

January 1, 2023
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ!
 Today we celebrate both the eighth day of Christmas and the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. Hopefully some Christmas trees are still on display and not yet thrown out to the curb! The liturgical season of Christmas began with the vigil Masses on Christmas Eve and will conclude on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (Monday, January 9). This gives us time to really let the joy of Christ's birth enter into our hearts and "reflect on the gift of salvation that is born with him, including the fact that he was born to die for us." (USCCB.org) What greater gift can we receive in life! Yet, we can easily forget this gift and get caught up in wants and fears that rob us of this joy. This is why we need to continually look to Jesus and those who have dedicated their lives to Him through thick and thin as our models and inspiration. Mary, Jesus' mom, is one of those great models for us to look to. Pope Benedict XVI, one of the great theologians and shepherds of our Church in the 20th century, passed to eternal life this past Saturday in Rome. He spoke these words of the Mother of God: Mary is the mother and model of the Church, who receives the divine Word in faith and offers herself to God as the "good soil" in which he can continue to accomplish his mystery of salvation. (Solemnity of Mary, Mother Of God, Homily, 1/2/12). As we pray for our deceased Pope, let us also take the words of this shepherd to heart and, like Mary, receive Jesus the Divine Word into the "good soil" of our own lives so that He can continue to accomplish His work of salvation through us today! – Fr. David Domanski

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK

Sun, Jan 1 – Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother
 Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21
 5:00pm For the soul of Phyllis Tuscan
 8:30am For All Our Parishioners
 10:30am For the soul of Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Mon, Jan 2 – Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
 1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1-4 Jn 1:19-28

Tue, Jan 3 – The Most Holy Name of Jesus
 1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Ps 98:1, 3c-4,5-6 Jn 1:29-34

Wed, Jan 4 – St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
 1 Jn 3:7-10 Ps 98:1, 7-9 Jn 1:35-42

Thu, Jan 5 – St. John Neumann
 1 Jn 3:11-21 Ps 100:1b-5 Jn 1:43-51

Fri, Jan 6 - Christmas Weekday
 1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 Mk 1:7-11

Sat, Jan 7 – Christmas Weekday
 1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-6a, 11-13 Jn 2:1-11

Sunday, Jan 8 – The Epiphany of the Lord
 Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS for
 NEW YEARS**

Beyond normal listed hours, the parish office will also be closed on **Monday January 2nd & Tuesday January 3rd and will reopen on Wednesday, January 4th.**

NOTICE: 5PM SATURDAY MASS To Be Suspended

Beginning in January, the **Saturday 5PM Mass will be suspended indefinitely** due to low attendance. On certain holydays, parish feasts and celebrations [Easter, Pentecost, Confirmation, etc.] when deemed necessary a Mass on Saturday may be scheduled

MEN'S GROUP MEETING

The Men's Group, which is open to all men who have a love of God and community, is scheduled to next meet on Jan 8 after 10:30 Mass in the Mother Lange room.

MISSALETES 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 MINISTRY SCHEDULES		
	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
1-Jan	Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother	
Comm	Ellen Connally	Josie Kramer
Lector	Sabina Conroy	Tiana Banks
Server		Jeremiah Robinson
		Divine Onuorah
Usher	Lazuras Oranugo	Yvette Andre
	Thomas Stover	Yvonne Griffin
		Toni Griffin -France
		Sheila Griffin-McCoy
8-Jan	The Epiphany of the Lord	
Comm	Betty Smith	Lorraine McMillan
Lector	Veronica Safo	Tara Young
Server	<i>Needed</i>	Gavin Smedley
		Eric Smedley, Jr.
Usher	Theresa Hughley	Donzell Andrew, Jr.
	Lazuras Oranugo	Michelle Booker
		Billy Cardwell
		<i>Needed</i>

**ATTENTION ALL LECTORS!
 Your Manuals Are Available!**

PLEASE pick up your manual in the Sacristy and Check your name on the list indicating that you did get it.
Thank you for serving in this holy ministry!!

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!**

Black Catholic 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

Diocesan Youth Conference

CLE 21:6 is a day-long event sponsored by the Office of Youth Ministry to ignite high school teens in their faith and to gather in fellowship as the young Church. **Exploring Revelation 21:6**, CLE 21:6 will celebrate the diocesan year of Eucharistic Revival, and dive into Christ as the Alpha & Omega, the Eucharist as the Source & Summit of our faith.

Who Can Go?

CLE 21:6 is a conference for high school youth. **All youth must be in 9th-12th grade** during the 2022-2023 school year to attend as a youth participant with their adult chaperones.

How To Buy Tickets?

Teens **MUST** attend with a parish or school group, and cannot buy tickets individually. If you would like to attend, please contact Fr. James: jwatson@dioceseofcleveland.org

Saturday, January 7, 2023
10 am - 9 pm
John Carroll University

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION 2022-23

Please sign your child/teen for First Communion, Confirmation. 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!*

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.

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-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

**PRAY FOR THE SICK
 List Updating**

If you or someone you know is on the **Pray For the Sick** in the bulletin and would like to be removed or added, please contact the parish office:

CHURCH CALENDARS

Still have not arrived; however, I checked and they are **ON THE WAY**. Hopefully, they will arrive in time for the celebration of the Epiphany of the Lord to be blessed next Sunday.

SPECIAL EVENTS FOR THE EPIPHANY:

The custom of **Proclaiming the Dates of the Movable Feasts** for the coming year will take place with the **Blessing of the Calendars**. The **Blessing of Chalk** will also take place, and will be distributed for the marking of your doorposts. Instructions will be provided at the Masses. The Marking of Doorposts is an ancient tradition of the Church which celebrates the Magi visiting Jesus in His first home and it is also a request to Jesus to bless and protect your home and family.

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 12-25-2022

In Church	\$2781.00
Designated Collection - Christmas	\$1568.00
Cash App	\$81.00
Vanco On-Line	\$779.31
Local Charities	\$13.00
Building Fund	\$10.00
Flowers	\$15.00
Donations	\$100.00
Special Collection: Retired Religious	\$25.00
Total	\$5372.31

VOLUNTEER COLLECTION COUNTERS NEEDED!

Our Parish is in need of **4 Volunteer Collection Counters** to help count Sunday and Holyday collections after the 10:30 Mass. Requirement is to count just once a month! **On the job training available!**

Help Dealing with the Loss of Love Ones

Catholic Cemeteries Association continues to offer free monthly in-office and virtual grief support groups. In a comfortable and supportive environment, you'll find a warm fellowship of people with similar grief experiences led by trained Ministers of Consolation. The groups are open discussion around a monthly topic or whatever is on your heart. If you attend grief support at another organization, consider ours a free source of additional support. Come. Listen. Be in the presence of those who understand.

For more information, contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES...

are available in the Church Narthex next weekend. They are in **Alphabetical order based on your Last Name**. If you do not see a set for yourself and you want envelopes, please contact the Parish Office.

LEGACY HALL UPDATES

We are happy to report that all major work for the completion of the Legacy Hall have been completed with a few minor details left to finish. The Church Signs are up in front of the church and on the corner of Lexington and E. 70th. Please pray for good weather to finish getting the digital sign up and running. Thank you for your patience and prayers.

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, be at least 21 years of age with clean driving record and willing to undergo Safe-Environment training. If interested, please contact: Fr. James Watson: jwatson@saolf.org



Van Ministry

CLEVELAND CATHOLIC RADIO

Did you know Cleveland has its very own 24/7 Catholic radio station? What is Catholic radio, and why should you listen? AM1260 The Rock, Cleveland's Catholic Radio station, provides quality Catholic programming for all ages and for every stage of your faith journey, 24 hours a day! A representative from the station will be speaking at all of our Masses on **Sunday January 8**. Tune in to AM1260 The Rock or visit www.am1260therock to learn more

DOMESTIC ABUSE HELP!

Violence at home hurts! You are not alone. During the past difficult year many families suffered abuse at home. Now is the time to protect yourself and those who count on you for safety. If you experience any form of abuse, help is available. Call the National Domestic Violence Hotline 1 (800) 799-7233. To learn more about domestic violence visit: www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/familypeace.

Blessings for a Holy and Happy New Year to our St. Agnes + Our Lady of Family.

Thank you for your loving welcome and support!

Fr. James, Pastor

Fr. Dave, Associate Pastor

St. Agnes+Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

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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.

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

Mass Schedule:

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

Weekday: As Scheduled

Holyday: 7:00 p.m.

PARISH STAFF:

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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**

PARISH INFORMATION