

## NOVEMBER 27, 2022 First Sunday of Advent

### SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK

This First Sunday of Advent is the beginning of our Catholic liturgical year. These next four weeks leading to Christmas are a sacred season of twofold preparation: first, it is a time of renewal in our spiritual lives as we look forward to Christ's coming again at the end of time; second, the Church prepares for the festive remembrance of the Nativity of the Lord, when God became man out of His great love for each one of us! Christians have always been fascinated with Jesus' promise to come back to us. In the early Church, our sisters and brothers in Christ thought they would be witnessing His coming within their own lifetime. Since then many have speculated when this time will come as they point to wars, natural disasters, etc as signs of His coming. However, our scripture readings this Advent tell us not to waste time with these predictions, rather we are called to move toward holiness daily and not be weighed down and distracted by the cares of the world. We can grow in holiness by examining our lives, confessing our sins, quieting and disciplining our hearts through prayer and meditation, and inviting Christ's light to shine through our thoughts, words, and interactions with everyone around us. In these ways, let us together as a Church family prepare well to enter into the full joy of the Christmas season!

-Fr. David Domanski

### MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK

#### Sun, Nov 27 - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44*  
5:00pm For an End to Violence in our Community  
8:30am For the Homeless  
10:30am For the Souls in Purgatory

#### Mon, Nov 28 - Advent Weekday

*Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11*

#### Tue, Nov 29 - All Saints of the Franciscan Order(F)

*Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24*

#### Wed, Nov 30 - St. Andrew(F)

*Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22*

#### Thu, Dec 1 - Advent Weekday

*Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27*

#### Fri, Dec 2 - Advent Weekday

*Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31*

#### Sat, Dec 3 - St. Francis Xavier(M)

*Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mk 16:15-20*

#### Sun, Nov 27 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12*

### BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH

\*On July 24, 1990, the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus of the United States designated **November as Black Catholic History Month** to celebrate the long history and proud heritage of Black Catholics. Two commemorative dates fall within this month: St. Augustine's birthday, Nov. 13, and St. Martin de Porres' feast day, Nov. 3. November is also when Catholics celebrate the feasts of All Saints and All Souls, an occasion to recall in a special way the saints and souls of Africa and the African Diaspora. \*Taken from the National Black Catholic Congress website: [www.nbcccongress.org](http://www.nbcccongress.org)


#### Black Catholic History Month Eucharistic Adoration, Revival and Rosary

*Reflecting on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the  
Civil Rights Movement*

- **Glorious Mysteries, Wednesday, Nov 30 at 7PM**  
St. Adalbert, E 83<sup>rd</sup> St, Cleveland

#### NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE

November is a month dedicated to commemorating our brothers and sisters in Christ who have gone before us "mark with the sign of faith". We began first on All Saints Day remembering those who have achieved sainthood and then on All Souls Day praying for the holy souls being prepared to see their Lord face to face. May the souls of the faithful departed through God's mercy rest in peace

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You are cordially invited to a **Do Drop In** reception celebrating the 80TH Birthday of Deacon Hardin M. Martin, Sr., and honoring his 54TH Anniversary of marriage to Rosary Anne Henry Martin.

WHEN: Sunday, December 18th, 2022

WHERE: Saint Agnes Our Lady of Fatima Church,  
Legacy Hall  
6800 Lexington Ave.,  
Cleveland, Ohio 44103

TIME: Following the 10:30 Mass  
12:00 PM to 4PM to which you are also invited

**"If ever there was a prayer that summarized our faith,  
And what was expressed in the Gospels,  
Our Father is it."  
St. Cyprian of Carthage...**

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### Parish Advent Revival

We welcome **Fr. Roy Lee, PhD** who was ordained for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and is currently serving as a priest in the Archdiocese of Atlanta who will be our preacher/revivalist at our Parish Advent Revival.

**Theme: CHRIST CALLS US TO BE ONE**  
**December 14, 15, 16 at 7pm each night.**

If you would like to be part of the preparations for this spiritual event, please contact **Carla Grant at [cgbible40@gmail.com](mailto:cgbible40@gmail.com)** or **Fr. James at [pastor@saolf.org](mailto:pastor@saolf.org)**. Help is needed on the sub-committees for Ministry, Hospitality, Publicity, and Finance.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS (SWAGG) 2022-23

NEW SCHEDULING: Religious education and faith formation for our youth takes place on Sundays immediately following the **8:30am** Mass from **9:45am-11:00am**. To register your child, pick up a form at the church entrance or call **Mr. Cary Dabney** at 216-391-1655. *Online registration will be available soon!*

#### R.C.I.A. FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN

Are you someone or do you 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 the Catholic faith. Sessions are currently held on Sundays after the 10:30 Mass. To get started contact the Parish Office or visit <https://www.saolf.org/rite-of-christian-initiation-of-adults/>

### ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

We are looking for families to sign up to light the Advent Wreath each Sunday. **The Signup Sheet is available on the table at the Church entrance.** Thank you for your participation.

### YOUNG ADULTS

Young adults in their 20's and 30's are invited to fellowship, faith sharing and event planning every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month after the 10:30 Mass (around 12:00pm) in the Saint Agnes / Our Lady of Fatima gym. Come and join other young adults in our parish as well as our surrounding parishes to learn and grow in faith together.

### Giving Tuesday

You have heard about **Black Friday** and **Cyber Monday**. Now you can share your blessings on **Tuesday, November 29- Giving Tuesday**. All day around the globe, people are asked to contribute to their favorite charities and nonprofits. The Diocese of Cleveland asks you to be part of Northeast Ohio's Online Day of Catholic Giving: #weGiveCatholic, which allows you to contribute to 220+ Catholic schools, parishes, Catholic Charities programs and sites, ministries, and other Catholic

nonprofits in Northeast Ohio. Simply use your computer or smartphone on Tuesday, November 29 to access [www.weGiveCatholic.org](http://www.weGiveCatholic.org), search the list of participants and donate to your favorites. In the spirit of the season of gratitude, remember to Give Catholic on Giving Tuesday.

### MISSALETTES FOR 2022

The Missalettes that contain the Sunday readings are in the church pews for your convenience at Mass. If you wish to have your own personal booklet, they are available at \$5.00 each. Thank you for your cooperation in leaving the booklets in the pews.

### CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE 2022

As we prepare to celebrate both the birth of our Savior and the hope of His Second Coming, we consider our neighbors, especially those in need. You will notice that our Christmas Giving Tree is up inside the Church close to the baptismal font to remind us of our baptismal call to love our neighbor. Please consider taking a label and purchasing an item. We ask that all gifts be returned by Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your generosity.

### ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Come and prepare your hearts for Christmas by celebrating the **Sacrament of Penance/Confession on Wednesday, December 21 at 7pm**. There will be additional priests available to assist in hearing confessions. Let every heart prepare Him room!

### 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, 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-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, Gail Xavier, Jaqueline Zeigler, Darlene Harris, Lasonia Sims, Bertha McClain, Nina Simmons, Bertha McClain Alexander, Loraine Taylor

### Sunday Van Driver

We are looking for a Parish Van Drivers. The Parish Van drivers provide transportation to church members for 10:30am Mass on Sunday morning. Must possess valid driver's license and be at least 21 years of age with clean driving record. If interested, please contact:

Fr. James Watson: [jwatson@saolf.org](mailto:jwatson@saolf.org)

### ADVENT & CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Day of Obligation**

Mass: Wednesday, Dec 8, 7PM

NOTE: *Christmas Day falls on a Sunday this year.*

**Christmas Eve:** Saturday, December 24th

Vigil: 5PM

Midnight Mass: 11:45PM

**Christmas Day:** Sunday, December 25th

Masses: 8:30AM and 10:30AM

### Legal Aid's Brief Advice and Referral Clinics are back!

Have a legal question? Need to chat with an attorney about a problem related to money, housing, family, employment or other issues? Stop by a Legal Aid Brief Advice and Referral Clinic:

**Saturday, December 10 at the Cleveland Public Library – Martin Luther King, Jr. Branch.** This event is first come, first served. (Only questions on civil legal issues, not criminal problems.) Please bring all important paperwork with you. To keep everyone safe, masks are recommended.

### YOUR SACRIFICE LAST 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 OFFERINGS 11-20-2022

In Church	\$2461.00
Cash App	\$212.00
Vanco On-Line	\$587.08
Building Fund	\$140.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Dev	\$103.00
Local Charities	\$25.00
Candles	\$5.00
Hall Rental	\$800.00
Women's Ministry	\$50.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4383.08</b>

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES		
	8:30 AM	10:03 AM
<b>27-Nov</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>	
<b>Comm</b>	Veronica Safo	Lorraine McMillian
<b>Lector</b>	Tyler Hughley	Carla Grant-Smith
<b>Server</b>	Uzuchukku Oranugo	Jordan Ivery
		Eric Smedley Jr.
<b>Usher</b>	Theresa Hughley	Michelle Booker
	Lazuras Oranugo	Jeremiah Robinson
		Elinor Williamson
		Crystal Willis
<b>4-Dec</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advnet</b>	
<b>Comm</b>	TDB	Brian Upton
<b>Lector</b>	Sandra Gay-Chapman	Kyllan Hughes
<b>Server</b>	Sharla Durand	Divine Onuorah
		Melvin Onuorah
<b>Usher</b>	Karen Larry	Yvette Andre
	Thomas Stover	Yvonne Griffin
		Toni Griffin-France
		Sheila Griffin-McCoy



### Liturgical Ministers

If you are a liturgical minister (Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, Lector, etc.) and would like to resume your ministry please contact:

**Carla Grant:** 216-200-1525 or

[cgbible40@gmail.com](mailto:cgbible40@gmail.com) so she can review your status and get you back active. **Thank you for serving the Lord with your ministerial gifts!**

### OFFERING ENVELOPES

Are being prepared for 2023. If you wish to receive envelopes, or if you are using electronic giving and no longer need them, please contact the parish office.

### ADVENT MATERIALS

To celebrate the Season of Advent this year, please find **the Word Among Us** reflection books for your use as we pray for the Eternal Word to come again among us. Let us prepare for the coming of the Lord during this holy season!

### Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Bishop Malesic

Travel with Bishop Malesic and Fr. Dan Schlegel on a **12-Day Pilgrimage to the Holy Land**, Sept. 26 to Oct. 7, 2023. Walk in the Footsteps of Jesus to Nazareth, Cana, the Sea of Galilee, Emmaus, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, and so many more holy sites. Registration will open on December 1, 2022. To be placed on the priority mailing list to receive the full itinerary and registration information, please contact **Lori Conley**, 216-696-6525 x3760 or email: [lconley@catholiccommunity.org](mailto:lconley@catholiccommunity.org)

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

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



### 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.*



### PARISH INFORMATION

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**Website:** [www.saolf.org](http://www.saolf.org)

**Office Hours:** Mon-Thurs: 9AM-12:30, 1:00PM-3:30PM  
Fridays: Closed

### Mass Schedule:

Saturday(Sunday Vigil): 5:00PM

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Weekday: As Scheduled

Holyday: 7:00 p.m.

### PARISH STAFF:

Rev. James Watson, OFM Cap. Pastor

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**Fatima Family Center:** 6600 Lexington Ave.

LaJean Ray, Director

216-391-0505

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays: 4:00 pm or anytime by appointment.

### Sacrament of Baptism for Infants:

Arrangements made in advance with a priest or deacon. Godparents must be practicing Catholics.

### Sacrament of Marriage:

Preparations begin with a priest or deacon BEFORE setting a date and six months prior to intended date. Contact the parish to schedule an appointment.

### 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.

### Bulletin Deadline: Tuesdays at 12 noon

### Electronic Giving Opportunities:

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

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