

January 22, 2023 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK

From all eternity the Lord had chosen these twelve men to serve as His Apostles as proclaimed in the Gospel today. Now the time has come for them to hear the call and act on it. Notice that in their response there is no hesitation. They acted “immediately” leaving everything behind. Leaving behind the things of the world and even their own wills trusting that Jesus would supply the gifts they need to accomplish the work of being “fishers of men.” Even though they did not have a clear understanding about what their call would entail, they still responded with imperfect which would later be perfected except for one. This is the message for us today. Do we have faith in Jesus to respond to His call to follow Him? Do we trust that He has and will give us the gifts we need to fulfill our mission? The Lord may be asking you to do something that does not make immediate sense or seems too difficult at first. The Apostles, might not have known clearly what he meant when He said, “I will make you fishers of men,” but still they acted without hesitation. Recall the words of Psalm 95: “Oh, that today you would hear his voice. Do not harden your hearts...” The gospel today reminds us that everyone has a role in building up the Kingdom of God and unifying the Body of Christ. There is no need to fear the call, because our God Who created us knows us far more than we know ourselves, what we are capable of accomplishing with His grace, where we are going and what we need. He supplies all we need for the journey and entrusts us to make use of those gifts for the sake of the Kingdom. May we respond without hesitation to the Lord’s call to serve as faithful stewards in our mission to help build up the Kingdom of God as one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church.

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK

Sun, Jan 22 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 8:23--9:3 Ps 27:1,4, 13-14 1 Cor 1:10-13 Mt 4:12-23
8:30am Fr. Jonathan Williams, OFM Cap.(Dec)
10:30am Celebrant’s Intention

Mon, Jan 23 – Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Heb 9:15, 24-28 Ps 98:1-6 Mk 3:22-30

Tue, Jan 24 – St. Francis de Sales
Heb 10:1-10 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 10-11

Wed, Jan 25 – The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Acts 22:3-16 Ps 117:1-2 Mk 16:15-18

Thu, Jan 26 – Sts. Timothy & Titus
2 Tm 1:1-8 Ps 96:1-3, 7-8, 10 Mk 4:21-25

Fri, Jan 27 - Seasonal Weekday
Heb 10:32-39 Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40 Mk 4:26-34

Sat, Jan 28 – St. Thomas Aquinas
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 Lk 1:69-75 Mk 4:35-41

Sun, Jan 29- Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Zep 2:3; 3:12-13 Ps 146:6-10 1 Cor 1:26-31 Mt 5:1-12

**“TAKING THE NEXT STEP AS ONE IN CHRIST”
PROGRAM**

This week you will receive a brochure introducing our “Taking the Next Step as One in Christ” Program. I’m proud to be part of the St. Agnes-Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church community. On Commitment Weekend, January 28 & 29, I invite each of you to participate in this important program and help us respond to God’s great gift of love. Please review this brochure and prayerfully consider how you and your family can help our parish by financially supporting our ministries, furthering our mission, and reinforcing our future.

We ask that all faithful parishioners complete a Commitment Card. A card will be included in the brochure mailing for you to:

- mail to the church using the pre-addressed envelope included in this mailing.
- or bring your card to Mass next Sunday.
- or you may visit our parish website at www.saolf.org and complete an electronic Commitment Card.

The back of the Commitment Card has a place for you to include any prayer intentions you wish to share. We welcome all intentions and they will be prayed for collectively over the next few weeks. If you would like to speak to a priest, please indicate so on your card and we will be in contact with you.

Our goal is 100% participation! Thank you for your generosity and support of St. Agnes-Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church!

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES		
	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
22-Jan 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Comm	Sabina Conroy	Brian Upton
Lector	Tyler Hughley	Rita Shinheartl
Server	Sharla Durand	Syan Hughes
		Gavin Smedley
Usher	Lonnie Smith	Michelle Booker
	Thomas Stover	Jeremiah Robinson
		Elinor Williamson
		<i>Needed</i>
29-Jan 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Comm	Sabina Conroy	Brian Upton
Lector	Tyler Hughley	Rita Shinheartl
Server	Sharla Durand	Syan Hughes
		Gavin Smedley
Usher	Lonnie Smith	Michelle Booker
	Thomas Stover	Jeremiah Robinson
		Elinor Williamson
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National 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. Join with other

Black Catholics and those who minister to Black Catholics in the United States for a celebration of our faith and culture. The next congress will be held July 20-23, 2023 at the Gaylord National in National Harbor, Maryland. To register, call Fr. James at the Parish office or go to www.nbccgathering2023.org



NATIONAL BLACK CATHOLIC CONGRESS XIII

Day of Reflection Follow-Up
& Info Session

Please join us to share feedback on the October Day of Reflection, especially if you are registered, or interested in attending the National meeting, July 20-23, 2023.

**SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 4, 2023
10:30 AM - 12 PM
OUR LADY OF PEACE
CHURCH**

REGISTRATION:
DIOCESEOFCLEVELAND.ORG/EVENTS

OPEN GYM is Coming!!!

St. Agnes Our Lady of Fatima Parish’s OPEN GYM program will be coming soon. Registration will initially be open to all 6th to 12th grade Youth and Teens in our parish and participants at Fatima Family Center. The Program will be an opportunity for our young people to develop their relationship with God as well as their skills in basketball. More information is forthcoming. If interested, please contact Fr. James at the parish or Mr. Dell Robinson at (216)470-0398

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!**

MISSALETTES FOR 2022-23

The Missallettes 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.

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**

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.

COMMUNICATION COMMISSION

The Communication Commission is actively looking for new members. The role of the Communications Commission is *“to effectively inform members within our parish and the greater community of various gatherings, ministry opportunities, activities, current events, and general Catholic faith-based information” using various media resources and interpersonal communications in order to “strengthen engagement among parishioners and to bring all to a closer relationship with God and each other...”* If you sense a call to serve in this important ministry, please call Fr. James 216-391-1655. Ext 11

WISDOM COUNCIL MEETING:

All members of the Wisdom Council are invited to the next meeting on Sunday January 29th after the 10:30 Mass in the **Mother Lange and Father Tolton** room.

Reminder: REVIVAL COMMITTEE MEETING

The Advent Revival Planning Committee follow-up meeting is this Wednesday, the 24th at 6:30PM via Zoom. Contact **Carla Grant** for Zoom access: 216-200-1525 or cgbible40@gmail.com

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Our Gift to You: A Free Will-Writing Resource

We've partnered with Free Will to make it easier for our community to create their Catholic legacy. Using this online tool, you can write a legal will for free and protect your blessings, while including the necessary language to create an eternal legacy gift in your plans. This resource takes 20 minutes or less and can be paired with an attorney for more complex estates. We invite you to visit <https://www.freewill.com/catholiccommunity> to write a free, legal will.

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, 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, Nina Simmons, Bertha McClain Alexander, Loraine Taylor

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.

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 01-15-2023

In Church	\$2,669.00
Mass Intentions	\$10.00
Local Charities	\$2.00
Hall Rental	\$1410.00
Holyday-Solemnity of Mary	\$1.00
Cash App	\$191.00
Vanco On-Line	\$1147.69
Initial Offering for Envelopes	\$20.00
Building Fund	\$7.00
Diocesan Gas and Oil Royalties	\$2609.70
Candles	\$15.00
Fr. Bob's Picnic Reimbursement	\$50.00
Catholic University of America	\$134.00
Total	\$8266.39

VOLUNTEER COLLECTION COUNTERS NEEDED!

Our Parish is still in need of **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!**

50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The diocesan annual 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass with Bishop Malesic will take place on **Saturday, June 24, 2023 at 9:30 AM** in the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. The Cathedral will be open for seating at 9 AM on a first come first served basis.

All couples **married in 1973** are invited and may bring family with them. **This is not a ticketed event. There is no registration required.** If you have questions contact Erin at 216-696-6525 ext 7670.

Note: Parishioners celebrating 50 years of marriage this year should contact Fr. James at the parish office.

COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC:

Location: Fatima Family Center

When: Tuesday Jan. 24, 2023, **Time:** 11:30-1:30PM

-Vaccine recipients will receive a free gift card

-Lunch Provided

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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.

PARISH INFORMATION

Address: 6800 Lexington Avenue
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Office: 216-391-1655

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Website: www.saolf.org

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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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**