

January 8, 2023 The Epiphany of Our Lord

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord. For the Church, the Epiphany refers to the manifestation of the Divine Son of God to the world. This manifestation is more than just a revelation of the Divine God to the World. It transcends the ancient meaning of the Greek word, **epiphany**, which scholars say refers to a feeling or experience of a realization in which we grasp a new insight or make a profound discovery. Today we celebrate an intimate encounter between God and His creation, an encounter of persons. Along with that, an exchange of gifts. Certainly, the gifts offered by the Magi were precious and prophetic. Gold which proclaimed the royal dignity of Jesus as the prophesied inheritor of the throne of King David; frankincense which recognized his divinity as the Son of God, and myrrh which would symbolize his sharing in our humanity including death, death on the Cross. Yet, in this encounter, the Magi received the superior gift, a personal encounter with the Son of God who looked at them with human eyes, touched them with human hands and spoke to their heart with human yet also divine words. This encounter would lead the Magi on a new journey for the rest of their lives symbolized in the new route they traveled away from the sin symbolized in Herod. We also like the Magi, encounter the Lord who looks upon us, touches us and speaks to our hearts. We most visibly encounter him through His Church. In this encounter gifts are exchanged. We give Him ourselves though acts of worship and love, yet we receive the far superior gift which is the Lord Himself especially in the Holy Eucharist. In this encounter we also are called to journey on a new route in life away from sin onward to our final journey, where we will eternally be with Him who came into the world to be with us.

“Taking the Next Step as One in Christ” Stewardship Program

Over the next few weeks, you will be hearing about the upcoming “Taking the Next Step as One in Christ” stewardship program at St. Agnes-Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church. This effort is very important as we move forward with the mission and vision of St. Agnes-Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church. We, as a parish family, have changed so many lives in our community! In order to continue our mission and ministries, we encourage all parishioners to spend time in prayer and discussion with your family reflecting on the work we do. Our special Commitment Weekend will be celebrated on January 28 & 29. If you have any questions regarding the “Taking the Next Step as One in Christ” stewardship program, please feel free to contact Fr. James at the parish office.

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK

Sun, Jan 8 – The Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 Eph 3:2-3, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12
8:30am For the Soul of Fr. Frank Yacobi, OFM Cap.
10:30am For World Peace

Mon, Jan 9 – The Baptism of the Lord, Feast
Is 42:1-4, 6-7 Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10 Mt 3:13-17

Tue, Jan 10 – Seasonal Weekday
Heb 2:5-12 Ps 8:2, 5-9 Mk 1:21-28

Wed, Jan 11 – Seasonal Weekday
Heb 2:14-18 Ps 105:1-4, 6-9 Mk 1:29-39

Thu, Jan 12 – St. Bernard of Corleone, Capuchin
Heb 3:7-14 Ps 95:6-7, 8-11 Mk 1:40-45

Fri, Jan 13 - Seasonal Weekday
Heb 4:1-5, 11 Ps 78:3, 4, 6-8 Mk 2:1-12

Sat, Jan 14 – Seasonal Weekday
Heb 4:12-16 Ps 19:8-10, 15 Mk 2:13-17

Sunday, Jan 15- Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 49:3, 5-6 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10 1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34

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.

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

PROTECTING GOD’S CHILDREN

The Diocese of Cleveland’s “Protecting God’s Children” program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present suspected inappropriate behavior toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, please contact the Diocesan Response Service Office at (216) 334 -2999 or via email at response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org. You are also asked to immediately inform local authorities about inappropriate behavior.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
8-Jan	The Epiphany of the Lord	
Comm	Betty Smith	Lorraine McMillian
Lector	Veronica Safo	Tara Young
Server	<i>Needed</i>	Gavin Smedley Eric Smedley Jr.
Usher	Theresa Hughley Lazuras Oranugo	Donzell Andrew Jr. Michelle Booker Billy Cardwell <i>Needed</i>
15-Jan	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Comm	Ellen Connally	Terrance Marsh
Lector	Sabina Conroy	Betty Washington
Server	<i>Needed</i>	Divine Onuorah Melvin Onuorah Robin Allan Billy Cardwell Antoinette Smith Linda Weatherspoon
Usher	Thomas Stover Lazuras Oranugo	

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 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.

Greetings from Sr. Jane Nesmith! “St. Katharine Drexel, the foundress of my religious community, would be pleased to know that she could accommodate the Cleveland Diocese with personnel in 2022 as she was privileged to do in 1943. Thank you for your welcoming spirit!”

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

NBCC XIII Day of Reflection Follow-up

There will be a **follow-up session** to the **National Black Catholic Congress XIII October Day of Reflection** with a firm diocesan plan for participation in the National Black Catholic Congress XIII on Saturday, February 4, 2023, 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m. at Our Lady of Peace Church. All are welcome to this gathering.

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, 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

PARISH CALENDARS

The parish calendars are available for the Year 2023. Created by the Josephites, they highlight events and dates significant to our Black Catholic Community. Please limit your calendars to one per household so that everyone may be able to get one for their family. Thank you!

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 01-01-2023

In Church	\$3,576.00
Local Charities	\$20.00
Holyday-Christmas	\$165.00
HolyDay-Solemnity of Mary	\$60.00
Cash App	\$30.00
Vanco On-Line	\$762.56
Initial Offering for Envelopes	\$27.00
Lector Workbooks	\$40.00
Flowers	\$15.00
Donations	\$15.50
Liturgy of the Word Missals	\$20.00
Candles	\$11.00
Revival T-Shirts	\$40.00
Total	\$4,781.56

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!**

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 today. 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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Catholic University Collection | 14-15 January 2023

The Catholic University of America is the national research university of the Catholic Church in the United States. Gifts to the National Collection support students during this crucial time and help the University conduct critical research that will serve parishes and dioceses throughout the country. Please consider supporting this great university.

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.

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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Fatima Family Center: 6600 Lexington Ave.
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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**