

October 8, 2023
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK

Through another parable, the Lord in His love and mercy seeks to penetrate the stubborn hearts of the chief priests and elders of the people. They are the ones God has commissioned to bear good fruit in the vineyard, the People of God. They were given the task of leading the people to encounter the mercy of God through the Messiah. However, they have been focused on maintaining their own positions of power. Blinded by their own ambitions and jealousy they failed to recognize the Messiah and have rejected Jesus. Sometimes we can be a barrier to God's mercy for ourselves because of our own stubborn hearts. We also create barriers for others who need His mercy. Let us pray for the gift of humility to soften our hearts and accept Jesus as our Messiah and Savior, so that we can help our neighbor experience His divine mercy also

Note: Fr. James will be out of the office beginning this Monday and will return on Wednesday. If you are in immediate need of a priest, please call the Diocesan Office at [216-696-6525](tel:216-696-6525). If you or a loved one is in the hospital or another healthcare institution and in need of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, contact the chaplain of the facility who will then contact the assigned priest for that location.

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK

Sun, October 8, Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Is 5:1-7 Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20 Phil 4:6-9 Mt 21:33-43
 8:30am – Poor Souls in Purgatory
 10:30am – Cini Santosh
Mon, October 9, Seasonal Weekday
 Jon 1:1-2:2, 11 (Ps)Jon 2:3-5, 8 Lk 10:25-37
Tue, October 10, Seasonal Weekday
 Jon 3:1-10 Ps 130:1-4, 7-8 Lk 10:38-42
Wed, October 11, Seasonal Weekday
 Jon 4:1-11 Ps 86:3-6, 9-10 Lk 11:1-4
Thu, October 12, St. Seraphin of Montegrano0(M)
 Mal 3:13-20b Ps 1:1-4, 6 Lk 11:5-13
Fri, October 13, Seasonal Weekday
 Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2 Ps 9:2-3, 6, 8-9, 16 Lk 11:15-26
Sat, October 14, Seasonal Weekday
 Jl 4:12-21 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Lk 11:27-28
Sun, October 15, Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-6 Phil 4:12-14, 19-20 Mt 22:1-14

OFFICE OF BLACK CATHOLICS EVENT:
SENIOR LUNCHEON
Saturday October 14, 2023: Noon until 3PM
Guest Speaker: Janice Ridgeway, Retired Director of Garden Vally Neighborhood & Community Outreach
St. Aloysius Hall, 10932 St. Clair Ave
 RSVP at 216-451-3262



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
8-Oct	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Comm	Pam Pendleton	Carla Grant
Lector	Sabina Conroy	Rita Shinhearl
Server	Sharla Durand	Syan Hughes Gavin Smedley
Usher	Karen Larry Jeremy Mangum	Yvette Andre Yvonne Griffin Sheila Griffin-McCoy Erik Smith
15-Oct	Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Comm	DUE TO TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES, ALL MINISTERS WILL NEED TO BE CONTACTED BY EMAIL AND PHONE	
Lector		
Server		
Usher		

YOUTH AND ADULT ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

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.
Next training: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22 AT 12:45PM



Liturgical Ministers

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. Thank you for serving the Lord with your ministerial gifts!

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 10-1-2023:	
In Church	\$4536.00
Cash App	\$157.00
Vanco On-Line	\$820.96
World Mission Sunday(Designated)	\$10.00
Building Fund	\$21.50
Local Charities	\$128.50
Total	\$5,673.96

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sacraments and Faith Formation Registration 2023-24:

Please sign your child/teen up for First Communion, Confirmation.
<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 (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 Eucharist or just a visit, please let him know.

Father Roy Lee's Books have arrived:

At Last year's Advent Revival, some parishioners requested copies of Fr. Lee's books:

Our Story: A Journey of Human & Spiritual Love
 &
Fractured Church...In the Midst of Making Saints

If your name was on the list for one or both of these books, please contact Fr. James to pay for and receive your book(s). Each book costs \$15. You will be contacted after September 24th if you have not responded.

Hall and Church Cleanup Teams:

Thank you to those who volunteered to be on the Church and Hall monthly cleanup teams. **IF YOU SIGNED UP TO BE ON THE CLEANUP TEAMS, WE WILL HAVE A MEETING ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 15TH AT 12:45PM TO GO OVER DETAILS.** If that day and time does not work for you, please email Fr. James with the best day and time that works with your schedule: pastor@saolf.org

Catholic Social Justice Workshop

Join us for a 3 part series on the Catholic teaching on **SOCIAL JUSTICE AND THE SACRAMENTS:** This 3-part series will take place on 3 consecutive Wednesdays begin on October 25th at 6:30PM Our Presenter is Kelly Bon, Director of the Social Action Office of the Diocese of Cleveland. Please email Fr. James if you plan to attend: pastor@saolf.org

ATTENTION YOUNG ADULTS

THEOLOGY ON TAP
 "Returning to the Father"
 with Fr. James Watson
 What can we do to better receive the Sacrament of Confession? How do we overcome fears and anxieties that prevent us from fully receiving Christ's Mercy?
Tuesday, October 17th
Forest City Brewery | 7pm
 Registration will be available at dioceseofcleveland.org/totcle
 Parking is available on the street or at St. Wendellin

Operation Good News 45th Anniversary Celebration, "We've Come This Far by Faith"

Sat. November 11th Noon - 3pm with 4pm Mass, Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church – Cummins Hall:
 Operation Good News (OGN) invites all to celebrate 45 years of our unique lay-led Black Catholic renewal ministry in the Diocese of Cleveland. OGN has encouraged spiritual growth in Cleveland's African-American communities since 1979 with bi-annual retreats, prayer groups, and bible studies and is open to adults of any denomination over the age of 18 years. The celebration includes an elegant lunch, history and sharing from founding members, and in honor of Black Catholic History Month, a tribute to our local Black Catholic Religious and those who have supported OGN through the years, followed by Mass at Our Lady of Peace parish: 12601 Shaker Blvd, Cleveland OH 44120. The cost is \$20 per person, due by October 27, 2023, checks payable to "Operation Good News" c/o Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 4341 East 131st Street, Garfield Hts OH 44105. To RSVP and for more details, contact Juanita 216-659-3569 or Deland 216-249-4249.

Sunday Van Driver

We are looking for a Parish Van Drivers. The Parish Van drivers provide transportation to church members for 10:30am Mass on Sunday morning. Must possess valid driver's license, be at least 21 years of age with clean driving record and willing to undergo Safe-Environment training. If interested, please contact: Fr. James Watson: jwatson@saolf.org



Catholic Cemeteries Association

CCA Grief Support October 15th "In-Office" at 3:00pm and "Virtual" at 5:00pm:
 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 3rd Sunday of every month except where a holiday falls on the 3rd Sunday, then we meet on the 4th Sunday. Meetings are open discussion, surrounding a monthly topic or whatever is on your heart. The October 15th topics are "All Saints-All Souls Days" and

“Children’s Grief Awareness”. 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

<https://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.

PRAY FOR THE SICK+

Note: If you do not see the name of someone you requested to be on the sick list or there is a name that should be removed, please call or email our parish secretary, **Brittany Taylor:** btaylor@saolf.org

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, Thelma Thomas
FAMILIES: The Lane Family, The Poteat Family

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Eucharistic Miracles Display | October 8-21, 2023 | St. Columbkille Parish, Parma

The exhibition highlights an extensive collection of photographs and records of Eucharistic miracles throughout the world and through history. For more information, please visit the parish [website](#).

Eucharistic Revival Art Contest

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<https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/eucharistic-revival/art-contest> for guidelines and directions to submit artwork.



Motown Night

Friday, November 10th, 2023

Our Church is planning a soul-filled, social event and we can use your help. Thank you to those who offered to help. Tickets will be \$10 and Flyers are available.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES... NOT READY YET!

Our secretary was not available this week; therefore, the envelopes for 2023-24 will be available in the Church Narthex next weekend. Sorry for the delay. They will be in **Alphabetical order based on your Last Name**. If you do not see a set for yourself and you want envelopes, please contact the Parish Office. **Please note:** We have a number of parishioners who have not used envelopes for the last few years. **IF YOU NO LONGER NEED ENVELOPES, PLEASE LET US KNOW.**

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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

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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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. Or go to <https://saolf-parish.com/New-Registration>

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**