



OUR LADY OF AFRICA

PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday, April 14, 2024



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PEACE
BE WITH YOU.

— LUKE 24:36 —

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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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 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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Church Address

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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 Hall
- #### **NO 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, SVD
- Lectors: 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, SVD
- Lectors: Patrick Egwiekor
Desmond Anshah
- Eucharistic Ministers:
Stephanie Inis
Silmon Reed

Attendance April 6-7

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

Stewardship

Offerory - April 6-7, 2024

\$ 7,771.00
\$ 1,995.00 - online offertory
\$ 9,766.00

Offerory - 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 Offerory
\$ **(4,657.08)**

Thank you for your generosity!



When I was a kid, a friend at my home parish told me, "If you get to Mass by the Gospel reading, it counts!" As a lifelong late-arriver, it's something I have told myself many times, especially in my earlier years as a Catholic. If the "it counts" is justifiable on a pathetically minimal scale of liturgical legalism, then the Gospel reading today shows how insanely wrong-headed it is, and how helpful it is to re-think the Mass in its light.

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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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 Hearn
4/17 Merrill 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 3RD 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.

EASTER PICTURES 2024





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Tina Carter
 tinalcarter71@gmail.com

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Tasha McShan - President

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 773-624-5375

Confirmation

Tina Carter, Stephanie Gado
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Tiffany Swann-Covington
Shawnece Wilson

Clergy

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

Events Committee

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First Communion

Barbara Edwards-Hill
Lisa Littleton

Food Pantry

Ladell Johnson

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IT Crew

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Knights of Peter Claver

Thomas Rich - Grand Knight

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Lena Young - Grand Lady

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Tyrone Smith

Medical Ministry

Dr. James Hunter

Men's Coalition

Michael Morman - President

Music Ministry

Maestro Tyrone Pittman

OCIA

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Parris Washington -Co-Chair

School and Church Liaison

LaTanya Berry-Johnson

Sunday School

Eileen Foggie

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Jennifer Iwuchukwu

Tolton Heritage Center

Regina Cook
 773-268-1518

Ushers and Greeters

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.



To view all the photos, please visit:
<https://thekovalchuks.pixieset.com/eastermass/>



Psalm 98: Sing a New Song to the Lord



1. Sing a new song to the Lord,
 2. Now to the ends of the earth
 3. Sing a new song and re-joice,
 4. Join with the hills and the sea



He to whom won-ders be - long; Re - joi - ce in His
 See His sal - va - tion is shown; And still He re -
 Pub - lish His prais - es a - broad; Let voic - es in
 Thun - ders of praise to pro - long; In judg - ment and



tri - umph and tell of His pow'r, O
 mem - bers His mer - cy and truth, Un -
 cho - rus, with trum - pet and horn, Re -
 jus - tice He comes to the earth, O



sing to the Lord a new song!
 chang - ing in love to His own.
 sound for the joy of the Lord!
 sing to the Lord a new song!

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