

DECEMBER 4, 2022 Second Sunday of Advent

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK

Prepare the way of the Lord! Sisters and brothers in Christ, this Sunday and next Sunday we focus on the last great biblical prophet of the Lord, Saint John the Baptist. John the Baptist announced the coming of the Lord even before he was born into this world as he leapt in his mother Elizabeth's womb when the pregnant Mother of God, Mary, arrived at their door. From then on, John the Baptist's entire life was focused on preparing the world for the coming of its Saviour! We hear today how he is identified as the *one crying out in the desert*. He removed himself from the distractions of the world in order to stay focused on his mission to bring others to Jesus. He realizes his role to bring people to repentance, but humbly admits there is one greater than Him who will baptize with much more power. We can pray for St John the Baptist's help today, that we can each take a little more "desert" time this Advent season. Go to Jesus in His word and in His sacraments. Adore Him as He is present in all the tabernacles in all the Catholic Churches throughout the world. St. John the Baptist, help us to listen to your call to repent of any and all sin in our life through Jesus' sacrament of reconciliation, so that our heart and soul are truly cleansed and prepared for the coming of the Lord this Christmas! Sisters and brothers, Jesus wants nothing less than the best for us and this is why He has given us these ways to turn and draw closer to Him every day of our lives! Let us not miss out on the abundant graces He wants to pour into our lives today!

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK

Sun, Dec 4 - 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

5:00pm For Christians Suffering Persecution

8:30am For Migrants and Refugees

10:30am Irwing & Catherine Dominic, dec.

Mon, Dec 5 - Advent Weekday

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

Tue, Dec 6 - Advent Weekday

Is 40:1-11 Ps 96:1-3, 10-13 Mt 18:12-14

Wed, Dec 7 - St. Ambrose

Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10 Mt 11:28-30

Thu, Dec 8 - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38

Fri, Dec 9 - Advent Weekday

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

Sat, Dec 10 - Advent Weekday

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Mt 17:9-13

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Please note the corrections in **BOLD** from last week's bulletin
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Day of Obligation
 Mass: **Thursday, Dec 8, 7PM**
 NOTE: *Christmas Day falls on a Sunday this year.*
Christmas Eve: Saturday, December 24th
 Vigil: **7PM**
 Midnight Mass: **11:45PM**
Christmas Day: Sunday, December 25th
 Masses: **8:30AM and 10:30AM**

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!

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES		
	8:30 AM	10:03 AM
4-Dec	2nd Sunday of Advent	
Comm	TBD	Brian Upton
Lector	Sandra Gay-Chapman	Kyllan Hughes
Server	Sharla Durand	Divine Onuorah
		Melvin Onuorah
Usher	Karen Larry	Yvette Andre
	Thomas Stover	Yvonne Griffin
		Toni Griffin-France
		Sheila Griffin-McCoy
11-Dec	3rd Sunday of Advent	
Comm	Pam Pendleton	Chi Chi Onuorah
Lector	Keith Durand	Erika Jones-Smith
Server	Uzuchukku Oranugo	Gavin Smedley
		Eric Smedley Jr.
Usher	Lonnie Smith	Donzell Andrew Jr.
	Theresa Hughley	Michelle Booker
		Billy Cardwell
		Crystal Willis

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

We are still 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.

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.



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 so she can review your status and get you back active. **Thank you for serving the Lord with your ministerial gifts!**

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/>

ST. AGNES - OUR LADY OF FATIMA

CHRIST CALLS US TO BE ONE

ADVENT REVIVAL

DECEMBER 14, 15, 16

MUSICAL PRELUDE 6:45 PM

PROGRAM 7:00 PM

Unity

Revivalist

FR. DR. ROY LEE PHD.

Fr. Lee was ordained for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. He served as associate pastor in several parishes in the Milwaukee area: St. Nicholas, St. Gregory, and St. Philip Neri. Over and above his work as a parish priest and equally as significant, Fr. Lee has had a very electric, challenging, and distinguished pastoral ministry as lecturer, educator, counselor, revivalist, retreat master, homilist, and chaplain in the U.S. Air Force. He is noteworthy scholar with considerable graduate-school training.

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PARISH REVIVAL VOLUNTEERS:

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

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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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YOUNG ADULTS

Young adults in their 20's and 30's are invited to fellowship, faith sharing and event planning every 4th 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.

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 11th. Thank you for your generosity.

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 Durrach, 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

Congress XIII
Write the Vision:
A Prophetic Call to Thrive



The National Black Catholic Congress (NBCC) convenes a national congress every five years. Each one renews and develops our mission with a Pastoral Plan. The next congress will be held July 20-23, 2023 at the Gaylord National in National Harbor, Maryland. Join with other Black Catholics and those who minister to Black Catholics in the United States for a celebration of our faith and culture. To register, call Fr. James at the Parish office or go to www.nbccgathering2023.org

Christmas Concert at Historic St. Peter

The Cleveland Chamber Choir, under the direction of Jelani Watkins, will bring *Winter Carols and Lullabies* to **Historic St. Peter Church** (E. 17th St. and Superior Ave.) on **Saturday, December 17th at 7:00pm**. A pre-concert talk given by Dr. Charles McGuire of Oberlin College and Conservatory will begin at 6:30pm. Free will donations will be accepted. Free parking is available around the church property. All are welcome!

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.

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.

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!

THANK YOU

Thank you to those who contributed to the **Catholic Campaign for Human Development National Collection** for the last 3 Sundays. Your support **raised \$244** to support many American families struggling to make ends meet. Remember, your donation will be used to reward grants to parishes and organizations in the Diocese of Cleveland to develop and support programs that bring about real change and sustainable processes that help people in poverty break the cycle. If you have not given and would like to do so, you can find envelopes at the entrances to the Church. Bless you and all you do!

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 (Correction)

Two corrections regarding last week's report:

Vanco On-Line	\$1002.56
Total	\$4798.56

SUNDAY OFFERINGS 11-27-2022

In Church	\$2680.00
Cash App	\$132.00
Vanco On-Line	\$587.08
Building Fund	\$21.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Dev	\$36.00
Local Charities	\$10.00
Total	\$3466.08

St. Agnes+Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

A Ministry of the Capuchin Franciscan Friars
 Visit the Capuchins at 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

Address: 6800 Lexington Avenue
 Cleveland, Ohio 44103
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FAX: 216-391-7919
Website: 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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 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 and click on "Make a Gift." For **CashApp** users: send to **\$saolf**