

January 29, 2023 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK

Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! (Matthew 5:3)

Poverty, in a material sense, is looked down upon in our world. Humanity is always aspiring to alleviate poverty, to end world hunger, to provide everyone with not only the bare necessities, but enough to live a healthy and sustainable lifestyle. These are good things to aim for and work for as a Church in the world today. This is one of the main objectives of Catholic Social Teaching which holds to the dignity of each and every human life and the goods that all are deserving of. If this is so, why does Jesus teach that the “poor in spirit” are blessed and in possession of the Kingdom of Heaven? Is he arguing that we should ignore efforts to alleviate poverty and actually aim for greater poverty? Jesus tells us in other parts of the Gospel that, unfortunately, the poor will always be with us. In His Divine knowledge He knows that sin will always affect the kingdom of man and therefore there will always be some who are in situations of poverty. Part of His teaching is to give hope to those who are in those situations and remind them that He is close to them and will never leave them nor forsake them. In fact, with little material goods often comes great faith and this is what possessing the Kingdom of God is about. For those who have been given material comforts, Jesus’ teaching moves them to not set their hearts on them. We have to be careful not to be too possessive of the perishable things of the world or else we can easily become possessed by them! Jesus reminds us to pursue the things that are permanent and absolute. First, to go after our relationship with God by responding to His love in prayer and giving Him praise and thanksgiving. Then, we are to carry Him into all the other relationships in our lives. Our family, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and in a particular way those who are in poverty, lost or lonely. The Lord hears the cry of the poor and when we seek to be with those on the margins, we not only minister to them, but allow them to minister to us. As the Kingdom of heaven is theirs, they can help us to make it ours as well! May the fire of the Holy Spirit be with you and move you according to Jesus’ teaching today! – Fr. David Domanski

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

Taking the Next Step as One in Christ

Thank you for celebrating Commitment Sunday with us this weekend. Your commitment to our parish through our “**Taking the Next Step as One in Christ**” program will continue to bring life to our community. If completing your Commitment Card was not possible at Mass, you may visit our parish website at www.saolf.org and complete an electronic Commitment Card or you can mail your card to the church.

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

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK	
Sun, Jan 29 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Zep 2:3; 3:12-13 Ps 146:6-10 1 Cor 1:26-31 Mt 5:1-12a	
8:30am For the Souls in Purgatory 10:30am Thomas Kramer(Dec.)	
Mon, Jan 30 – St. Hyacinth Marescotti, Virgin	
Heb 11:32-40 Ps 31:20-24 Mk 5:1-20	
Tue, Jan 31 – St. John Bosco, Priest	
Heb 12:1-4 Ps 22:26-28, 30-32 Mk 5:21-43	
Wed, Feb 1 – Seasonal Weekday	
Heb 12:4-7, 11-15 Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a Mk 6:1-6	
Thu, Feb 2 – The Presentation of the Lord, Feast	
Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7-10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40	
Fri, Feb 3 – St. Blaise, Bishop, Martyr – Optional Mem	
Heb 13:1-8 Ps 27:1,3,5,8-9, Mk 6:14-29	
Sat, Feb 4 – St. Joseph of Leonessa, Capuchin Priest	
Heb 13:15-17, 20-21 Ps 23:1-6 Mk 6:30-34	
Sun, Jan 29- Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Is 58:7-10 Ps 112:4-9 1 Cor 2:1-5 Mt 5:13-16	

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.

**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 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!

New Parish App Coming Next Week!

Sunday, Feb 4th, 2023,

St. Agnes - Our Lady of Fatima **will launch our own app for iPhone and Android smart phones** next Sunday. This will allow us to better communicate with you throughout the week and keep you updated with relevant parish news or updates. The app is very well designed and very intuitive. It will be a great resource for parishioners by providing daily Mass readings, Catholic news and prayers, convenient prayer and Confession reminders, our bulletins and more. We hope for our new app to be a tool for fostering stronger parish life at St. Agnes - Our Lady of Fatima and better engaging the New Evangelization.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

8:30 AM 10:30 AM

22-Jan 4 th Sunday in Ordinary Time		
Comm	Sabina Conroy	Brian Upton
Lector	Tyler Hughley	Rita Shinhearl
Server	Sharla Durand	Syann Hughes Gavin Smedley
Usher	Lonnie Smith Thomas Stover	Michelle Booker Jeremiah Robinson Elinor Williamson <i>Needed</i>
29-Jan 5 th 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

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.

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

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** 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

MEETINGS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK:

Spiritual Life and Liturgy Commission Meeting:

-Wednesday, Feb 1st at 6:30PM

Memorial of St. Blaise on Friday, Feb 3rd: -

-Mass with Blessing of Throats: 7:00AM and 5:00PM

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-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

The Fatima Family Center

presents its

5th Annual Black History Showcase

"WHERE WOULD AMERICA BE WITHOUT ME?"

See the contributions and inventions that really make America great and learn about Inventors you never knew.

Free & Open to the Public

February 1st – 10th: 9:00am - 6:00pm

Friday, February 10th: 9:00am - 7pm

Sunday, February 12th: 1pm - 3pm

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 01-22-2023

In Church	\$2,963.00
Cash App	\$132.00
Vanco On-Line	\$562.47
Initial Offering for Envelopes	\$15.00
Building Fund	\$15.00
Candles	\$5.00
T-Shirts	\$135.00
Catholic University of America	\$18.00
Share Your Faith Campaign	\$85.00
Christmas	\$5.00
Total	\$3,935.47

VOLUNTEER COLLECTION COUNTERS

NEEDED!

Our Parish is still in need of a couple more **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!** Thank you to those who have offered to help in this holy ministry.

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.

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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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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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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**