

**SEPTEMBER 4, 2022  
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK**

Is Christ telling us to hate the very people we should love the most? No! Jesus the Jewish idiom, "hate" of a relative, as a means to stress the priority of a loving relationship with Him over all other relationships. He is not literally teaching His disciples to hate their relative or neighbor. Rather He is teaching us to love them correctly, by first loving Him more than them and all created things. Jesus loves us perfectly and wants us to have eternal life; therefore, He uses powerful words and images to emphasize the importance of a relationship with Him. For Jesus, as it should be for us, this relationship should not be taken lightly. Full commitment to Him requires great sacrifice as He tells us, "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." Even valuing our own lives more than Him can actually cost us our eternal salvation. What do we do? Christ gives us the secret: "Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." We must have a healthy detachment from the created world, including our own way of doing things. This is why the we hear from the Book of Wisdom today which says: "For the deliberations of mortals are timid, and unsure are our plans..." If we believe Jesus is the Way, the Truth and The Life, each one of us must be willing to stop clinging to our own faulty plans and ways of doing things and reject the ancient lie, that we do not need Him. May you and I love Jesus above all things by letting go of whatever is holding us back so that we can proclaim with great joy the words found in the Book of Deuteronomy, "For I will proclaim the name of the LORD, praise the greatness of our God! The Rock—how faultless are his deeds, how right all his ways!" (Deuteronomy 32:4)

**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**

Every other Thursday starting June 16<sup>th</sup> -September 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30pm- 7pm @ the Fatima Family Center. Live performances by Roots of American Music. Bring your lawn chairs & enjoy this family friendly event. Food will be provided by the Good Luck Truck. Reservations are required for food by calling the Fatima Center in advance @ 216-391-0505.

**Men's Group**

The Men's Group will gather the **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month after the 10:30am Mass beginning on September 11<sup>th</sup>**. Nominations for leadership positions(President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) will take place at this gathering. As Christian men growing in the Spirit, the Men's Group is open to all men of the parish 18 years of age and older.

**YOUR SACRIFICE THIS WEEK**

Thank you for your sacrificial gift for our church. Your response to our offertory commitment has been tremendous! Our goal to meet our budget is \$5,400.00. Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness!

SUNDAY OFFERING 08/28/22

In Church	\$2692.00
Cash App	\$136.00
Vanco On-Line	\$638.20
Building Fund	\$55.00
Local Charities	\$55.00
Catholic Education	\$50.00
Candles	\$8.00
Hall Rental	\$1810.00
Donations	\$500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5944.00</b>

**GREYHOUND CDL BUS DRIVING POSITIONS**

Greyhound Bus Lines are actively looking for individuals that may be interested in driving for Greyhound. They are looking for full time drivers with a current CDL class A or B license and passenger endorsement. If you or anyone may be interested in the position they can apply online at <https://careers.greyhound.com/jobs/vacancy/cdl-bus-driver---cleveland-oh-32708/32952/description/>.

**Catechetical Sunday**

**September 18<sup>th</sup>, the third Sunday in September, is Catechetical Sunday.** The theme is, "This is my body given for you". Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. The ceremony for the blessing and commissioning of those serving as catechists in our parish and Catholic schools will take place at the 10:30am Mass on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

**R.C.I.A. for Adults and Children**

**Are you someone or know someone who....**

- ❖ *Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?*
- ❖ *Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?*
- ❖ *Is thirsting for God?*

We offer an opportunity to come together to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and preparing individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist during the Easter season. For information, please contact one of our priests at the parish office.

**MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK**

**Sept 4 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Wis 9:13-18 Ps 90:3-6, 12-17*

*Phm 9-10, 12-17 Lk 14:25-33*

5:00pm For the Parish

8:30am For workers and their employers

10:30am For the unemployed

**Sept 5 Seasonal Weekday**

*1 Cor 5:1-8 Ps 5:5-7, 12 Lk 6:6-11*

**Sept 6 Seasonal Weekday**

*1 Cor 6:1-11 Ps 149:1-6, 9 Lk 6:12-19*

**Sept 7 Seasonal Weekday**

*1 Cor 7:25-31 Ps 45:11-12, 14-17 Lk 6:20-26*

**Sept 8 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

*Mi 5:1-4 Ps 13:6 Mt 1:1-16, 18-23*

**Sept 9 St. Peter Claver**

*1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-27 Ps 84:3-6, 12*

*Lk 6:39-42*

**Sept 10 Seasonal Weekday**

*1 Cor 10:14-22 Ps 116:12-13, 17-18*

*Lk 6:43-49*

**Sept 11 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

*Ex 32:7-11, 13-14 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19*

*1 Tm 1:12-17 Lk 15:1-32*

5:00pm For the Parish

8:30am For the Homebound

10:30am First Responders(Liv & Dec.)

**Lay Ecclesial Ministry**

**LAY ECCLESIAL MINISTRY WORKSHOP SERIES FALL 2022**

'Cultivating Emotional Intelligence in Pastoral Care' Pastoral skills workshop hosted by Dr. Ted Raddell. This workshop will be presented in three parts. It is recommended participants attend all three of the workshops since they will build upon one another, but it is not required.

- "Self-Awareness", September 10, 9am-12pm
- "Interpersonal Effectiveness", November 5, 9:30am-12pm
- "Emotional Self-Regulation", December 3, 9am-12pm

Call the Lay Ecclesial Ministry Office at 440-943-7670 with questions

**Professional Advisors Seminar**

Join fellow professional advisors from the legal, tax, trust, insurance, and wealth management disciplines on Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> (12:15-4:45 p.m. followed by cocktails/networking) at the Diocesan offices 1404 E. Ninth St. Seminar topics include philanthropy, charitable, and tax planning, and ethics for estate planners. Plus, learn more about Ohio's new income tax credit program. Continuing education credit available. \$50 registration; \$25 for Catholic Lawyers Guild members. Contact Linda Pavia at 216-696-6525 x4080.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK+**

Ogechi Achunine, Georgia Atkinson, Kalima Assami, Joyce Baker, Bessie Bolles, Gabriel Blair, Joyce Blanton-Smith, Anna Broadhead, Thella Brooks, Christine Byrd, William Byrd, Marcella Caffie, Kathy Clayton, Terrell Cole, Robin Davis, Edna Evans, Richard Gayle, James Nakima, Myron Gholson, Yvonne Griffin, 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, Janie Kincaid, Francesca Lehu, Dolores Malby, Elizabeth Malby, LaVerta Marshall, Hardin and Rosary Martin, Bill Miller, David McClain, Chantel McConnell, Chaquita McClinton, Sharon McDuffie, Terri Mohr, Verendez Moore, Lounette Payne, Erma Pollard, Nisha Presley, Sue Scott, Regina Shanklin, Jerry Shelton, Kevin Sipp, Deborah Smedley, John Strozier, Barbara Sudberry, Danita Thomas, Janice Thompson, Hubert Watson, Desiree Webb, Aris White, James Keifer, Kathy Heard, Eboni Edwards, Monique Johnson, Margie Jones, Barbara Marshall Brown Naomi Matthews, Fay Grady, Tyrone Grady, Rachael Glaster, Jame Hoyle, Judy Guzy, Latina Thomas, Constance Durrah, Mary Roberts, Donald Leftwich, James Jackson, Marcia St. John, Sabrina Wilson, Betty Moore, Ophelia Swain, Fidela Lozada, Evelyn Morson-Eaddie, 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, Gail Xavier, Jaqueline Zeigler, Darlene Harris, Lasonia Sims, Bertha McClain, Nina Simmons, Bertha McClain Alexander, Loraine Taylor

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES			
	5:00pm	8:30 am	10:30am
4 Sept			
Comm	Sabina Conroy	Josie Kramer	
Lector	Doreatha Stover	Jeanette Austin	
Server	Sharla Durand	Donzell Andrew Jr. Eric Smedley Jr.	
Usher	Theresa Hughley Lonnie Smith	Michelle Booker Jeremiah Robinson Elinor Williamson Crystal Willis	
11-Sep			
Comm	Ellen Connally	Terrence Marsh	
Lector	Uzumaka Oranugo	Angel Lozada	
Server	Uzuchukku Oranugo	Syan Hughes Melvin Onuorah	
Usher	Lazuras Oranugo Theresa Hughley	Yvette Andre Yvonne Griffin Toni Griffin-France Shelia Griffin-McCoy	
18-Sep			
Comm	Keith Durand	Carla Grant- Smith	
Lector	Betty Smith	Tina Barhams	
Server	Sharla Durand	Divine Onuorah Jordan Ivery	
Usher	Thomas Stover Lonnie Smith	Donzell Andrew Jr. Michelle Booker Billy Cardwell Crystal Willis	
25-Sep			
Comm	Pam Pendleton	Harold Butler	
Lector	Veronica Safo	Debbie James	
Server	Uzuchukku Oranugo	Gavin Smedley Eric Smedley Jr.	
Usher	Theresa Hughley Karen Larry	Robin Allen Billy Cardwell Antoinette Smith Linda Weatherspoon	

### NEW COVID19 UPDATE

Those who wish are welcome to continue using masks as desired. Please do continue to wash hands, use sanitizer as needed, and be mindful of the safety and health of all. Thank you for your consideration.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2022-23 (SWAGG)

It is hard to believe that it is time to look to beginning a new year of religious education and faith formation for our youth. Families are asked to sign up in the Narthex of the Church with the names, grades, and parent contact information of our youth so that preparations can begin for faith formation this fall. There will be a gathering of parents and guardians of

our youth with the new pastor soon. For more information, you may contact Br. James directly in the parish office at 216-391-1655.

### 2022 FIRST STEP PROGRAM: CONTINUING EDUCATION REGARDING MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Attempting to pick up the pieces of one's life after the tragedy of divorce is an area that can impact a person's relationship with God and the Church. One of the significant issues a person faces is their place in the Church. *Does the Church still care about me even though I am divorced? Am I allowed to go to Mass? Can I receive communion? How can the Church help me heal? If I decide to marry again, what do I have to do?* The Tribunal of the Diocese of Cleveland offers its First Step Program to help individuals deal with these questions in order to renew and/or strengthen their relationship with God and the Church. This program is offered to help everyone, especially those who have experienced divorce, learn more about Catholic teaching regarding marriage, divorce, and remarriage. Representatives from the Ministry to the Divorced Office of the Department for Marriage and Family Ministry will also be present to explain the resources they offer to the divorced.

Everyone is welcome to:

- Deepen their knowledge of the Church's teaching on marriage...
- Learn about the Church's ministry to the divorced/separated in the Diocese...
- Hear about the annulment process and how to submit a case...
- Discover a path to healing after divorce in order to strengthen and/or renew a relationship with God and the Church

The First Step Program will be held on:

- Tuesday, September 27, 2022, at St. Ambrose Parish, Brunswick, at 7:00 pm

**Note that the Diocese of Cleveland no longer requires any fees for this process.**

For more information check our website:

[www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal](http://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal)

Or call the Tribunal: 216-696-6525/800-869-6525, ext. 4000

## St. Agnes+Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church



### 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*



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### PARISH INFORMATION

Office: 216-391-1655

FAX: 216-391-7919

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 Fr. James, Fr David or Deacon Martin. 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 Fr. James, Fr. David or Deacon Martin before setting a 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:

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**Bulletin Deadline: Tuesdays at 12 noon**

**Electronic Giving Opportunity:**

Go to [www.saolf.org](http://www.saolf.org) and click on "Make a Gift."