January 28, 2024 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK

In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches with an authority never witnessed before by the people. No prophet ever taught as He is teaching with words and His authority is revealed in His power to heal the possessed through His word. This is important for us to consider for ourselves. Do you recognize the authority of Jesus in your own life, or do you give sin authority? Does His Words have an impact in your life? Does your sense of personal freedom override Jesus' claim which He claim through His life, death and resurrection? Recall in our baptism the words of the priest when he traced the cross on your forehead followed by your parents and godparents: "...I claim you for Christ our Savior by the sign of the cross". Also recall Jesus' words to His disciples in the Gospel of Matthew 28: 18: "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me." May you and I live as people who belong to the Lord and not the world.

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK

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 8:30am – Paulina Rozaio and her children 10:30am- Ryan Realbulto, Deceased Mon, Jan 29, Seasonal Weekday 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 Ps 3:2-7 Mk 5:1-20 Tue, Jan 30, Seasonal Weekday 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14, 24-25, 30—19:3 Ps 86:1-6 Wed, Jan 31, St. John Bosco 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17 Ps 32:1-2, 5-7 Mk 6:1-6 Thu, Feb 1, Seasonal Weekday 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 1 Chr 29:10-12 Mk 6:7-13 Fri, Feb 2, The Presentation of The Lord Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7-10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40 Sat, Feb 3, Seasonal Weekday 1 Kgs 3:4-13 Ps 119:9-17 Mk 6:30-34 Sun, Feb 4, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 Ps 147:1-6 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23 Mk 1:29-39

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, 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: <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

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: <u>pastor@saolf.org</u>

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,** <u>btaylor@saolf.org</u>

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: February 1st "The Messiah and Eschatology(End Times)"

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 <u>cdabney@walsh.edu</u>.

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		
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	Yvette Andre		
	Karen Larry	Yvonne Griffin		
		Sheila Griffin-McCoy		
		Erik Smith		
4-Feb	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time			
Comm	Mike Bussey	Lorraine McMillian		
Lector	Jeremy Mangum	Erika Jones-Smith		
Server	Sharla Durand	Jeremiah Robinson		
		Sa'Vannah Love		
Usher	Thomas Stover	Michelle Booker		
	Theresa Hughley	Billy Cardwell		
		Linda Weatherspoon		
		Antoinette Smith		

January Special Collections

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.

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.

YOUR SACRIFICE LAST WEEK

Thank you for your sacrificial gift for response to our offertory comm				
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\$5,400.00. Thank you for your	generosity and			
faithfulness!				
SUNDAY OFFERINGS 1-14-2024:				
Total in Pew Collection	\$1911.75			
Vanco On-Line	\$1614.59			
Total	\$3,526.34			
SUNDAY OFFERINGS 1-21-2024:				
Total in Pew Collection	\$2674.78			
Vanco On-Line	\$559.06			
Total	\$3,233.84			

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.

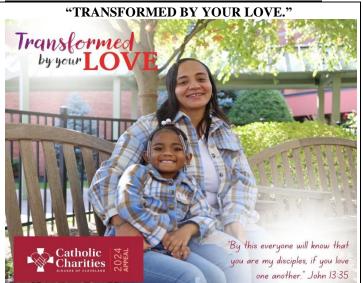
PRAY FOR THE SICK+

FAMILIES: The Lane Family, The Poteat Family				
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-Eaddie		
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 Andrea Johnson Joseph Jones Brianna Jones Reaber Jones Craig Kelly Janie Kincaid Francesca Lehu Dolores Malby Margie Jones Barbara Marshall Brown Naomi Matthews Fay Grady Tyrone Grady Rachael Glaster Jame Hoyle

Lasonia Sims Nina Simmons Bertha McClain Alexander Loraine Taylor Danny Couch Delvonte Grant Monika Moss-Gransberry

2024 Catholic Charities Appeal



Many parishioners in our parish and throughout the diocese received letters in January inviting their support of the Appeal. Please pray for the good work of Catholic Charities and make a pledge today. Your donation makes a difference! Your support of the 2024 Catholic Charities Appeal will help us serve those individuals who are most in need and most vulnerable. From Matthew's Gospel: "Whatever you did for the least of these, you did it for me." When we feed the hungry, take care of the sick, and welcome the stranger, we are also serving Jesus himself. We appreciate your donation is greatly appreciated and we will take special care to use it wisely in providing essential programs and services to people in need throughout all eight counties of the Diocese of Cleveland. To view inspirational stories of how the annual Appeal impacts the lives of many people and for more information please go to:

CATHOLICCOMMUNITY.ORG/2024APPEAL

OUR PARISH GOAL FOR 2024: \$13,801

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. <u>pastor@saolf.org</u>

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



Van Ministry

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

Catholic Cemeteries Association Grief Support

The Catholic Cemeteries Association offers free, safe, and compassionate monthly Grief Support meetings and Memorial events throughout the year. The next Grief Support meeting is Sunday, February 18th at 3:00pm for in-person support (at 6 locations), and 5:00pm for virtual support and the topic is "What's Normal in Grief?". For details, visit: <u>https://www.clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx</u> **For more information or questions, call Rhonda at 216-930-4866.**

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: <u>mnowak@dioceseofcleveland.org</u>**

BLACK HISTORY MONTH(Local events)

<u>Invigorate Art Gallery</u> 6500 Hough Avenue: (216) 413-7355 Presents A BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION February 1st – 29th

Daily Exhibits 12:00PM – 6:00PM Black Cinema: Saturdays at 12:30PM

The Extended Family

Presents: **TALENT SEARCH** Performances Ages 8-18 only

February 19th: Doors open at 3PM Disciples Christain Church 3663 Mayfield Rd., Cleveland Heights, OH 44121 Admission: Adults \$10, Children \$5 For More Info: Contact Tiny at 216-816-6068

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:

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.

<u>Parish Registration:</u> Welcome to our parish. To register, please contact the parish office. Or go to <u>https://saolf-parish.com/New-Registration</u>

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**