

February 5, 2023
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK

In Last week's Gospel, Jesus begins His Sermon on the Mount teaching his listeners how to become Blessed. It is by living the Beatitudes. The Catholic Catechism defines tells us that *"The Beatitudes depict the countenance of Jesus Christ and portray his charity. They express the vocation of the faithful associated with the glory of his Passion and Resurrection; they shed light on the actions and attitudes characteristic of the Christian life; they proclaim the blessings and rewards already secured, however dimly, for Christ's disciples"* (CCC 1717). In this week's Gospel, Jesus builds on this teaching pointing out that living the beatitudes transforms the disciple into "salt" of the Earth and "light" of the world. Let's focus on the salt in this reflection. We know that salt (*not too much*) is often used to flavor food. We also know that it serves as a preservative, and it is also known for its antibacterial properties particularly when used for oral infections and other injuries. In other words, salt is good and useful. It brings flavor to tasteless food; it helps preserve some foods delaying them from going bad too quickly, and it also helps in the healing process during sickness. The disciple is called to be like salt in the lives of those who have experienced a "bad taste" in life due to their sufferings. The poor, oppressed, imprisoned, sick, orphaned, refugeeed and many others might say they've had enough of the world like a bad meal. Encountering a disciple of Jesus should be like tasting and seeing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 34:9). And for those suffering from the virus of sin, the disciple brings the healing power of Christ's mercy and forgiveness into that woundedness through acts of mercy.

***Taking
the Next Step
as One in
Christ***

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed and submitted your Commitment Card to the church. For those parishioners who have not yet had the opportunity to submit their card, a letter will be mailed to you with a personalized Commitment Card. Each and every one of you is a vital member of our parish community and we want to hear from you! This is an opportunity to *reflect upon and renew* your sacrificial commitment to support the mission of **St. Agnes-Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church**. For those who are able – there is an opportunity to make a one-time gift to the parish. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

This Sunday we celebrate **World Day For Consecrated Life**. We recognize and give thanks for those who have consecrated their lives to God and the Church through the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. The consecrated life is one way that women and men live out their baptismal commitment as followers of Jesus. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day.

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE
AFRICAN-AMERICAN and AFRICAN
FAMILY**

February 5, 2023

*"Celebrating our Blessed Assurance:
This is Our Song,
This is Our Song"*

In Memory of Fr. James E. Goode, OFM

Please take a prayer book available at all entrances to celebrate this day with your family and friends.

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

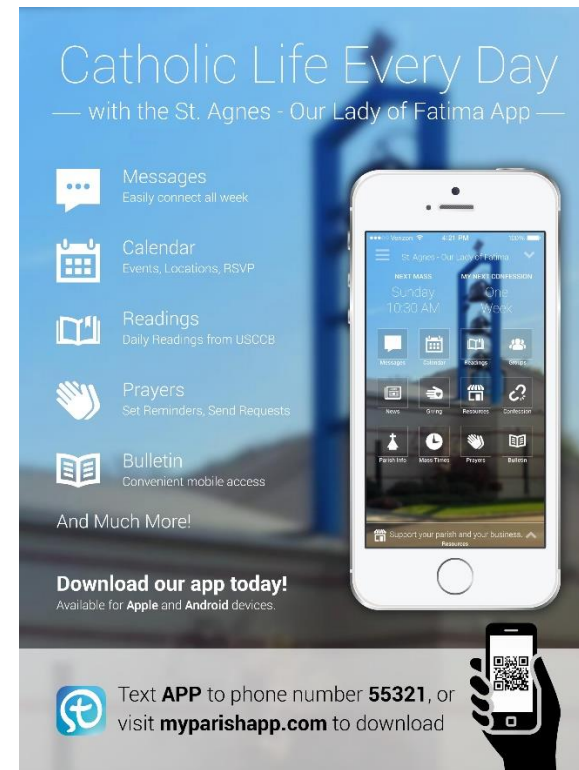
MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK

Sun, Feb 5 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 58:7-10 Ps 112:4-9 1 Cor 2:1-5 Mt 5:13-16
8:30am For Women and Men in Consecrated Life
10:30am Needs of the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration
Mon, Feb 6 – St. Paul & Companions
Gn 1:1-19 Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 24, 35 Mk 6:53-56
Tue, Feb 7 – Seasonal Weekday
Gn 1:20—2:4 Ps 8:4-9 Mk 7:1-13
Wed, Feb 8 – Seasonal Weekday
Gn 2:4-9, 15-17 Ps 104:1-2, 27-30 Mk 7:14-23
Thu, Feb 9 – Seasonal Weekday
Gn 2:18-25 Ps 128:1-5 Mk 7:24-30
Fri, Feb 10 – St. Scholastica
Gn 3:1-8 Ps 32:1-2, 5-7 Mk 7:31-37
Sat, Feb 11 – Seasonal Weekday
Gn 3:9-24 Ps 90:2-6, 12-13 Mk 8:1-10
Sun, Feb 12- Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 15:15-20 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 1 Cor 2:6-10
Mt 5:17-37

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!**

Download Our New Parish App!



Our new ST. Agnes - Our Lady of Fatima app is now available to download for iPhone and Android smart phones. Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications, an easy-to-access event calendar, and the ability to quickly reply to or share messages via Facebook or Twitter. Also enjoy a bunch of additional features like prayers, daily readings, helpful reminders to silence your phone before Mass or Confession, and much more.

Help foster a stronger parish life at ST. Agnes - Our Lady of Fatima and better engage the New Evangelization. Download our app today at myparishapp.com or search your phone's app store for myparish. You can also scan the following QR Code to your phone:



LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES		
	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
5-Feb	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Comm	Betty Smith	Carla Grant-Smith
Lector	Ellen Connally	Tara Young
Server	<i>Needed</i>	Divine Onuorah Melvin Onuorah
Usher	Theresa Hughley Karen Larry	Robin Allen Billy Cardwell Antoinette Smith Linda Weatherspoon
12-Feb	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Comm	<i>Needed</i>	Josie Kramer
Lector	Sabina Conroy	Lorraine McMillan
Server	Uzuchukku Oranugo	Gavin Smedley Eric Smedley, Jr.
Usher	Theresa Hughley Karen Larry	Robin Allen Billy Cardwell Antoinette Smith Linda Weatherspoon

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!*

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

The Men's Group is coordinating a **Superbowl Party** on February 12th here at the Church in the Harambee room. Please bring beverages and a covered dish or snack to share. Gathering will begin at 5:00PM and all should enter off of the Legacy Hall entrance facing E. 70th St.

Contact: Julio Taylor (216)973-8036 or Reggie Daniels (216)391-1655 for more information.

OPEN GYM is Coming!!!

St. Agnes Our Lady of Fatima Parish's OPEN GYM program will be coming soon. **Registration is open now 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. To



REGISTER, please contact Fr. James at the parish or Mr. Dell Robinson at (216)470-0398

Online registration will be available soon!

The Diocesan Evening of Confession

will return this year on March 8th. St. Agnes-Our Lady of Fatima Parish along with all the parishes in the diocese will welcome the faithful from 5-8 pm. All are invited to participate in the Sacrament of God's mercy at their own parish or any parish in the diocese.

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.

SAVE THE DATE:

Saint Agnes - Our Lady of Fatima Church

Women's Tea:

May 20th, 2023 2:4:30

More Information Coming

Lenten Ministry: FOOD BANK Volunteers

During the season of Lent there will be opportunities for members of SAOLF to volunteer at the **Cleveland Food Bank**. If you are interested, please contact Michelle Kennedy at JAFFS1926@gmail.com or 216-990-1635 and then a meeting will be scheduled.

Marriage Ministry Celebration

Theme: "In Love and Fidelity"



All Married Couples are invited to the **MARRIAGE MINISTRY CELEBRATION**

Sunday Feb 19th

beginning with the **10:30 Mass**

followed by a gathering of food, fun, games and fellowship in the **Harambee Room from 12:30-3PM**
Bring a Potluck Dish to Share

For more information contact:

Deacon Hardin and Rosary Martin: (216) 337-1235

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.

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 Durrh, 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, Nina Simmons, Bertha McClain Alexander, Loraine Taylor

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 01-29-2023

In Church	\$3635.00
Cash App	\$310.00
Vanco On-Line	\$649.78
Initial Offering for Envelopes	\$10.00
Building Fund	\$5.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$5.00
Local Charities	\$3.00
Hall Rental	\$1100.00
Total	\$5717.78

MEETINGS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Pastoral Council: Thurs, Feb 9th at 6:30 via ZOOM

Men's Group: Sun Feb 12th after the 10:30 Mass,
Super Bowl Party begins at 5:00PM

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
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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:

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

Weekday: As Scheduled

Holyday: 7:00 p.m.

PARISH STAFF:

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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**