m. | Divine Word College Benefactors 9 a.m. | ★ Kossi Raphael Dansou - requested by Nerissa and Alda Dansou

11:30 a.m. | ★ Robert L. Perisee - requested by

Donna Perisee and Family

OLA Book of Prayer: Pamela Jones, Anastacia Mebane, Euphrasia Mutinda

Monday, April 15

MONDAY OF THE 3RD WEEK OF EASTERTIDE Readings: Acts 6: 8-15/ Ps 119: 23-24. 26-27. 29-30/ Jn 6: 22-29

OLA Book of Prayer: Irene Dove, Barbara Golden,

Kelly Robin Hill, Leslie Jackson

Tuesday, April 16

Tuesday of the 3 RD Week of Eastertide

Readings: Acts 7: 51 -- 8: 1a/ Ps 31: 3cd-4. 6 and 7b and 8a. 17 and 21ab/ Jn 6: 30-35

OLA Book of Prayer: Judith Easter,

Frederick Gibson, Rita Holland, Mildred Jackson

Wednesday, April 17

WEDNESDAY OF THE 3RD WEEK OF EASTERTIDE Readings: Acts 8: 1b-8/ Ps 66: 1-3a. 4-5. 6-7a/

Jn 6: 35-40

OLA Book of Prayer: Majorbelle James,

Annette Lee, Gail McGruder, Minnette Penman

Thursday, April 18

THURSDAY OF THE 3RD WEEK OF EASTERTIDE Readings: Acts 8: 26-40/ Ps 66: 8-9. 16-17. 20/

Jn 6: 44-51

Mass Intentions:

10:30 a.m. | Poor Souls in Purgatory **OLA Book of Prayer:** Sr. Eleanor Doidge,

Bettie Green, Lorraine Henderson

Friday, April 19

FRIDAY OF THE 3RD WEEK OF EASTERTIDE

Readings: Acts 9: 1-20/ Ps 117: 1bc. 2/ Jn 6: 52-59

Mass Intentions:

10:30 a.m. | Poor Souls in Purgatory **OLA Book of Prayer:** Andre D. Golden,
Katherine Harper, Doris Humphries,
Therese Jessie, Gloria Leonard

Saturday, April 20

SATURDAY OF THE 3RD WEEK OF EASTERTIDE

Readings: Acts 9: 31-42/ Ps 116: 12-13. 14-15. 16-

17/ Jn 6: 60-69

OLA Book of Prayer: Mary Crawford,

Nazaree Fuller, Mable Gray, Marjorie Heard

Sr. Jamie Phelps, OP

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 is the recommended donation per intention) and during the weekdays (\$10 recommended per intention) are available.

Please submit a Mass Intention request by filling out an Mass Intention Envelope and calling the Parish Office to confirm the scheduled time: 773-624-5375.

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Fr. Tracy O'Sullivan, OCarm
Dcn. Michael Foggie
Dcn. Merv Johnson

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Barbara Edwards-Hill
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Thomas Rich - Grand Knight

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Lena Young - Grand Lady

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Dr. James Hunter

Men's Coalition
Michael Morman - President

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Maestro Tyrone Pittman

OCIA
Kimberly Brooks

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Parris Washington -Co-Chair

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Tolton Ambassador Jennifer Iwuchukwu

Tolton Heritage Center Regina Cook 773-268-1518

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Jackson Lucas

Youth Ministry
Taleah Cage
Silmon Reed

Homeless and Migrants

If you have men's clothing that you would like to donate, there is a great need at the homeless shelter we are partnering with.

Thank you for your continued support of the homeless.

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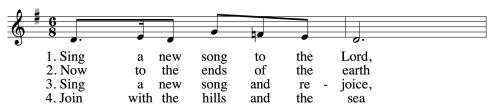


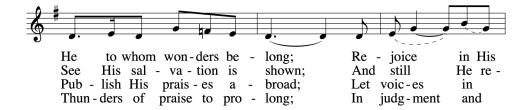
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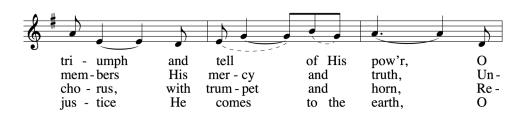
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Psalm 98: Sing a New Song to the Lord









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