

**August 27, 2023**  
**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK**

In the Gospel, Jesus encounters a Gentile, non-Jewish woman who apparently knew of Jesus and had come to faith in Him as Lord. This encounter teaches us about the disposition we should have in our relationship with God and how we should pray, particularly in this case, prayers of supplication. The woman first acknowledges Jesus as Lord. In this she clearly respects His authority knowing that Jesus is not obligated to answer her prayer as she cries out, "Have pity on me...". Her strong *faith* that He could heal her daughter is evident in her coming to Him and paying Him homage. A strong love for her daughter drives her *persistence* in pursuing Jesus despite the disciples rejection of her, most likely, because she was a Gentile. Then she reveals a *humble* spirit in response to Jesus' statement, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She is not put off by Jesus' statement and she recognizes that she is not an ethnic Jew and has no claim on God; however, she desires to be considered a member of the family of God even if it is in a lower position. Approaching our Lord with faith, perseverance rooted in love and humility like this woman moves the heart of the Lord who will respond with generous mercy.

**MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK**

**Sun, August 27– Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Is 22:19-23 Ps 138:1-3, 6-8 Rom 11:33-36 Mt 116:13-20  
 8:30am –  
 10:30am – For our Homebound Parishioners  
**Mon, August 28– St. Augustine**  
 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10 Ps 149:1-6, 9 Mt 23:13-22  
**Tue, August 29-The Passion of St. John the Baptist**  
 1 Thes 2:1-8 Ps 139:1-6 Mk 6:17-29  
**Wed, August 30- Seasonal Weekday**  
 1 Thes 2:9-13 Ps 139:7-12b Mt 23:27-32  
**Thu, August 31- Seasonal Weekday**  
 1 Thes 1:3:7-13 Ps 90:3-5, 12-14, 17 Mt 24:42-51  
**Fri, September 1– Seasonal Weekday**  
 1 Thes 4:1-8 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 10-12 Mt 25:1-13  
**Sat, September 2-Seasonal Weekday**  
 1 Thes 4:9-11 Ps 98:1, 7-9 Mt 25:14-30  
**Sun, September 3- Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 Jer 20:7-9 Ps 63:2-6, 8-9 Rom 12:1-2 Mt:16:21-27

**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>27-Aug</b>	<b>Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
<b>Comm</b>	Veronica Safo	Harold Butler
<b>Lector</b>	Sandra Gay-Chapman	Patricia Spychaj
<b>Server</b>	Uzuchukku Oranugo	Melvin Onuorah
<b>Usher</b>	Lazuras Oranugo	Divine Onuorah
	Thomas Stover	Billy Cardwell
		Antoinette Smith
		Linda Weatherspoon
		Erik Smith
<b>3-Sept</b>	<b>Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
<b>Comm</b>	Rhonda Cross Mangham	Brian Upton
<b>Lector</b>	Tyler Hughley	Chi Chi Onuorah
<b>Server</b>	Sharla Durand	Divine Onuorah
<b>Usher</b>	Lonnie Smith	Gavin Smedley
	Theresa Hughley	Michelle Booker
		Jeremiah Robinson
		Elinor Williamson
		Lena Austin

**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.

**MONTHLY TRAINING DAY: To Be Announced**



**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!

**Sunday Van Driver**

We are looking for a Parish Van Drivers for Sunday Masses and other events. Must possess valid driver's license, be at least 21 years of age and willing to undergo Safe-Environment training. If interested, please contact: Fr. James Watson: [jwatson@saolf.org](mailto:jwatson@saolf.org)

**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:

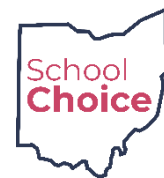
<https://www.saolf.org/rite-of-christian-initiation-of-adults> or contact our Director of Religious Education, **Mr. Cary Dabney** at 216-391-1655 ext#14

**PASTORAL HOME VISITS**

Fr. James is available to visit your home for a family blessing, Anointing of the Sick and other needs. If you would like to schedule a visit, please contact the parish 216-391-1655, email [pastor@saolf.org](mailto:pastor@saolf.org) (Please specify: "HOME VISIT" in the subject line.) Also, remember if someone in our parish is in the hospital or nursing home and in need of the Anointing of the Sick, Holy Communion or just a visit, please let him know.

**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.



Ohio's Educational Choice (EdChoice) Scholarship Program, advocated for by CCO, is now available to ALL Ohioans after Governor DeWine signed the State budget into law on July 3! Students can use an EdChoice Scholarship at one of Ohio's hundreds of Catholic or other eligible schools.

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

**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

**St. Edward High School OPEN HOUSE**

St. Edward High School, a Catholic school in the Holy Cross tradition, educates the hearts and minds of a diverse group of young men to have the competence to see and the courage to act as men of hope for the transformation of the world.

**St. Edward High School Open Houses for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Families\***

Sunday, October 1 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
 Monday, October 16 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
 Monday, October 23 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
 Monday, November 6 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**\*Pre-registration is required at [sehs.net/openhouse](https://sehs.net/openhouse) St. Edward High School Admission Tests for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys\*\***

Saturday, October 7 at 9:00 a.m.  
 Saturday, October 21 at 9:00 a.m.  
 Wednesday, November 1 at 5:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, November 4 at 9:00 a.m.

**\*\*Pre-registration is required at [sehs.net/admissiontest](https://sehs.net/admissiontest)**  
 Contact the St. Edward High School Office of Admission: 216-521-2204 or [admission@sehs.net](mailto:admission@sehs.net)

**OFFICE OF BLACK CATHOLIC EVENT**

**Marian Devotions at the Crossroads of Our Life**

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 6-8 PM  
 PRESENTER: DR. VALERIE LEWIS-MOSLEY

Dr. Lewis-Mosley will explore ways that we can deepen our incorporation of Marian devotions into our meditative and contemplative prayer life. Her presentation will engage Lectio Divina, Music, Meditation, Art, the Mystery of the Rosary, and the Memorare Prayer to journey through the healing guided by Mary, Mother of All Sorrows. It will be a journey of how we lay our burdens down- the burden of losing a child, the burden of feeling like a motherless child in our church, and our society.  
 Registration is now open at [dioceseofcleveland.org/events](https://dioceseofcleveland.org/events)

**BOWMAN-FRANCIS MINISTRY**

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

**THURSDAY OCTOBER 12TH - SATURDAY OCTOBER 14TH**

**THE LEAST OF THESE**

**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

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)

FOR ROOM RESERVATIONS CLICK ON  
**BOOKING LINK:**  
[HTTPS://BOOK.PASSKEY.COM/GO/NATIONAL BLACKCATHOLICMENS23](https://book.passkey.com/go/national-black-catholic-men-s-conference-in-october-2023)

OR  
**CALL RESERVATION PHONE NUMBER:**  
 1-888-236-2427  
 ASK FOR THE:  
 LOUISVILLE MARRIOTT DOWNTOWN FOR THE FATHER CHESTER P. SMITH'S NATIONAL BLACK MEN'S CONFERENCE IN OCTOBER 2023

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)

**Hall and Church Cleanup Teams:**  
 Our Parish is in need of volunteers to help do minor cleanup of the Hall, lounge area and the Church which includes dusting and cleaning of the walls, etc. If you would like to help, please call the parish during the week or leave an email at [pastor@saolf.org](mailto:pastor@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**

**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.

**For Divorced or Separated Faithful:**  
 You are invited to attend a monthly support meeting for divorced or separated Catholics who willingly remain faithful to marriage. Catholics who were reluctantly divorced or separated can continue to fulfill your marriage mission to sanctify yourself and your spouse. Peruse the seven stages of the never ending process using the book, "The Gift of Self, A Spiritual Companio for Separated and Divorced Faithful to the Sacrament of Marriag" **Our meeting is on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month, 7:00PM to 8:30PM at St. Mel Catholic Church, 11436 Triskett Rd., Cleveland, OH 44111.** For questions, contact **Jeannie Snider: 440-343-0161** or email: [jeanniesnider1@yahoo.com](mailto:jeanniesnider1@yahoo.com)

**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  
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**Email:** [parish@saolf.org](mailto:parish@saolf.org)  
**Website:** [www.saolf.org](http://www.saolf.org)