

**January 14, 2024  
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK**

The Most Rev. John Kobina Louis, an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Accra, Ghana wrote a powerful homily on the first reading we heard today regarding Samuel's call and how God speaks to us. He pointed out 8 lessons for us to consider. I will present a few of his points with some brief thoughts. Bishop Louis states that *"Firstly, Samuel was called when he was lying down. In short, God may speak to us at any time or during any activity."* God who is eternal and never sleeps can call upon us at any time. How do we hear him? It is in the practice of prayer that we can hear his voice more clearly especially when we are not inundated with the busyness of worldly affairs. Bishop Louis continues, *"Secondly, Samuel was called while he was in the temple. Similarly, God speaks to us when we are in the church. He... may speak to us at any place."* God can speak to us not only anytime, but from anywhere. It is a reminder to be alert at all times no matter where we are in life. God's plan may be to cancel our plans. This is why Jesus teaches us to be vigilant and ready for the arrival of the Master(Luke 12:37). *"Thirdly, God called Samuel by his name. Similarly, God speaks to us individually as our needs and concerns vary."* - The Lord knows you just as he told Jeremiah, *"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born, I dedicated you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you."* (Jeremiah 1:5) These are just a few of the points Bishop Louis offers us to reflect on in this first reading; however, the one that we all need to work on in this time is his seventh point regarding Samuel's response when he learned it was God speaking to him: He writes, *"Samuel said: 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening' (1 Sam. 3:10). Samuel saw God as his Lord..., and he himself as his servant who was willing to do whatever the Master was ordering him to do."* Are you open to listening to what the Lord wants to say to you, or are you quick to shut him out with the noise of the world? Sometimes for some of us, it is our own lack of humility and worship of ourselves as a god that compels us to close our hearts and minds to God. May we prayerfully be attentive and humbly listen to the voice of the Lord ready to respond to the Will of God.

**Quotes taken from:**

<https://www.bishoplouis.com/archives/6775/lessons-from-the-call-of-samuel-2/>

**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 1-7-2024:**

Total in Pew Collection	\$3281.07
Vanco On-Line	\$687.54
CashApp	\$70.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,038.61</b>

**MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK**

**Sun, Jan 14, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1 Sm 3:3-10, 19 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20  
Jn 1:35-42

8:30am –Peace in the USA, Poor Clare Sisters Who are Sick.  
10:30am- The End To Racism and Violence in the World.

**Mon, Jan 15, Seasonal Weekday**

1 Sm 15:16-23 Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23 Mk 2:18-22

**Tue, Jan 16, Seasonal Weekday**

1 Sm 16:1-13 Ps 89:20-22, 27-28 Mk 2:23-28

**Wed, Jan 17, St. Anthony**

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Ps 144:1-2, 9-10 Mk 3:1-6

**Thu, Jan 18, Seasonal Weekday**

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 Ps 56:2-3, 9-14 Mk 3:7-12

**Fri, Jan 19, Seasonal Weekday**

1 Sm 24:3-21 Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11 Mk 3:13-19

**Sat, Jan 20, Seasonal Weekday**

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 Ps 80:2-3, 5-7 Mk 3:20-21

**Sun, Jan 21, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jon 3:1-5, 10 Ps 25:4-9 1 Cor 7:2-31 Mk 1:14-20

**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

**COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

We need **New Members** to help in the ministerial work of communicating important information to the Parish

Some tasks include: Setting up the Mass Streaming Service; Website updates; Taking video and pictures of parish events and posting them; Updating the bulletin and bulletin boards, etc... Please contact Fr. James and you will be invited to the next meeting: [pastor@saolf.org](mailto:pastor@saolf.org)

**PREPARING FOR OUR PARISH CENSUS**

In this coming year, our parish will be conducting a census which will include a special event in May. We will also implement other forms of communication, however, in order to reach everyone, we need to start updating our records. Many phone numbers and addresses have changed. To help us in this process, we need your help. If you or someone you know in our parish has changed their phone number or address, please contact the **Parish Secretary, Brittany Taylor**, [btaylor@saolf.org](mailto:btaylor@saolf.org)

**SCRIPTURE SERIES**

**THE JUDEO-CHRISTIAN TRADITION**

*\*A CLOSE READING OF THE OLD TESTAMENT\**

ALL SESSIONS HELD ON THURSDAYS, VIA ZOOM  
6:30PM-8:30PM

UPCOMING SESSION: JAN 18<sup>TH</sup>:

**"Love of God, Love of Neighbor & Holiness"**

**What is the Judeo-Christian Tradition?**

In this series of biblical study, we are looking deeply into the Old Testament to find historical connects between ancient Jewish thought and our Christian understanding and reception of the Old Testament text. Our facilitator is **Mr. Cary**



**Dabney**, Professor of Theology and our Parish Director of Religious Education. **REGISTRATION IS NOT REQUIRED AND IS FREE.** Contact Mr. Dabney following both Masses for details or via email at [cdabney@walsh.edu](mailto:cdabney@walsh.edu).

**St Agnes-Our Lady of Fatima**

**FISH FRY ANNOUNCEMENT**

**There will be a short meeting for volunteers TODAY Sunday, Jan 14<sup>th</sup> after the 10:30 Mass.** We are looking for about **20 committed volunteers** to assist with our fish fry this coming year. If you would like to help, please contact **Carla Grant:**

**216-200-1525** or [cgbible40@gmail.com](mailto:cgbible40@gmail.com).

Thank you for your assistance in advance.

**January Special Collections**

**Catholic University Collection,**

January 20-21, 2024

The Catholic University of America is the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States. Gifts to the National Collection — the only second collection taken for higher education in the U.S. — support students during this crucial time and help the University conduct critical research that will serve parishes and dioceses throughout the country.

**Latin America – El Salvador Collection**

January 27-28 2024

The Latin American Collection will take place on 27-28 January 2024. This is the only appeal made by the Diocesan Mission Office for the Cleveland Latin American Mission in El Salvador. It is the main support for two Diocese of Cleveland priests who work in the two parishes served by our Mission Office. This appeal also makes a contribution to the Collection for the Church in Latin America that is managed by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops and benefits projects and the formation of seminarians, religious and lay leaders in 23 countries across Latin America.

**Upcoming Parish Meeting**

**Spiritual Life and Liturgy Commission –** Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:45PM: In the Augustine Room for those who can make it. Due to the possibility of inclement weather, this meeting will also be livestreamed on ZOOM. The link will be emailed to members of this commission.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Beginning on Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>,** the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered every Sunday from 7:45AM to 8:15AM. Other days and times are being considered. The sacrament is always available by appointment.

**Devotional Candles**

**The minimum donation for a devotional candle will now be \$5.** Next week, envelopes labeled "Candle Donation" will be available for your use. Thank you to all who support the parish through the purchase of these candles and your devotional prayers.

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES**

8:30 AM 10:30 AM

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<b>14-Jan</b>	<b>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
<b>Comm</b>	Betty Smith	Chi Chi Onuorah
<b>Lector</b>	Sandra Gay Chapman	Carla Grant
<b>Server</b>	Sharla Durand	Eric Smedley Jr. Melvin Onuorah
<b>Usher</b>	Lazuras Oranugo Jeremy Mangum	Billy Cardwell Antoinette Smith Linda Weatherspoon Erik Smith
<b>21-Jan</b>	<b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
<b>Comm</b>	Pam Pendelton	Terrence Marsh
<b>Lector</b>	Sabina Conroy	Ariane Kirkpatrick Couch
<b>Server</b>	Jeremy Mangum	Vanessa Walker Gavin Smedley
<b>Usher</b>	Thomas Stover Theresa Hughley	Michelle Booker Jeremiah Robinson Elinor Williamson Lena Austin

**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 Durrach, Mary Roberts, Donald Leftwich, James Jackson, Marcia St. John, Sabrina Wilson, Betty Moore, Ophelia Swain, 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, Danny Couch, Delvonte Grant, Monika Moss-Gransberry, **FAMILIES:** The Lane Family, The Poteat Family

## 2024 Catholic Charities Appeal

### The 2024 Catholic Charities Appeal

kicks off in January with the theme *"Transformed by your love."* During the week beginning January 22, 2024, close to 95,000 households will receive a letter from Bishop Maleic encouraging support for the Appeal and asking each of us to embrace this theme. The Appeal goal is \$15 million and is needed to continue to serve nearly 400,000 people in need. Donations can be made [online](#) or by texting CCHOPE to 41444.

### Appeal Team Volunteers

We are in need of volunteers to help coordinate the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal In-Pew Weekends for our parish. To ensure a successful Parish Appeal requires a team effort not just during the In-Pew Weekends but throughout the calendar year. Establishing a viable Annual Appeal Team in the parish is vital to the success of the Annual Appeal for our parish community. To help please contact Fr. James. [pastor@saolf.org](mailto:pastor@saolf.org) There are two opportunities to attend a 2024 Catholic Charities Appeal Virtual Preview Meeting scheduled by the Diocese of Cleveland. **Volunteers are asked to attend one of these meetings:**

Friday, January 19 | 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
OR  
Wednesday, January 24 | 2:00-3:00 p.m.

### Latest Update from the 2023 Appeal:

As of November, **St. Agnes Our Lady of Fatima Parish has raised 57%(\$5,724) 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.

### 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. **STIPEND WILL BE PROVIDED.** If interested, please contact: Fr. James Watson: [jwatson@saolf.org](mailto:jwatson@saolf.org)



**Van  
Ministry**

## Annual Mass for Life 2024

**Friday, January 19 from 10:00am - 11:00am**

Join us for the Annual Youth Mass for Life at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist.

If you would like to attend, please contact Fr. James at [pastor@saolf.org](mailto:pastor@saolf.org) or at 216-391-1655 Ext#11.

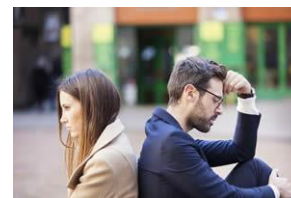
### Consider becoming a Lay Ecclesial Minister

The lay ecclesial minister is a fully initiated member in good standing of the Catholic community who, by baptismal commitment, prayer, discernment, and support of the community, responds to the call of the bishops to share in the mission of the Church. Certified Lay Ecclesial Ministers who serve across parishes, and diocesan offices in the various roles and ministries: pastoral associate, catechetical leader, campus minister, youth minister, bereavement, prison ministry, retreat houses and through Institutions or programs of social outreach and advocacy.

To learn more about becoming a Certified Lay Ecclesial Minister, please contact our office at (440) 943-7670 or email **Michelle Nowak: [mnowak@dioceseofcleveland.org](mailto:mnowak@dioceseofcleveland.org)**



**The Retrouvaille Program may be for you**



This program is for couples with marital problems that want marriage help. Those who are considering marriage separation and those who are already separated or divorced are encouraged to consider the Retrouvaille Program. There is always hope of reviving your relationship. Some couples come to Retrouvaille during the initial signs of a marriage problem. Other couples are in a state of despair and hopelessness when they attend the program. Many lawyers and judges send couples to Retrouvaille as a prerequisite to filing for a divorce or rendering final decisions. Many marriage counselors and family therapists send their clients to Retrouvaille as a prerequisite to counseling. These professionals know that the tools of communication in marriage taught in the program are often what couples need. **NOTE:** The Retrouvaille program is for husbands and wives and is not designed nor intended for couples in a co-habiting relationship.

### Retrouvaille of Cleveland Upcoming Weekends

- Jan 26, 2024
- Apr 19, 2024,
- Sep 20, 2024

**For Registration information and locations:**

**CALL: (800) 470-2230**

**EMAIL: [cleveland@helpourmarriage.org](mailto:cleveland@helpourmarriage.org)**

## 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

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

### PARISH STAFF:

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Mr. Reginald Daniels, Custodian

**Fatima Family Center:** 6600 Lexington Ave.

LaJean Ray, Director  
216-391-0505

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Sundays 7:45AM-8:15AM or 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 Article 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