November 26, 2023 Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Solemnity of Christ the King

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK

This Sunday we enter into the last week of the 2023 Liturgical Year. In today's Gospel, Our Lord reveals that when we die, He will judge all people based on their charitable and merciful acts of love. In the previous parables in chapter 25 of Matthew, the Lord reveals what the final days will be for His disciples. In this parable, the Lord reveals what the judgment will be like for those who were not members of His flock but were charitable to Him through His disciples. The message, however, is for all of us to consider how we loved the Lord by loving our neighbor. Those who are welcomed into the eternal kingdom are those who have practiced works of mercy for their neighbor. What we do for others out of love, we do for our King. As Jesus told us, we cannot say we love God Who we cannot see, if we fail to love our neighbor including our enemies. We pray Lord, that we may have the grace to love you by loving our neighbor.

BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH SERVANT OF GOD MOTHER MARY LANGE



Elizabeth Lange was born around 1794 in Santiago de Cuba, where she lived in a primarily French-speaking community. She received an excellent education and in the early 1800s she left Cuba and settled in the United States in Baltimore. Elizabeth was a courageous, loving, and deeply spiritual

woman. There was no free public education for African American children in Maryland until 1868, so she responded to that need by opening a school for the children in her home in the Fells Point area of the city. Providence intervened through the person of Reverend James Hector Joubert, SS, who was encouraged by James Whitfield, Archbishop of Baltimore to present Elizabeth Lange with the idea to found a religious congregation for the education of African American girls. Father Joubert would provide direction, solicit financial assistance, and encourage other "women of colour" to become members of this, the first congregation of African American women religious in the history of the Catholic Church. Elizabeth joyfully accepted Father Joubert's idea. On July 2, 1829 Elizabeth and three other women professed their vows and became the Oblate Sisters of Providence. Elizabeth, the foundress and first superior general, took the religious name Mary. William Cardinal Keeler, Archbishop of Baltimore, opened a formal investigation into Mother Lange's life and works of charity in 1991. The Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine for the Causes of Saints approved the cause of her sainthood in 2004, and Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore celebrated a canonical celebration at the transfer and blessing of Mother Lange's remains. The faithful venerated the relics before they were sealed in a reliquary and sarcophagus in the chapel's oratory. Pope Francis named her as Venerable on June 22, 2023.

Website for her cause: <u>https://www.motherlange.org/</u> Taken from National Black Catholic Congress Website: <u>https://nbccongress.org/noteworthy-black-catholics/</u>

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK

Sun, Nov 26, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 Ps 23:1-3, 5-6 1 Cor 15:20-26, Mt 25:31-46 8:30am – The Souls in Purgatory 10:30am - For Thomas Kramer and Mary Lynn Dowling Mon, Nov 27, Seasonal Weekday Dn 1:1-6, 8-20 Dn 3:52-56 Lk 21:1-4 Tue, Nov 28, Seasonal Weekday Dn 2:31-45 Dn 3:57-61 Lk 21:5-11 Wed, Nov 29, Seasonal Weekday Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28 Dn 3:62-67 Lk 21:12-19 Thu, Nov 30, St. Andrew, Apostle Rom 10:9-18 Ps 19:8-11 Mt 4:18-22 Fri, Dec 1, Seasonal Weekday Dn 7:2-14 Dn 3:75-81 Lk 21:29-33 Sat, Dec 2, Seasonal Weekday Dn 7:15-27 Dn 3:82-87 Lk 21:34-36 Sun, Dec 3, First Sunday of Advent Is 63:16-17, 19; 64:2-7 Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 1 Cor 1:3-9 Mk 13:33-37

DIOCESAN CHOIR NEWS:

LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS! Rehearsals for MLK & LENTEN REVIVAL Saturday 12/2 @ Holy Spirit Saturday 12/9 @ Fatima .. and more in Jan & Feb —all rehearsals begin 12noon EMAIL <u>terriemac@roadrunner.com</u> if you would like to be added to Diocesan choir email list #MusicUnitesUs

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE 2023

As we prepare to celebrate both the birth of our Savior and the hope of His Second Coming, we consider our neighbors, especially those in need. You will notice that our **Christmas Giving Tree** is up inside the Church close to the baptismal font to remind us of our baptismal call to love our neighbor. Please consider taking a label and purchasing an item During the offertory, please place your gift at the altar. This year's gifts will be received by the **Fairhill Partners Grandparents program**(Grandparents who are raising their grandchildren). We ask that all gifts be returned by Sunday, December 10th. Thank you for your generosity.

SAOLF PARISH EDUCATION COMMISION Tutoring Program

Has established a Tutoring Program Committee looking to start a tutoring program for our parish and community. We are gathering information to help the commission provide a tutoring program that will meet our students' needs. Please fill out the online survey at the following link to help us in this goal: Survey link: <u>https://forms.gle/CrVp3Lsjyq6EBXyr9</u>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sacraments and Faith Formation Registration 2023-24: Please sign your child/teen up for First Communion, Confirmation.

<u>https://saolf-parish.com/FaithFormation-Registration</u> 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: <u>https://www.saolf.org/rite-of-christian-initiation-of-adults</u> 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	
26-Nov The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ		
Sandra Gay-Chapman	Carol Grant	
Betty Smith	Rita Shinhearl	
Sharla Durand	Melvin Onuorah	
	Eric Smedley Jr.	
Lazarus Oranugo	Michelle Booker	
Jeremy Mangum	Jeremiah Robinson	
	Elinor Williamson	
	Erik Smith	
First Sunday of Advent		
Schedule will be emailed		
	8:30 AM The Solemnity of Our La Sandra Gay-Chapman Betty Smith Sharla Durand Lazarus Oranugo Jeremy Mangum First Sunday of Advent	

Lector Server including Extraordinary Usher Ministers of Communion

YOUTH AND ADULT ALTAR SERVERS

If you or your child/teen are interested in this holy ministry, go to <u>https://www.saolf.org/altar-servers/</u>or contact the parish office to have a signup form sent to you. **TRAINING DAY(For ALL ALTAR SERVERS): Saturday, December 2 at 10:00AM**

Sunday Van Driver

We are looking for Parish Van Drivers. We are getting calls from people who would like to come to Mass who could use this service. **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 Charities





2023 Catholic Charities Appeal Just over \$13.5M has been raised as of August 31. Starting September 13, 50,000 households received a letter from Bishop Malesic asking for monetary support of the 2023 Appeal. We are fast approaching our \$14.0M goal and every little bit helps support the 425,000 who rely on the 160 programs throughout the diocese.

NOTE: As of September, **St. Agnes Our Lady of Fatima Parish has raised 54%(\$7,483.96) of our goal of \$13,801.** Reaching our goal helps bring additional funds to our parish enabling us to build the ministries we need in our community.

Please Donate today:

https://www.catholiccommunity.org/human or text CCHUMAN to 41444.

EUCHARIST UNDER BOTH SPECIES



Beginning on the 1st Sunday of Advent(Dec 3, 2023), our parish will return to offering Holy Eucharist under both species, Body and Blood of Christ(The Consecrated bread and wine). Cup). Remember, Communion is always "valid under both species". Therefore, if you only receive Jesus under the form of wine or under the form of bread, you're receiving Him in whole.

ATTENTION ALL LECTORS! Your Manuals Are Available!

PLEASE pick up your manual in the Sacristy and email Fr. James at <u>pastor@saolf.org</u> to let him know you got it. **Thank you for serving in this holy ministry!!**

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, 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, Evelyn Morson-Eaddie, 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, Danny Couch, Delvonte Grant

FAMILIES: The Lane Family, The Poteat Family

YOUR SACRIFICE LAST WEEK

Thank you for your sacrificial gift for our church. Yourresponse to our offertory commitment has beentremendous! Our goal to meet our budget is \$5,400.00.Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness!SUNDAY OFFERINGS 11-5-2023:Total Collection\$1398.25Cash App\$60.00Vanco On-Line\$1,277.61Total\$2,735.86

Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries Journey to Bethlehem Mass

Saturday, December 2, 2023 at 10:00am Join Catholic Charities Disability Services & Ministries for the 38th Annual Journey to Bethlehem Liturgy with our celebrant Bishop Roger Gries. Mass will take place at St. Ladislas Parish, 2345 Bassett Road, Westlake. This liturgy is for persons with disabilities, their families, and friends and is a beautiful Christmas celebration, with a light luncheon following. For information: 216-939-3869; email Megan Bonilla: <u>mmbonilla@ccdocle.org</u> or go to our <u>website</u>: <u>http://www.ccdocle.org/disability</u> All are welcome!

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

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Sign your family up to light the Advent Wreath. **The Signup Sheet is available on the table at the Church entrance**. Thank you for your participation.

THE WORD AMONG US: Advent

To prepare to celebrate the Season of Advent this year, please copies of **The Word Among Us** in the Narthax for your use as we pray for the Eternal Word to come again among us. Let us prepare for the coming of the Lord during this holy season!

#weGIVECATHOLIC

You have heard about **Black Friday** and **Cyber Monday**. Now you can share your blessings on **Tuesday**, **November 28– Giving Tuesday**. All day around the globe, people are asked to contribute to their favorite charities and nonprofits. The Diocese of Cleveland asks you to be part of Northeast Ohio's Online Day of Catholic Giving: #weGiveCatholic, which allows you to contribute to 220+ Catholic schools, parishes, Catholic Charities programs and sites, ministries, and other Catholic nonprofits in Northeast Ohio. Simply use your computer or smartphone on Tuesday, November 28 to access <u>www.weGiveCatholic.org</u>, search the list of participants and donate to your favorites. In the spirit of the season of gratitude, remember to Give Catholic on Giving Tuesday.

https://www.wegivecatholic.org/giving-events/wgc23

Upcoming Parish Meetings

Spiritual Life and Liturgy Commission– Wednesday, December 6 at 6:45PM: In the St. Augustine Room

Men's Group – Sunday, December 10, after the 10:30AM Mass: Room to be determined.

CHURCH CALENDARS

Have been ordered and will be available in the Narthex when they arrive. Please only take one per household so that all may have one. When they run out, they are gone until next year!

Planned Giving Year-End Giving In this season of giving, consider making a year-end gift to our parish in gratitude for all the blessings you have received in life. As you plan to make the most of your charitable donations in 2023, know that we gratefully accept gifts of cash and appreciated assets such as stocks or bonds.

And, if you are 70 ½ or older, you may be able to make a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA that will help us in our ministry and reduce your taxable income. Talk to your advisors and IRA administrator for more information and to be sure that your IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution gift is made directly from an IRA to a qualified charity such as our parish. You are also welcome to contact Jean Ann Montagna of the Catholic Community Foundation at 216-696-6525 x8070.

Holy Family Mission Group Wood Carving Sale Today

Holy Family is a group in mission to help catholic families from Bethlehem by selling their Olive wood carvings in churches.

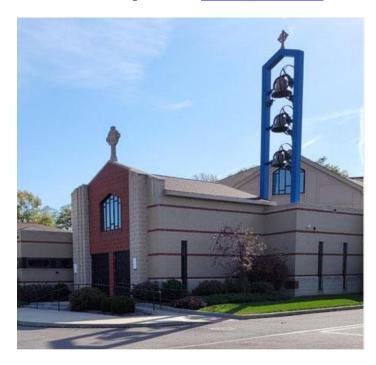
Catholic families in Bethlehem are going through a very hard economic situation and need your help, so please stop by our display and support them by buying their beautiful hand carved olive wood pieces.

We do accept cash, credit cards and checks.

Samer and Ruth Kokaly Holy family: 608-314-6673 or 810–931-7513

St. Agnes+Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

A Ministry of the Capuchin Franciscan Friars 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

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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 ScheduledHolyday:7:15AM(Vigil Mass: 7:00PM)

PARISH STAFF:

Rev. James Watson, OFM Cap. Pastor jwatson@saolf.org Rev. Mr. Hardin Martin, Deacon deaconmartin@saolf.org Mr. Aldo Fierro, Parish Business Manager <u>AFierro@saolf.org</u> Miss Brittany Taylor, Parish Secretary <u>btaylor@saolf.org</u> Mr. Cary Dabney, Director of Religious Education <u>cabney@saolf.org</u> Mr. Danny McElroy, Director of Music Ministry <u>dannymac63@roadrunner.com</u> Mr. Reginald Daniels, Custodian

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

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 <u>https://saolf-parish.com/New-Registration</u>

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**