

A VOICE CRIES OUT:
IN THE DESERT PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD!
MAKE STRAIGHT IN THE WASTELAND A HIGHWAY FOR OUR GOD!
EVERY VALLEY SHALL BE FILLED IN,
EVERY MOUNTAIN AND HILL SHALL BE MADE LOW.

ISAIAH 40:3-4



SECOND SUNDAY OF
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Second Sunday of Advent

GOD'S DELAY

In times of great difficulties scoffers taunt us, "Where is God? Why hasn't your Lord come to save you now?"

And we of faith respond much in the same way as Peter did in today's second reading: the "delay" of the Lord's second coming is not any type of punishment or failure to keep the divine promise, but a loving sign of God's patience. God is giving *everyone* the chance to seek repentance.

God does not make life more difficult. Rather, God lessens our burdens as once before for the Jewish exiles returning home to Judea after captivity in Babylon. It was God who personally led them, making a "straight highway" for them across the desert.

We join with our ancestors of faith, who hoped that they might see God's Chosen One before them and who eventually realized that the Lord was also walking with them side by side.

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TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The rugged land shall be made a plain; the rough country, a broad valley (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11).

Psalm — Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation (Psalm 85).

Second Reading — Conduct yourselves in holiness, hastening the coming of the day of God (2 Peter 3:8-14).

Gospel — I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit (Mark 1:1-8).

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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
 Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
 Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9, 10-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
 Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4; Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47, or any readings from the Common of the Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712
 Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11; Lk 1:46-50, 53-54; 1 Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday of Advent
 Monday: St. Ambrose;
 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
 Tuesday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Wednesday: St. Juan Diego
 Thursday: International Human Rights Day;
 Hanukkah begins at sunset
 Friday: St. Damasus I
 Saturday: Our Lady of Guadalupe

FEAST OF FAITH

Watching for Christ's Coming

In the season of Advent, we look to the coming of Christ at the end of time, and we prepare ourselves to celebrate his first coming among us at Christmas. Remembrance of the past is combined with preparation for the future. Memory meets action.

In a certain sense, the Mass is an Advent prayer. At the Last Supper, Jesus did not tell his disciples, "Never forget what I did for you." Instead, he said, "Do this in remembrance of me." He calls us to remember by *doing*, to combine memory with action. In the celebration of the Eucharist, remembering and doing become one. Jesus is as present in our midst as he was in that upper room, breaking the bread and sharing the cup; but it is a new kind of presence, seen only with the eyes of faith. In the heavenly liturgy, there will be no need of sacraments, for there, "celebration is wholly communion and feast" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1136). Here, things are different. We have only glimpses and flashes of the beauty that is yet to be. And yet, in the liturgy, we truly participate in the heavenly liturgy. The Mass is our foretaste of the joys of heaven.

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PURE HEARTS

Those whose hearts are pure are the temples of the Holy Spirit.

—St. Lucy

HUMAN RIGHTS

Necessity is the plea for every infringement on human rights. It is the argument of tyrants.

—William Pitt the Younger

BORN INTO ETERNAL LIFE

Please pray for the joyful rebirth into the eternal celebration of God's love for the departed

Dietrich Paul Oltman

Catherine Domiter

Rose M. McNellis

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

August Budget: \$82,500

Actual: \$62,655

Shortfall: \$19,845

September Budget: \$66,000

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Surplus: \$9,243

October Budget: \$66,000

Actual: \$61,717

Shortfall: \$4,283

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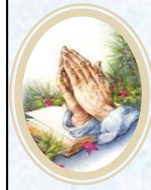
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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK



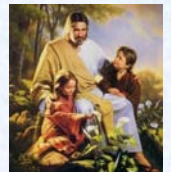
Your prayers have been a tremendous source of healing, empowerment, enrichment, and prophecies for all of the sick of Our Lady of Peace, especially those listed below.

Join us daily by sharing your spirituality and prayer devotions for the sick.

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And for the seriously ill children of our Parish:

Damien Turrubiarres,
Martin Viau



Please Pray for the Servicemen and Women of our Parish



Sean Sebastian
Andy Shreckengost



Our Lady of Peace BLOOD PROGRAM drive in conjunction with the City of Darien will be held, Wednesday, December 9th from 3:00 - 7:00 PM at Carriage Greens Country Club (8700 Carriage Green Dr.). Appointments are required. They can be made by calling 877-25-VITAL or go to www.vitalant.org. Masks will be required. This is an opportunity to help others in need and offer a special gift during this Advent season. If you are 17 years of age or older and weigh at least 110 lbs. a pint of your blood is a special gift you can give to three individuals in need. This is a worthwhile community program that gives others the "Gift of Life". All it will cost you is approximately an hour of your time. Please remember to bring a photo ID with you and drink non alcoholic beverages before coming. If you have any questions please call Rosemarie Courtney at 630-964-8415 or e-mail her at rdcourtney1940@gmail.com.

saint snippets

Do not be distressed.
Am I not here who
am your mother?

Our Lady of Guadalupe

St. Juan Diego received visions of her in Mexico in 1531.
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December 12



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Back in the late summer we made a decision to try to find a home for some of the furniture, technology, and curriculum that we had left after the closing of Our Lady of Peace School. It was our desire to find a place that could really use the materials that we had available. Through a little research we found Fr. Augustus Tolton Catholic Academy located in the Manor Park neighborhood on the South Side of Chicago.

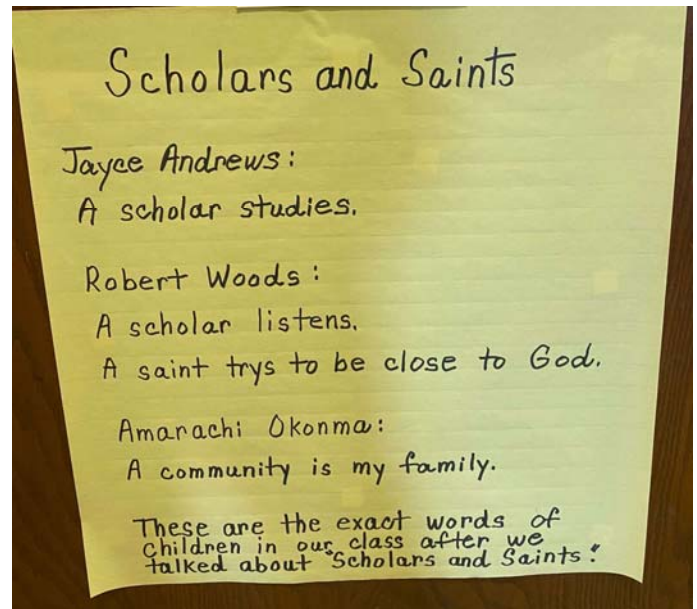
Tolton Academy is a K-8 charter school that was formed in 2014 as the result of a merger between St. Columbanus and St. Dorothy Schools. It primarily serves the African American community and receives students from across the city as well as the surrounding suburbs. It is named after Fr. Augustus Tolton who was born in Missouri back in 1854 and has the distinction of being the first African American to have been ordained a priest after having been born into slavery.

Check out some of the images to get a better understanding of the school and what we were able to donate as well as a letter from the pastor, Fr. Matt O'Donnell expressing his appreciation for our contributions.





(above is a file photo from Tolton Academy) Tolton Academy is the first STREAM school in the Archdiocese of Chicago. Our Lady of Peace was able to provide them with 15 relatively new chromebooks that enabled the students to access curriculum for their educational. Below is a piece of furniture that from OLP that now serves as a storage place for the student's computers.



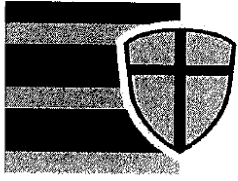
(the above is a file photo from Tolton Academy and taken prior to the covid pandemic) There are 100 students who currently attend Tolton Academy. The driving motto for the school is to form a community of scholars and saints



The tables and chairs in this photo came from our pre K classrooms. We are happy that another school is able to find use of them.



Fr. Mark and (another) Fr. Matt strike the hulk pose with the kindergarten kiddos



AUGUSTUS TOLTON

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November 18, 2020

Dear Friends of Our Lady of Peace Church,

Thank you for supporting the ministry of our school! Recently, our school was incredibly blessed to receive a number of items donated to our school from your parish; items that included classroom furniture, technology, and textbooks. We are beyond grateful for this generous support. These donations came at a moment that our school truly needed them!

At Tolton Academy we are *a community forming scholars and saints*. We are a school located in Chicago's Park Manor neighborhood, and we are committed to providing a quality Catholic education for our scholars. We value the investment so many make in the life of our school community—and now, Our Lady of Peace Church joins those who are investing in the lives of our students.

We are grateful for the support of Fr. Mark Baron and Kellie Moore. We are grateful to your entire parish for helping us during this difficult time. This pandemic has challenged all of us, but the support from your parish has helped us continue to provide both in-person and remote learning options for our scholars. It is such a blessing to know that because of your generosity we have been able to ensure that all of our preschool and kindergarten students have access to their own technology devices!

Please know of all of our continued prayers for your community! I pray that God continues to bless your parish abundantly and continues to use you to make an impact in this world! On behalf of all of the scholars at Tolton Academy, **THANK YOU!**

In God's Peace,

Rev. Matthew S. O'Donnell
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Please contact **Deacon Larry Fudacz at 630-323-4333 Ext. 20.**

BAPTISM:

Baptisms are celebrated on the second and on the fourth Sunday of each month immediately following the 12 Noon Mass.

We ask that the parents be registered members of the parish. First time parents must attend one hour (plus) of Pre-Baptismal instruction held on 2nd or 3rd Tuesdays of February, April, June, August, October and December at 7p.m. in the School Library. The Pre-Baptismal class may be taken before the birth of the child.

Please contact **Deacon Frank Vonesh** for more information at **708-793-3505**.

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