

January 21, 2024
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK

“Oh, that today you would hear his voice: Do not harden your hearts as at Meribah, as on the day of Massah in the desert.”

Psalm 95:7b-8

Through the Prophet Jonah, the Ninevites heard the voice of the Lord and repented. In the Gospel, the first disciples of Jesus heard His voice and responded without hesitation leaving everything behind. In these accounts we witness hearts which are humble and open to God’s mercy and quick to break ties to the worldly life they were so enmeshed in. Most importantly, we witness God’s pursuit of us: God pursues us because he wants a personal relationship with His people which is why he sent his Son. This is why the Lord continually calls us in many ways. He calls us to conversion, to follow him, to go forth and proclaim the Gospel. Our God loves us and calls out to us because he wants to give us far more than what the world can offer: Mercy, meaning, purpose, and, ultimately, eternal happiness. In the Gospel of John, chapter 10, Jesus tells us that He is the Good Shepherd and when His sheep hear His voice, they follow Him. May you and I have the hearts of a sheep so that when we hear His voice we will not hesitate to follow Him.

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK

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
 8:30am – the Homeless and Homebound
 10:30am- Intention of the Priest

Mon, Jan 22, Seasonal Weekday

2 Sm 5:1-7, 10 Ps 89:20-22, 25-26 Mk 3:22-30

Tue, Jan 23, Seasonal Weekday

2 Sm 6:12-15, 17-19 Ps 24:7-10 Mk 3:31-35

Wed, Jan 24, St. Francis

2 Sm 7:4-17 Ps 89:4-5, 27-30 Mk 4:1-20

Thu, Jan 25, The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Acts 22:3-16 Ps 117:1-2 Mk 16:15-18

Fri, Jan 26, Saints Timothy & Titus

2 Tm 1:1-8 Ps 96:1-3, 7-8, 10 Mk 4:26-34

Sat, Jan 27, Seasonal Weekday

2 Sm 12:1-7, 10-17 Ps 51:12-17 Mk 4:35-41

Sun, Jan 28, Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 18:15-20 Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28

YOUTH AND ADULT ALTAR SERVERS

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(FOR ALL ALTAR SERVERS):**

Saturday, February 3 at 10:00AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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.

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

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

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 25TH:

“Atonement and Forgiveness”

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.

Holy Family Mission Group
Wood Carving Sale

Holy Family Mission Group 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 the **Holy Family Mission Group** by buying some of our beautiful hand carved olive wood pieces on **February 11th** in the Church Narthex. *We do accept cash, credit cards and checks.*

Samer and Ruth Kokaly

Holy family: 608-314-6673 or 810-931-7513

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

8:30 AM 10:30 AM

21-Jan Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Comm	Pam Pendleton	Terrence Marsh
Lector	Sabina Conroy	Ariane Kirkpatrick Couch
Server	Jeremy Mangum	Vanessa Walker Gavin Smedley
Usher	Thomas Stover Theresa Hughley	Michelle Booker Jeremiah Robinson Elinor Williamson Lena Austin

28-Jan Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Comm	Ellen Connally	Chi Chi Onuorah
Lector	Veronica Safo	Kyllan Hughes
Server	Uzuchukku Oranugo	Divine Onuorah Eric Smedley Jr.
Usher	Lonnie Smith Karen Larry	Yvette Andre Yvonne Griffin Sheila Griffin-McCoy Erik Smith

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.

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 1-14-2024:
TO BE REPORTED IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN

St Agnes-Our Lady of Fatima

UPDATED FISH FRY ANNOUNCEMENT

We are looking for **20 committed volunteers** to assist with our fish fry Fridays this year. Fish Fry Fridays will be **February 23rd** and **March 22nd**. If you would like to help, please contact **Carla Grant** at

216-200-1525 or cgbible40@gmail.com

Or sign up at

<https://saolf-parish.com/Parish-FishFry-Volunteer-Reg>

FISH FRY DONATIONS NEEDED

To make our fish fry a success, we need donations of certain items: **YOUR TIME, POP, WATER, BREAD(WHITE AND WHEAT), DESSERTS(CAKE OR COOKIES), SALAD MIX.** Please contact the church at (216)391-1655 or **Carla Grant**.

Thank you for your support.

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.

PRAY FOR THE SICK+

FAMILIES: The Lane Family, The Poteat Family

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| Ogechi Achunine | Elizabeth Malby | Judy Guzy |
| Georgia Atkinson | LaVerta Marshall | Latina Thomas |
| Kalima Assami | Bill Miller | Constance Durrah |
| Joyce Baker | David McClain | Mary Roberts |
| Bessie Bolles | Chantel McConnell | Donald Leftwich |
| Gabriel Blair | Chaquita McClinton | James Jackson |
| Joyce Blanton-Smith | Sharon McDuffie | Marcia St. John |
| Anna Broadhead | Terri Mohr | Sabrina Wilson |
| Thella Brooks | Verendez Moore | Betty Moore |
| Christine Byrd | Lounette Payne | Ophelia Swain |
| William Byrd | Erma Pollard | Evelyn Morson-Eddie |
| Marcella Caffie | Nisha Presley | Alonzo Givens |
| Kathy Clayton | Sue Scott | Yvonne Williamson |
| Terrell Cole | Regina Shanklin | Regina Woodard |
| Robin Davis | Jerry Shelton | Beverly Greene-Reed |
| Edna Evans | Kevin Sipp | Jahiem Wilson Ali'Bey |

Richard Gayle	Deborah Smedley	Warren Family
James Nakima	Barbara Sudberry	William Jackson
Myron Gholson	Danita Thomas	Kardier Jackson
Yvonne Griffin	Janice Thompson	Carol Hollinger
Adriene Hall	Hubert Watson	Mattie McDonald
JoAnn Hinson	Desiree Webb	Anita Gullett
Althea Hite	Aris White	Natalie Webb
Ursula Hite	James Keifer	Carson Wetherwax
Patricia Heard	Kathy Heard	Gail Xavier
Estelle Hodges	Eboni Edwards	Jaqueline Zeigler
Kyllan Hughes	Monique Johnson	Darlene Harris
Valada Hutchinson	Margie Jones	Lasonia Sims
Andrea Johnson	Barbara Marshall Brown	Nina Simmons
Joseph Jones	Naomi Matthews	Bertha McClain Alexander
Brianna Jones	Fay Grady	Lorraine Taylor
Reaber Jones	Tyrone Grady	Danny Couch
Craig Kelly	Rachael Glaster	Delvonte Grant
Janie Kincaid	Jame Hoyle	Monika Moss-Gransberry
Francesca Lehu		
Dolores Malby		

2024 Catholic Charities Appeal

The 2024 Catholic Charities Appeal

kicks off this weekend 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 Malesic 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 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 this informational meeting:**

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



**Van
Ministry**

SANCTIFY YOUR DAY WITH PRAYER

Do you like to begin your day with prayer? Do you need some prayer time during your lunch hour? Do you like to end your day with prayer? The Diocese of Cleveland is pleased to offer daily audio prayers delivered to you via email every morning. The prayers are led by a variety of clergy from the diocese and provide a simple way to create and sustain a prayerful relationship with God. Sign up at dioceseofcleveland.org/mydailyprayers.

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**

HelpOurMarriage.org
RETRouvaille
A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES
Struggling in your Marriage?
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

For Registration information and locations:

CALL: (800) 470-2230

EMAIL: cleveland@helpourmarriage.org

St. Agnes+Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

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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

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

PARISH STAFF:

Rev. James Watson, OFM Cap. Pastor

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Miss Brittany Taylor, Parish Secretary

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Mr. Cary Dabney, Director of Religious Education

cabney@saolf.org

Mr. Danny McElroy, Director of Music Ministry

dannymac63@roadrunner.com

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 and click on "Make a Gift."

For CashApp users: send to \$saolf