

DECEMBER 25, 2022 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK

Today we celebrate proclaiming those words announced at the Christmas Midnight Mass Entrance Antiphon:

“Let us all rejoice in the Lord, for our Savior has been born in the world. Today true peace has come down to us from Heaven.”

Today we celebrate the birthday of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Word of God, who became human just like us in all things but sin. **The living Word of God, as St. Paul tells us** “...Who though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance.” Also in this miracle, St. Paul tells us that “*He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross.*” (Phil 2:6-8) Therefore, not only do we celebrate that God has come into the world to live like us, but that the eternal God eternally planned to die like us so that we might share in His eternal life. This is why the Church teaches us that “*The Word became flesh for us in order to save us by reconciling us with God.*” and “...to make us ‘partakers of the divine nature.’”

This truth reveals the merciful love of God for us and the eternal intimate relationship with our Heavenly Father we truly desire.

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK

Sun, Jan 1 – The Nativity of the Lord

Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18
5:00pm(Sat. Vigil) For All Babies Born this Year
8:30am For those Grieving the Loss of a Loved One
10:30am For the Homebound and Homeless

Mon, Jan 2 – St. Stephen

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Ps 31:3-4, 6-8, 16-17 Mt 10:17-22

Tue, Jan 3 – St. John, Apostle, Evangelist

Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Jn 20:1, 2-8

Wed, Jan 4 – The Holy Innocents

Jn 1:5--2:2 Ps 124:2-5, 7-8 Mt 2:13-18

Thu, Jan 5 – The Fifth Day within the Octave of The Nativity of the Lord

Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96:1-3, 5-6 Lk 2:22-35

Fri, Jan 6 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 128:1-5 Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Sat, Jan 7 – The Seventh Day within the Octave of The Nativity of the Lord

Jn 2:18-21 Ps 96:1-2, 11-13 Jn 1:1-18

NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
(NEW YEAR'S DAY)

Saturday, December 31st Vigil Mass: 5PM

Sunday, January 1st Masses: 8:30AM and 10:30AM

PARISH OFFICE HOURS for

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS

Beyond normal listed hours, the parish office will also be closed on the following days:

CLOSED on:

Monday, December 26th & Tuesday, December 27th

Monday January 2nd & Tuesday January 3rd

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.

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 MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
25-Dec	The Nativity of the Lord	
Comm	Ellen Connally	Jeanette Austin
Lector	Uzuamaka Oranugo	Brian Upton
Server	Uzuchukku Oranugo	Divine Onuorah Jordon Ivery
Usher	Lazuras Oranugo Theresa Hughley	Michelle Booker Jeremiah Robinson Elinor Williamson Crystal Willis
1-Jan	The Epiphany of the Lord	
Comm	Ellen Connally	Josie Kramer
Lector	Sabina Conroy	Tiana Banks
Server		Jeremiah Robinson Divine Onuorah
Usher	Lazuras Oranugo Thomas Stover	Yvette Andre 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** so she can review your status and get you back active. **Thank you for serving the Lord with your ministerial gifts!**

**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!!

Black Catholic Ministries Update

In consultation with the new director, Sr. Jane Nesmith, SBS, the Office for Ministry with African American Catholics has been renamed the **Office of Black Catholic Ministries** to reflect the broader scope of the ministries which will be offered to parishes and schools. We continue to pray for the Lord to fill Sr. Jane with the power of His Holy Spirit.

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-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

CHURCH CALENDARS

Have been ordered and will be available in the Narthex when they arrive. Please only take one per household so that all may have one. When they run out, they are gone until next year!

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 12-18-2022

In Church	\$3266.00
Cash App	\$137.00
Vanco On-Line	\$725.54
Advent Revival	\$386.00
Advent Revival via CashApp	\$40.00
Advent Revival T-shirts via CashApp	\$30.00
Building Fund	\$105.25
Candles	\$31.00
Donations	\$795.00
Liturgy of the Word Missals	\$45.00
Flowers	\$125.00
Special Collection: Retired Religious	\$25.00
Total	\$5710.79

And, if you are 70½ or older, you may be able to make a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA that will help us in our ministry and reduce your taxable income. Talk to your advisors and IRA administrator for more information and to be sure that your IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution gift is made directly from an IRA to a qualified charity such as our parish. You are also welcome to contact Jean Ann Montagna of the Catholic Community Foundation at 216-696-6525 x8070.

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

Angel Scholarship Fund

There is still time this year for every Ohio Taxpayer to benefit while supporting Catholic schools through the Angel Scholarship Fund. Thanks to Ohio's new tax credit scholarship program, taxpayers can contribute up to \$750 for individuals or \$1,500 married filing jointly by the end of 2022 and receive it all back as a credit when filing taxes next spring. Donors can designate the school at which the funds will be used or give to the area of greatest need. Must donate by December 31, 2022 to qualify. Visit: <https://www.catholiccommunity.org/angel-scholarship-fund/overview> for complete details.

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

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
Office: 216-391-1655
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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Rev. David Domanski, OFM Cap. Associate Pastor
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Rev. Mr. Hardin Martin, Deacon
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Mr. Cary Dabney, Director of Religious Education
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Mr. Danny McElroy, Director of Music Ministry
dannymac63@roadrunner.com
Mr. Reginald Daniels, Custodian
custodian@saolf.org

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 and click on "Make a Gift."
For **CashApp** users: send to **\$saolf**

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...

...will be available in the Church Narthex next weekend. If do not see a set for you and you want envelopes, please contact Fr. James at jwatson@dioceseofcleveland.org during the week.

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.

Planned Giving Year-End Giving In this season of giving, consider making a year-end gift to our parish in gratitude for all the blessings you have received in life. As you plan to make the most of your charitable donations in 2022, know that we gratefully accept gifts of cash and appreciated assets such as stocks or bonds.