

May 21, 2023 The Ascension of the Lord

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK

Today we celebrate the Ascension of Christ who goes to prepare a place for His bride, the Church. Recall on the Fifth Sunday of Easter we heard from the Gospel of John in which Jesus said "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places... And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be." (John 14:2a, 3) However, Jesus Christ, the head of His Bride, the Church, also states that He will be with His Bride always, carrying Her into that perfect dwelling place. All His bride has to do is take His hand and follow Him. He is the Way, the Truth and the Life. May each one of us as members of His Bride, follow Him by living lives rooted in Faith, Hope and Charity.

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK

Sun, May 21- The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 Eph 1:17-23 Mt 28:16-20
8:30am - For the Intentions of the Poor Clare Nuns
10:30am - For the Souls in Purgatory

Mon, May 22 - Easter Weekday

Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-7 Jn 16:29-33

Tue, May 23 - Easter Weekday

Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 Jn 17:1-11

Wed, May 24- Easter Weekday

Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30, 33-36 Jn 17:11-19

Thu, May 25- Easter Weekday

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11 Jn 17:20-26

Fri, May 26- St. Philip Neri

Acts 25:13-21 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 Jn 21:15-19

Sat, May 27- Easter Weekday

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Ps 11:4-5, 7 Jn 21:20-25

Sun, May 28- Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13
Jn 20:19-23

New Member Registration:

If you and your family would like to register to be a member of the St. Agnes Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Parish Family, **We welcome you with great love and joy!** You can contact the Parish office: (216) 391-1655 or register online at: <https://bit.ly/SAOLF-NewRegistration>



ROSARY DURING MAY

May is the month of devotion to Mary, the Mother of God. This is the perfect time to participate in the Scriptural Rosary each Sunday during the Month. The Rosary Group leads a Scriptural Rosary in the Church every Sunday after the 8:30AM Mass. Please Join in as we Pray for our Parish, our Community and the World. Rosaries and Prayer Guides will be provided.

Youth and Adult Altar Servers Needed

Altar Serving is...

- ...A service directed to God above all.
- ...A ministry of assisting the clergy, bishops, priests and deacons in their roles of liturgical leadership.
- ...A ministry of service to the People of God gathered together to worship Him.

If you or your child/teen are interested in this holy ministry, go to <https://www.saolf.org/altar-servers/> or contact the parish office to have a signup form sent to 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!**

Correction: Last week's offering of \$10,945.08 was actually from May 7th, 2023

SUNDAY OFFERINGS 05-14-2023:

In Church	\$3186.50
Local Charities	\$9.00
Building Fund	\$6.25
Mass Intentions	\$30.00
Candles	\$22.00
Catechetical Services	\$109.00
Donations	\$17050.00
Hall Rental	\$500.00
Women's Tea	\$350.00
Men's Ministry	\$25.00
Other Special Collections	\$8.75
Cash App	\$337.00
Vanco On-Line	\$1,178.07
Total	\$22,811.57

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sacraments and Faith Formation Registration 2023-24:

Please sign your child/teen up 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, go online at: <https://bit.ly/SWAGG-Registration>
You can also pick up a form at the church entrance or call **Mr. Cary Dabney** at 216-391-1655 ext#14

R.C.I.A. FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN

Are you someone or do you know someone who....

- ❖ Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- ❖ Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- ❖ Is thirsting for God?

We offer an opportunity to come together to learn about the Catholic faith. To get started visit: <https://www.saolf.org/rite-of-christian-initiation-of-adults> or contact our Director of Religious Education, **Mr. Cary Dabney** at 216-391-1655 ext#14

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
21-May	The Ascension of the Lord	
Comm	Veronica Safo	Lorraine McMillian
Lector	Tyler Hughley	Josie Kramer
Server	Sharla Durand	Gavin Smedley
		Divine Onuorah
Usher	Karen Larry	Yvette Andre
	Lonnie Smith	Yvonne Griffin
		Sheila Griffin-McCoy
		Erik Smith
28-May	Pentecost Sunday	
Comm	Sabina Conroy	Chi Chi Onuorah
Lector	Uzuamaka Oranugo	Carol Grant
Server	Sharla Durand	Jeremiah Robinson
		Syan Hughes
Usher	Thomas Stover	Michelle Booker
	Lazuras Oranugo	Billy Cardwell
		Lena Austin
		Erik Smith



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. Training sessions are being scheduled. **Thank you for serving the Lord with your ministerial gifts!**

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION REFRESHER TRAINING

Attention all current Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Lectors and/or Commentators. There will be a meeting and refresher training held on Saturday, June 10th from 10AM to Noon at the Parish. Please contact: **Carla Grant** at 216-200-1525 or cgbible40@gmail.com to indicate you will be attending. **Thank you for serving the Lord with your ministerial gifts!**

CALLING ALL GRADUATES

It is that time of year to gather and recognize our graduating class of 2023! If you are graduating from grade school, high school, college or trade school; if you have completed post college degree work at the Masters or Doctoral level; please submit your information to your information to Fr. James at <https://saolf-parish.com/SAOLF-Graduates2023>, or send an email to pastor@saolf.org, or place a note in the offering basket. Congratulations to all who have worked for academic and professional success this year!

Young Adult Ministry

- **Theology on Tap East | Monday, May 22, 7:00 pm Abo's Grill, Lyndhurst**
Speaker: Ron Nowak
Topic: "Near-Death Experiences and Jesus"

Memorial Day Masses— Monday, May 29th:

Catholic Cemeteries Association will celebrate Memorial Day Mass at various cemetery locations and three parishes on Monday, May 29, 2023. Several Cemetery Masses will be outdoors so please bring a lawn chair and an umbrella in case of inclement weather. Mass times are 10 a.m. except where noted as 8:30 a.m., 9 a.m., or 9:30 a.m. Visit the "Events" tab on our website: <https://www.cleccem.org/> for specific locations and times of the Memorial Day Masses as well as other memorial events throughout the year. If you have further questions, please contact **Rhonda** at 216-930-4866.



FULL CHRISTIAN INITIATION:

Church family, please pray for our young catechumen, Vanessa Walker, who will receive Full Christian Initiation on Pentecost Sunday next week during the 10:30 Mass. Vanessa has been preparing for this day for a long time. She will receive all three Sacraments of Initiation: **Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist.** Prior to this celebration, she will be anointed with the Oil of Catechumens in a private ceremony. **Let us give praise glory and honor to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit!**



Prayers of the Faithful(Intercessions)

We are looking for volunteers to proclaim one of 7 Intercessions at Mass next week on Pentecost Sunday in their own language. **You will be provided with the text in English to translate.** If interested, please contact the parish at saolf1980@gmail.com or Fr. James at pastor@saolf.org by **WEDNESDAY, MAY 24th**

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, Adriene Hall, JoAnn Hinson, Althea Hite, Ursula Hite, Patricia Heard, Estelle Hodges, Kyllan Hughes, Valada Hutchinson, 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, 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. **FAMILIES:** The Lane Family, The Poteat Family

Mon-Fri 9am-5pm
4 Week Financial Literacy Camp
 Your Child Will Learn:
 How to balance a budget
 How to get, build, and fix credit
 How to start a business
 Branding and Marketing strategies for 2023

Want to know more?
 Call 330-333-5322



GOLF LESSONS FOR STUDENTS(ages 12-18)
 This 12-week course is open to youth, male and female ages 12-18. Only 12 students will be accepted. Come learn the sport of golf and many other life skills to help make you successful.

Initial Classes are on Wednesdays beginning at 5:30PM in the Parish Hall. **Only 12 students will be accepted(9 openings available).** Call Fr. James right away to sign up today or register at: <https://saolf-parish.com/Youth-Golf>

Human Life Office of the Diocese of Cleveland
Who We Are & How We Serve - The Human Life office educates and inspires people throughout the diocese to be stewards of the gift of life that God has given us. Through prayer, education, and pastoral care, we uphold and promote the consistent ethic of life from conception until natural death. This ethic of life is the thread that unites all efforts to uphold the dignity of life at all stages of existence.
Do you or someone you know need assistance? Call (216) 902-1303
 The office helps provide practical support for pregnancy and parenting. If you or someone you know is experiencing feelings of crisis or unexpected with pregnancy, we have resources for when you do not know what to do. For More Info, visit:
<https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/offices/parish-life/office-for-human-life/overview>

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING(VIRTUS)
 The Education Commission will be sponsoring Virtus Training this June for anyone who works with youth. If you are in need of this training contact Michelle Kennedy at JAFFS1925@GMAIL.COM or 216-990-1635 by May 27, 2023.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL
Year of Parish Revival
 In the parish phase of the Eucharistic Revival, all parishes are invited to dive more deeply into the mystery of the Eucharist through prayer, study, devotions and acts of service.
Events:
-Ballpark Mass Friday, July 28 from 7:00pm - 9:00pm
 Join us for an outdoor Mass at **Cleveland's Historic League Park** as we continue to celebrate the Eucharistic Revival! The Diocesan Gospel Choir will perform at 7:00 pm, followed by the celebration of Mass with Fr. Oscar Pratt from the Archdiocese of Boston presiding. The evening will end with a Eucharistic procession to St. Agnes/Our Lady of Fatima Parish at sunset. Spend the day and also join the festivities of **Fatima Center's 50 years of service to Cleveland's Hough Neighborhood and beyond.** There will be food trucks, music and many other activities. Join the Revival! Encounter Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and Eucharistic people.
-Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi): Sunday June 11th
 We will celebrate the Feast of The Body and Blood of Christ with **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** between the 8:30 and 10:30 Masses for prayer and devotion. Spend some time in prayer on that day before the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

St. Agnes+Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

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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
 Cleveland, Ohio 44103
Office: 216-391-1655
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Email: parish@saolf.org
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:

Rev. James Watson, OFM Cap. Pastor
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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**