

**July 30, 2023**  
**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK**

In the First Reading today, the Lord was pleased with Solomon's request that he be granted an understanding heart to govern the People of God. Why? Solomon humbly recognized his limitations and wisely chose to put the governance of the people in the hands of God by relying on divine gifts rather than on his own human wisdom or worldly powers. His choice of words revealed that he recognized the people belonged to God. *"I serve you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a people so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted. For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?"* (1 Kings 3:7-9). Solomon's words to the Lord's revealed a heart that loved God above all things preferring God be glorified and that the Lord be their true King. He also loved the people because he wanted what was truly good for them, which was to give them to the Providence of God. Paul writes about the benefits of such love as he states, "We know that all things work for good for those who love God..." (Romans 8:28) Seeking His glory and that His kingdom will reign is the priority of those who love him. Jesus teaches us in the Lord's prayer that this should be the desire of those who love the Father: *Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be you name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.* May we always desire to put the Kingdom of the Lord above all things and that He be the ruler of our lives and the world.

**MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK**

**Sun, July 30– Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130 Rom 8:28-30  
Mt 13:44-52  
8:30am – Tom Kramer  
10:30am – Maddy Coughlin  
**Mon, July 31– St. Ignatius of Loyola**  
Ex 32:15-34, 30-34 Ps 106:19-23 Mt 13:31-35  
**Tue, August 1– St. Alphonsus Liguori**  
Ex 33:7-11; 34:5-9, 28 Ps 103:6-13 Mt 13:36-43  
**Wed, August 2- Seasonal Weekday**  
Ex 34:29-35 Ps 99:5-7, 9 Mt 13:44-46  
**Thu, August 3- Seasonal Weekday**  
Ex 40:16-21, 34-38 Ps 84:3-6, 8, 11 Mt 13:47-53  
**Fri, August 4– St. John Vianney**  
Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34-37 Ps 81:3-6, 10-11 Mt 13:54-58  
**Sat, August 5-Seasonal Weekday**  
Lv 25:1, 8-17 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 Mt 14:1-12  
**Sun, August 6- The Transfiguration of the Lord**  
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 2 Pt 1:16-19 Mt 17:1-9

**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, You can contact the Parish office: (216) 391-1655 or register online at: <https://bit.ly/SAOLF-NewRegistration>



**ROSARY after the 8:30 MASS** 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.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES		
	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
<b>30-July</b>	<b>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
<b>Comm</b>	Betty Smith	Lorraine McMillian
<b>Lector</b>	Keith Durand	Erika Jones Smith
<b>Server</b>	Uzuchukku Oranugo	Donzell Andrew Jr. Divine Onuorah
<b>Usher</b>	Lonnie Smith	Billy Cardwell Antoinette Smith
	Theresa Hughley	Linda Weatherspoon Michelle Booker
<b>06-Aug</b>	<b>The Transfiguration of the Lord</b>	
<b>Comm</b>	Sabina Conroy	Angel Lozada
<b>Lector</b>	Mike Bussey	Tiana Banks
<b>Server</b>	Sharla Durand	Melvin Onuorah Syan Hughes
<b>Usher</b>	Lazuras Oranugo Thomas Stover	Michelle Booker Jeremiah Robinson Elinor Williamson Erik Smith

**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.  
**TRAINING DAY:** Saturday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 10am-12PM



**Liturgical Ministers**  
**CONTACT INFORMATION**  
**UPDATE**

If you are a liturgical minister (Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, Lector, etc.), **please contact to update**

**your contact information: Carla Grant: 216-200-1525** or [cgbible40@gmail.com](mailto:cgbible40@gmail.com). **Thank you for serving the Lord with your ministerial gifts!**

**CARING FOR HOMELESS YOUTH**

**Jeffrey Anderson II**, one of our Youth Parishioners, has initiated a project to help care for **HOMELESS YOUTH**. Please support his effort to care for those in need. To help support those young people in need, you can find a box located in the narthex for the collection of clothing and funds for homeless youth.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Sacraments and Faith Formation Registration 2023-24:** Please sign your child/teen up for First Communion, Confirmation. To register your child for next year, go online at: <https://saolf-parish.com/FaithFormation-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

**Live Streaming of the Mass:**

Live streaming of the Mass is back. We were finally able to get repairs on the network equipment completed. We are still in the process of upgrading our videography and sound equipment. This service is for those who for serious reasons cannot attend Mass in-person(ex. sickness, hospitalization, homebound and some employment situations).

**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 07-23-2023:**

In Church	\$1796.00
Peter's Pence	\$10.00
Cash App	\$20.00
Vanco On-Line	\$765.94
Hall Rental	\$1370.00
Local Charity	\$10.00
Building Fund	\$13.50
Donation(coin)	\$2.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3032.50</b>

**SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**

Every other Thursday from 5:30pm- 7pm up to September 7<sup>th</sup> @ the Fatima Family Center. Live performances by **Roots of American Music**. Bring your lawn chairs & enjoy this family friendly event. Food will be provided by the "Good Luck Truck." Reservations are required for food by calling the Fatima Center in advance @ 216-391-0505.

**MARRIAGE MINISTRY**  
**LUNCH CRUISE**

The Marriage Ministry is inviting married couples to attend a lunch cruise on **Saturday, August 19, 2023**, from **11:00 am - 1:00 pm** on the new ship, **the Lady Caroline**. **The cost is \$48.00 per person. The money is due no later than next Sunday, August 6th** to Veronica Safo after the 8:30 mass and to Rhonda Cross Mangham after the 10:30 mass. If you did not receive a text message with further details, or have additional questions, please contact Rhonda Cross Mangham at 216-956-1145. Thank you.

**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



**Save the date**  
**State of the Parish Meeting and Fellowship: September 24th**

If you have questions, you can place them in the suggestion box

**VOTER REGISTRATION**

You can verify that your voter information is up to date, or register to vote, at [VoteOhio.gov](http://VoteOhio.gov). You can also **request an absentee ballot** or find your **early in-person voting location**. **Dates to be aware of:**

- **Sunday, August 6:** Early In-Person Voting ends at 5:00 pm
- **Monday, August 7:** Last day to drop off or postmark your Absentee Ballot
- **Tuesday August 8:** [election day](#)



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Catholic or other eligible schools.

Go to <https://www.ohiocathconf.org/news/school-choice-expansion> for details on how to Apply Today!



## 2023 Fr. Chester P. Smith National Black Catholic Men's Conference

THURSDAY  
OCTOBER 12TH  
- SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 14TH



### LOCATION

MARRIOTT LOUISVILLE DOWNTOWN  
280 West Jefferson  
Louisville, KY 40202  
Room Rates  
Early Bird - \$239.00  
May 1st - September 19th  
\$351.00 after September 19th  
Self Parking: \$40.00  
Valet Parking: \$45.00

For more information, contact  
The Bowman-Francis Ministry  
at:  
317-800-1621

Email: [ministry@bowmanfrancis.org](mailto:ministry@bowmanfrancis.org)  
Website: [www.bowmanfrancis.org](http://www.bowmanfrancis.org)

Registration Cost:  
\$150.00 Adult - \$100.00 age 17 and below  
To register for the conference, go to:  
[www.bowmanfrancis.org](http://www.bowmanfrancis.org)  
ASK FOR THE:  
FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS CLICK ON

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ASK FOR THE:  
LOUISVILLE MARRIOTT DOWNTOWN FOR  
THE FATHER CHESTER P. SMITH'S NATIONAL  
BLACK MEN'S CONFERENCE IN OCTOBER  
2023

### 2023 FIRST STEP Program

The Church's teachings on marriage, divorce, and remarriage are often misunderstood. The First Step program is offered to help everyone, especially those who have been divorced, learn more about Catholic beliefs on marriage and how to submit an 'annulment' case.

Representatives from **Marriage and Family Ministry** of the Diocese of Cleveland will also be present to explain their ministry to those who are **separated or divorced**.

First Step sessions currently scheduled for 2023 are:

- St. Gabriel Parish, 9925 Johnnycake Ridge Road, **Mentor, OH 44060**, on **Thursday 14 September 2023, 7:00 p.m.**, in the Community Room of the Parish Life Center.
- St. Bartholomew Parish, 14865 E. Bagley Rd, **Middleburg Heights, OH 44130**, on **Wednesday 20 September 2023, 12:15 pm**, in Rectory Meeting Rooms A+B.
- St. Bartholomew Parish, 14865 E. Bagley Rd, **Middleburg Heights, OH 44130**, on **Wednesday 20 September 2023, 7:00 pm**, in Rectory Meeting Rooms A+B.
- Prince of Peace Parish, 1263 Shannon Ave., **Norton, OH 44203**, on **Tuesday, September 26 2023 at 7:00 pm** in the Parish Hall.

### CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION

#### CCA Grief Support August 20<sup>th</sup>

"In-Office" at 3:00pm and "Virtual" at 5:00pm:

The Catholic Cemeteries Association provides free monthly grief support groups in two formats: In-Office (3pm) at six Cemetery offices and Virtually (5pm) via Zoom. We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of most months; 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday if the third Sunday falls on a holiday. Meetings are open discussion, surrounding a monthly topic or whatever is in your heart. The August 20<sup>th</sup> topics are:

**"Planning for Special Days/Memorials"**

We offer a comfortable, private, and safe environment where you are free to explore your grief. Come and be in the presence of those who understand.

**3:00 pm In-Office Grief Support groups** meet in the main office building at each of the following 6 cemetery locations:

- \*All Saints, Northfield | 480 W. Highland Road
- \*All Souls, Chardon | 10366 Chardon Road
- \*Calvary Cleveland | 10000 Miles Avenue
- \*Holy Cross, Akron | 100 E Waterloo Road
- \*Holy Cross, Brook Park | 14609 Brook Park Road
- \*St. Joseph, Avon | 32789 Detroit Road

**5:00 pm Virtual Grief Support group** meets for an hour via Zoom and follows the same monthly topic discussion as the in-office groups. Sign-up at:

<http://bit.ly/ccavirtualgriefsupportgroup>

to receive login information and to download the handout materials. You can join virtually from any Wi-Fi enabled area via computer, laptop, smartphone, or even without Wi-Fi (via audio only) from your analog phone. If you do not have Wi-Fi or email, please contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866.

Your RSVP for both In-Person and Virtual Grief Support is appreciated but not required to attend. **For more information or if you have questions, please contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866.**

## St. Agnes+Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

A Ministry of the Capuchin Franciscan Friars  
Visit the Capuchins at [www.capuchin.com](http://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  
Email: [parish@saolf.org](mailto:parish@saolf.org)  
Website: [www.saolf.org](http://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  
[jwatson@saolf.org](mailto:jwatson@saolf.org)  
Rev. Mr. Hardin Martin, Deacon  
[deaconmartin@saolf.org](mailto:deaconmartin@saolf.org)  
Miss Brittany Taylor, Parish Secretary  
[btaylor@saolf.org](mailto:btaylor@saolf.org)  
Mr. Cary Dabney, Director of Religious Education  
[cabney@saolf.org](mailto:cabney@saolf.org)  
Mr. Danny McElroy, Director of Music Ministry  
[dannymac63@roadrunner.com](mailto:dannymac63@roadrunner.com)  
Mr. Reginald Daniels, Custodian

**Fatima Family Center:** 6600 Lexington Ave.  
LaJean Ray, Director  
216-391-0505

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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](http://www.saolf.org) and click on "Make a Gift."  
For CashApp users: send to \$saolf