

**DECEMBER 6, 2020**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK**

We are introduced once again to the person of John the Baptist who announces repentance and baptism at the River Jordan. While extreme in his appearance and food, he draws attention to the urgency of his message. One is coming who will bring the comfort and healing of which Isaiah speaks in the first reading. Not only are we asked to make the valleys and mountains level for the coming of our God, but Jesus wants to remove those obstacles that prevent us from meeting God in our lives. What mountains do you face today? What valleys have brought you low in your journey? Today, the Lord Jesus wants to help us to make the crooked straight and the rough places plain. Take the time this week to listen what God is asking of us, so that we too may be ready to greet the Lord and recognize him as John the Baptist did.

**YOUR SACRIFICE THIS WEEK**

Thank you for your sacrificial gift for our church. Our goal to meet our budget is \$5,000.00. Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness!

**SUNDAY OFFERING 11/29/20**

In Church	\$5640.00
Cash App	\$ 257.00
Vanco On-Line	\$ 411.69
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6308.69</b>
Retirement for Religious	\$ 25.00
Local Charities	\$ 20.00
Building Fund	\$ 10.00
Christmas	\$ 625.00

**BUILDING UPDATE**

The weather this week slowed progress a bit, but the steel and ceiling trusses are in reserve and ready to install as soon as walls are up. There are samples in the Gallery Hallway of materials and colors that are being considered that will help to blend together with the existing building and finishes. It is the plan to be under roof and ready to pour the floor before January. Pray for good weather and safety for our workers.

**ELECTRONIC GIVING OPPORTUNITY**

Electronic giving is an option for your support of St. Agnes+Our Lady of Fatima. Go to our parish website

at [www.saolf.org](http://www.saolf.org) and click on the tab marked "Make a Gift." Instructions are given there for electronic giving as well as a number for giving by text message. CASH APP will be available for the indefinite future. Please consider using the VANCO electronic giving option described above so that all gifts may be streamlined and properly credited in the church accounting procedures. Thanks for your help!

**MASS INTENTIONS AND  
SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK**

**Dec 6 Second Sunday of Advent**

*Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Ps 85:9-14 2Pt 3:8-14  
Mk 1:1-8*

5:00pm For the Parish  
8:30am Mike Conroy, dec.  
10:30am Jan Keon Tu, dec.

**Dec 7 St. Ambrose, bishop**

*Is 35:1-10 Ps 85 9-14 Lk 5:17-26*

**Dec 8 Immaculate Conception of Mary**

*Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1-4 Eph:1:3-6, 11-12  
Lk 1:26-38 No obligation for Mass today*

**Dec 9 St. Juan Diego of Mexico**

*Is 40:25-31 Ps103:1-4, 8,10 Mt 11:28-30*

**Dec 10 Advent Weekday**

*Is 41:13-20 Ps 145:1, 9-13 Mt 11:11-15*

**Dec 11 St. Damasus, Pope**

*Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-4,6 Mt 11:16-19*

**Dec 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe**

*Zec 2:14-17 Ps Jdt 13:18-19 Lk 1:26-38*

**Dec 13 Third Sunday of Advent**

*Is 61:1-2, 10-11 Ps Lk 1:46-50, 53-54  
1Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28*

5:00 pm For the Parish  
8:30 am Welfare of Pauline Fendlay  
10:30am Leonard Kuchno, dec.

*Daily Scripture texts are also available at  
the Catholic Bishops' website @[uscbb.org](http://uscbb.org)*

**COVID19 UPDATE**

Please be vigilant in seeking out the correct information regarding the Covid19 Virus and current precautions for coming to worship on Sundays. We are still observing physical distancing and the wearing of face masks, and hand sanitizer is available. **Please use the sanitizer provided as you enter the church, or feel free to carry your own.** If you are feeling ill

or have been in contact with someone who has COVID19 or has been exposed to it, PLEASE STAY AT HOME. Thank you for your sensitivity and care for others. The end is in sight, but not here yet!

**FORMED:**

Go to the website at (<https://watch.formed.org>) to keep current in your faith! For more information please contact Br. Bob.

**ZOOM MEETINGS THIS WEEK**

*Download the ZOOM app for free!*

**Monday Evening Sunset Scriptures** from 7pm to 8:30pm led by Br. Bob.

Meeting ID: **871 0738 4830**

Password: **708043**

Phone Number: **1-301-715-8592**

Use the code and password above.

**Wednesday Morning Bible and Bagels**

from 10:30am to noon led by Deacon Hardin Martin.

Meeting ID: **874 1604 7716**

Password: **229898**

Phone Number: **1-312-626-6799**

Use the code and password above.

**RCIA Faith Formation**

7:00-8:30 pm

Meeting ID: **895 9560 9145**

Password: **675045**

Phone Number: **301 715 8592**

**WHILE WE ARE WAITING...COME!**

To celebrate the Season of Advent this year, please find the sets of candles prepared in the Gallery Hallway for use in your homes. Also available are the Word Among Us reflection books for the season as we pray for the Eternal Word to come again among us. A daily prayer calendar is available on our website and in the bulletin. Let us prepare for the Lord in our lives once again!

**LECTOR BOOKS 2021**

If you wish to order a lector workbook for 2021, please contact Br. Bob asap as the books have arrived. The missalettes with the Sunday readings are also

here and available to take home. Cost for the lector books is 12.00 and the missalette donation is 5.00.

**+PRAY FOR THE SICK+**

*We pray for all those who are affected in any way by the Corona Virus, or by any physical or spiritual illness at this time, especially the following:*

Ogechi Achunine Mary Avery Georgia Atkinson Kalima Assami Joyce Baker David Baker Bessie Bolles Joyce Blanton-Smith Donna Blythewood Anna Broadhead Christine Byrd William Byrd Marcella Caffie Rosemarie Criniti Marion Campbell Annette Cardwell Kathy Clayton Catherine Dominic Terrell Cole Maddy Coughlin Robin Davis Edna Evans Catherine Ford Richard Gayle James Nakima Della Gholson Myron Gholson Toni Griffin-France Adriene Hall Wendell Harris JoAnn Hinson Althea Hite Ursula Hite Patricia Heard Estelle Hodges Kyllan Hughes Valada Hutchinson Maxine Jackson Andrea Johnson Joseph Jones Brianna Jones Evelyne Jones Reaber Jones Craig Kelly Lynne Kelly Michelle Kennedy Janie Kincaid Francesca Lehu Dolores Malby Elizabeth Malby LeVerta Marshall Bill Miller David McClain Chantel McConnell Chaquita McClinton Sharon McDuffie Terri Mohr Verendez Moore Theda Nichols Lounette Payne Erma Pollard Nisha Presley Sue Scott Regina Shanklin Jerry Shelton Kevin Sipp John Strozier Barbara Sudberry Janice Thompson Hubert Watson Desiree Webb Aris White Catherine Young James Keifer Kathy Heard Eboni Edwards Monique Johnson Margie Jones Barbara Marshall Brown Naomi Matthews Fay Grady Tyrone Grady Rachael Glaster Odessa Marshall Jame Hoyle Judy Guzy Dean Hodges Sr. Latina Thomas Constance Durrah Mary Roberts Donald Leftwich James Jackson Marcia St. John Sabrina Wilson Betty Moore Ophelia Swain Fidela Lozada Evelyn Morson-Eddie Alonzo Givens Juanita Carter Yvonne Williamson Regina Woodard Beverly Greene Reed Jahiem Wilson Ali'Bey Warren Family William Jackson Kardier Jackson Carol Hollinger Mattie McDonald Anita Gullett Natalie Webb Carson Wetherwax.

*Pray for our service women and men!*

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

We will celebrate Christmas Masses at St. Agnes+Our Lady of Fatima on December 24 at 4pm and 7pm, and on Christmas Day at 10am. **Seating**



**will be limited to 75 persons at each mass and free tickets will be issued.** Please sign on for the Mass of your choice in the Narthex this weekend. Contact information is needed to receive your ticket which needs be presented on your arrival to church. Thank you for your cooperation and continued commitment to safely gather for worship in these days.

**NAME FOR PARISH HALL**

Ballots are available in the narthex to vote for a name for our new parish hall. There have been additional suggestions made that will appear on the forms, or another may be written in. Availability will also be made on our website. **You must give your name and a way to be contacted to ensure one vote per person.** Thank you for your input and participation. Names that have been suggested are:

- Legacy Hall
- Heritage Hall
- Founders Hall
- Archbishop James Lyke Center
- Wilton Cardinal Gregory Center
- Harambee Hall
- Trinity Hall

The top two winners by majority will appear on a final ballot before the New Year.

**HAVING OUR SAY-VOICES HEARD**

The Morgan Conservatory has launched a new community project: **Having Our Say-Voices Heard Journals.** Personal Journals have been created for you to share your stories with your family and with the world. Stories may be of your journey through the pandemic, the social unrest of the '60s to today, or your experience of growing up and being part of Cleveland. Collect stories from your family members over the holidays. The journals will be gathered in February and part of an art show and poetry reading at the Morgan Conservatory in 2021. For more information or to pick up your journal contact Tony Williams at 216-534-7136 or tonywilliamsartist@gmail.com.

**CHURCH ENVELOPES 2021**

Church Offertory envelopes are being prepared for 2021. As many persons have moved to electronic giving, envelopes may no longer be needed by those families or households. If you will NOT use your envelopes this coming year, please notify Br. Bob or Brittany Taylor in the parish office. Thank you for

your faithfulness in these challenging days of pandemic as we seek to be faithful to our commitments to family, church, and community.

**THANK YOU FROM BR. AKOLLA**

*Dear Parishioners of SAOLF,  
I want to say thank you for all your cards and well-wishes as I moved to Philadelphia. I pray the Lord Jesus bless you all for your generosity. I want to let you know that I miss all of you and that I pray for you regularly. Please feel free to reach out to me with cards, and if any of you finds themselves here in Philadelphia, I will love to meet you. May God bless Fr. Bob, your pastor, and all of you.  
Thanks,  
Br. Akolla*

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

The Parish Pastoral Council has sent its letter in response to Bishop Malesic's counsel regarding the recent elections and the issues facing our community. We received acknowledgment of that letter from the Bishop who indicated that he would respond to it in the very near future. Please continue to be prayerful as we seek to support the culture of Black Lives Matter, Black Catholic Lives Matter, and the ongoing work to overcome racism in our church and world.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES		
	Commentator	Lector
<b>December 6</b>	8:30 Ellen Connally	Mike Bussey
	10:30 Josie Kramer	Carol Grant
<b>December 13</b>	8:30 Veronica Safo	Sabina Conroy
	10:30 Carla Grant	Betty Washington
<b>December 20</b>	8:30 Keith Durand	Ellen Connally
	10:30 Jeanette Austin	Tiana Banks
<b>December 27</b>	8:30 Mike Bussey	Veronica Safo
	10:30 Heather Thacker	Brian Upton
<b>January 3</b>	8:30 Sabina Conroy	Keith Durand
	10:30 Carla Grant	Dolores Malby

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**MISSION STATEMENT**  
*Saint Agnes + Our Lady of Fatima Church is a visionary Catholic Christian Community. As a diverse parish, we embrace Africentric worship, Christ centered hospitality, and missionary service. Sustained by the wisdom of our elders and energized by the spirit of our youth, we come together in faith as a church family to give witness to the liberating message of the Gospel*

**Fatima Family Center**  
 6600 Lexington Ave.  
 LaJean Ray, Director  
 216-391-0505

*A Ministry of the Capuchin Franciscan Friars  
 Visit the Capuchins at [www.capuchin.com](http://www.capuchin.com)*

**PARISH INFORMATION**

Office: 216-391-1655  
 FAX: 216-391-7919  
 Friary: 216-431-8854  
 Website: [www.saolf.org](http://www.saolf.org)

**Mass Schedule:**

Sunday: 5:00 (Vigil)  
 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.  
 Weekday: As Scheduled  
 Holyday: 7:00 p.m.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:**

Saturdays 4:00 pm or anytime by appointment.

**Sacrament of Baptism for Infants:**

Arrangements made in advance with Carolyn Mack. Godparents must be practicing Catholics.

**Sacrament of Marriage:**

Preparations begin with priest or deacon BEFORE setting a date and six months prior to intended date. Contact Brother Bob or Deacon Martin before setting a wedding date.

**Sacrament of the Sick and Home Visits:**

Please contact the parish office.

**Parish Registration:** Welcome to our parish. To register, please contact the parish office.

**PARISH STAFF:**

Rev. Robert Marva, OFM Cap. Pastor  
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**Bulletin Deadline: Tuesdays at 12 noon**