



# OUR LADY OF AFRICA

PARISH BULLETIN

Sunday, April 21, 2024



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I KNOW MINE  
AND MINE  
KNOW ME.

JOHN 10:14

FOURTH 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

## **Contact Us**

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Chicago, IL 60653

## **Church Address**

607 East Oakwood Boulevard  
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## **Office Hours**

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

## **Website**

[www.ourladyofafricachicago.com](http://www.ourladyofafricachicago.com)



## This Week at OLA

### Sunday, April 21

- Adoration | after 9 a.m. Mass | Marian Chapel
- First Communion Class | 10 a.m. | Tolton Heritage Center
- Sunday School | 11:30 a.m. | Sunday School Room
- Confirmation Class | 1:30 p.m. | Tolton Center

### Tuesday, April 23

- **Daily Mass | 10:30 a.m.**
- Phone-In Bible Study | 6 p.m. | (267) 807-9601 | Code: 340-355-967

### Wednesday, April 24

- Bible Study | 11 a.m. | Parish Hall
- **Daily Mass | 6:30 p.m.**

### Thursday, April 25

- 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

### Friday, April 26

- **Daily Mass | 10:30 a.m.**
- Adoration | 6:30 p.m.

### Saturday, April 27

- Mobile Food Pantry | 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. | Tolton Center
- Choir Rehearsal | 12:30 p.m. | Church
- Altar Server Training | 2 p.m. | Church

### Sunday, April 28

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



Jesus, I Trust in You

## Ministry List for Upcoming Liturgies

### Saturday 4 p.m. April 27

- Priest: Fr. Roger Schroeder, SVD
- Lectors: James Asenso  
Silmon Reed

### Sunday 9 a.m. April 28

- Priest: Fr. Roger Schroeder, SVD
- Lectors: Miriam Hunter  
Don McKinney
- Eucharistic Ministers:  
Shirley McKinney  
Eileen Foggie

### Sunday 11:30 a.m. April 28

- Priest: Fr. Joshua Peters, SJ
- Lectors: Donna Perisee-McFarlane  
Regina Cook
- Eucharistic Ministers:  
Sharon Binion  
Lena Young

## Attendance April 13-14

4 p.m. Vigil Mass	16
9 a.m. Mass	98
11:30 a.m. Mass	242
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>356</b>

## Stewardship

### Offertory - April 13-14, 2024

\$ 10,637.00  
 \$ 1,240.00 - online offertory  
 \$ 11,877.00

### Offertory - April 15-16, 2023

\$ 5,222.78  
 \$ 1,207.00 - online offertory  
 \$ 6,429.78

### Average Weekly Operating Costs

\$ (14,423.08)  
 \$ 11,877.00 - Total Offertory  
 \$ **(2,546.08)**

Thank you for your generosity!

## Fourth Sunday of Easter Reflection—Clarissa Aljentera



The image of the Good Shepherd in this weekend's Gospel is one that can evoke care and nurture. There is an image of compassion that comes to mind when we encounter a God that looks out for our needs. In this intimacy and knowing, we can even relax and feel protected when we are in God's abundant care. The line in the Gospel of John that states, 'I am the Good Shepherd, I know mine and mine know me.'

In our Black and Filipino home we try to blend some of our traditions and cultures together for our family. One concept in Filipino culture that resonates with the Good Shepherd is that of a spirit of kapwa (pronounced cop-wa). In the spirit of kapwa, you know those in your community and in your proximity. And the depth of kapwa is also very intergenerational.

There's an image of great care when I think of this concept alongside the Good Shepherd. Individuals care as a community to tend to the needs of others in loving and kind ways.

As our family blends our cultural traditions we work to incorporate Catholic Social Teaching in our home as we think about what it means to take a justice-focused approach to how we move through our world and how we engage with our neighbors. In our faith tradition we do not have to look far for examples of holy men and women who gave their lives for others. We know stories of saints such as Maximilian Kolbe or Frances Cabrini. We know of congregations of religious women who work to serve communities

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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



GIVE TO OUR CHURCH  
NO MATTER WHERE  
YOU ARE

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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

4/12 Michael Covington  
 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 21

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Readings:** Acts 4: 8-12/ Ps 118: 1. 8-9. 21-23. 26. 28. 29 (22)/ 1 Jn 3: 1-2/ Jn 10: 11-18

**Mass Intentions:**

4 p.m. | Divine Word College Benefactors  
 9 a.m. | OLA Church Family  
 11:30 a.m. | Sylvia Shokunbi (in celebration of her 40th birthday) and ✠ Elizabeth Upchurch - requested by Ola Credit

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

### Monday, April 22

MONDAY OF THE 4TH WEEK OF EASTERTIDE

**Readings:** Acts 11: 1-18/ Ps 42: 2-3; 43: 3-4/ Jn 10: 1-10

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

### Tuesday, April 23

TUESDAY OF THE 4TH WEEK OF EASTERTIDE

**Readings:** Acts 11: 19-26/ Ps 87: 1b-3. 4-5. 6-7/ Jn 10: 22-30

**Mass Intentions:**

10:30 a.m. | Poor Souls in Purgatory  
**OLA Book of Prayer:** Denise Lawson, Lenda Mason, Deborah Mitchell, Clara Reisner

### Wednesday, April 24

WEDNESDAY OF THE 4TH WEEK OF EASTERTIDE

**Readings:** Acts 12: 24 -- 13: 5a/ Ps 67: 2-3. 5. 6 and 8/ Jn 12: 44-50

**Mass Intentions:**

6:30 p.m. | Poor Souls in Purgatory  
**OLA Book of Prayer:** Elsie Freeman, Florence Glenn, Exie Haralson, Sandra Houston

### Thursday, April 25

SAINT MARK, EVANGELIST—FEAST ●

**Readings:** 1 Pt 5: 5b-14/ Ps 89: 2-3. 6-7. 16-17/ Mk 16: 15-20

**Mass Intentions:**

10:30 a.m. | Poor Souls in Purgatory  
**OLA Book of Prayer:** Jan Johnson, Lugenia Lewis, Carolyn McQuerter, Michael Moore

### Friday, April 26

FRIDAY OF THE 4TH WEEK OF EASTERTIDE

**Readings:** Acts 13: 26-33/ Ps 2: 6-7. 8-9. 10-11ab/ Jn 14: 1-6

**Mass Intentions:**

10:30 a.m. | Poor Souls in Purgatory  
**OLA Book of Prayer:** Andre D. Golden, Katherine Harper, Janice Taylor, Tandra Watson, Arlene G. Williams, Wanda Finney

### Saturday, April 27

SATURDAY OF THE 4TH WEEK OF EASTERTIDE

**Readings:** Acts 13: 44-52/ Ps 98: 1. 2-3ab. 3cd-4/ Jn 14: 7-14

**OLA Book of Prayer:** Willa Biglow, Edith Lane, Alfrances Sharpe, Rachel Watson, Dr. Dorothy Williams

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.



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



## Fourth Sunday of Easter Reflection—Clarissa Aljentera continued

who are on the margins and give their lives for others. Maybe there are even people in your own family who acted with such courage as to give their life away for someone else.

There are ways that the image and story of the Good Shepherd evokes a great sense of care for others unconditionally. Imagine if we lived in a world and in a community if our abundant

care reached out constantly to those on the margins? Imagine if our reach as a community was always care and compassion?

Like the Good Shepherd we are called to care for others in our neighborhoods, our communities, and our families. This care extends beyond us to awaken in us our ability to become good shepherds for others.

### 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,  
Tiffany Swann-Covington  
Shawnece Wilson**

#### Clergy

**Fr. Carl Gales, SVD  
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**

#### IT Crew

**Gloria Dean - Lead**

#### 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**

#### Social Justice and Peace

**Byron Diggs -Co-Chair  
Parris Washington -Co-Chair**

#### 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**

### 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.**



Come and join us!

# OLA BOOK CLUB

- **Sunday, May 5, 2024**
- **Time: After 11:30 am Mass**
- **Book: Furious Hours**
- **Author: Casey Cep**



## Ice Cream Social—May 19, 2024

OLA Knights of Peter Claver + Youth Ministry Presents

# ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Indulge in a delightful experience of flavors, fun, and frozen treats at our Ice Cream Social event!

*Sunday, 19 May 2024*

**FOLLOWING IMMEDIATELY AFTER  
11:30 MASS**



Non-Dairy options will be available as well !



## THERE'S A WIDENESS IN GOD'S MERCY

IN BABILONE



1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy Like the wide-ness  
2. For the love of God is broad-er Than the mea-sures  
3. Trou-bled souls, why will you scat - ter Like a crowd of



1. of the sea; There's a kind - ness in his jus - tice  
2. of our mind, And the heart of the E - ter - nal  
3. fright - ened sheep? Fool - ish hearts, why will you wan - der



1. Which is more than lib - er - ty. There is plen - ti - ful re -  
2. Is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more  
3. From a love so true and deep? There is wel - come for the



1. demp - tion In the blood that has been shed; There is  
2. sim - ple We should take him at his word, And our  
3. sin - ner And more grac - es for the good; There is



1. joy for all the mem - bers In the sor - rows of the Head.  
2. lives would be thanks - giv - ing For the good - ness of our Lord.  
3. mer - cy with the Sav - ior, There is heal - ing in his blood.

Text: 87 87 D; Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.  
Music: *Oude en Nieuwe Boerenlities*, c. 1710.