

**March 10, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Lent**

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK

The first reading from Chronicles describes the love of God for His People who e has not forgotten despite their sins. It reveals God’s plan to use a Gentile to bring about His Mercy, Cyrus of Persia. Cyrus would send the People of God back to their home to rebuilding the Temple and restore them to their own land. God’s plan will not be undone. Our sins will not hinder his plans. This would include His plan to send His only Son as a sacrifice for our sins. That God would save the world from sin by sacrificing his Son on the cross makes no sense, but is understood if we consider that God is love. May we be open to God’s love which only he can give us, and be imitators of that sacrificial love in how we relate with our neighbors.

Father Into Your Hands...

Please keep in your prayers the family of our deceased brother, **Joseph Lee Grimes, Sr.**, who passed away this past week. He is the husband of Sylvia Grimes. Funeral arrangements are being made. Please go to <https://calhounfuneral.com/obituary/joseph-lee-grimes-sr/> for updates.

Also keep in your prayers the family of our deceased brother, **Sabe Pope**, who also passed this past week. He is the husband of **Aisha Mills Pope** and son-in-law of **Annette Mills**. Funeral arrangements are being made. You can contact the parish this week for an update.

We pray that their souls will rest in the Eternal Peace of Christ.

**The Institute for Black Catholic Studies
Master of Theology Degree Program**

The Master of Theology (Th.M.) is an advanced theological degree for specialized academic or ministerial preparation. It is a degree designed for graduates of accredited colleges or universities who desire to begin or resume their theological education to enhance their professional competence in specific areas of study within the context of Pan African communities. Through this degree program, students can pursue advanced training—with opportunities to engage closely with our outstanding faculty on a written thesis—to enhance their ministry or prepare for a doctoral program.

Graduates of Xavier University of Louisiana’s Institute for Black Catholic Studies can be found in various academic and ministerial professions impacting the lives of people both nationally and internationally.

Consider advancing your career or ministerial opportunities by pursuing a Th.M. degree from the only Black and Catholic university in the western hemisphere. Get ready to become a transformative leader with a Xavier University of Louisiana Th.M. degree. **We’re waiting to hear from you (504) 520-7691.**

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK

Sun, Mar 10, Fourth Sunday of Lent
2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 Ps 137:1-6 Eph 2:4-10 Jn 3:14-21
8:30am – Missionaries Suffering Persecution
10:30am- The Poor and Oppressed in the World
Mon, Mar 11, Lenten Weekday
Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13 Jn 4:43-54
Tue, Mar 12, Lenten Weekday
Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 5:1-16
Wed, Mar 13, Lenten Weekday
Is 49:8-15 Ps 145: 8-9, 13-14, 17-18 Jn 5:17-30
Thu, Mar 14, Lenten Weekday
Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-23 Jn 5:31-47
Fri, Mar 15, Lenten Weekday
Wis 2:1, 12-22 Ps 34:17-21, 23 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sat, Mar 16, Lenten Weekday
Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3, 9-12 Jn 7:40-53
Sun, Mar 17, Fifth Sunday of Lent
Jer 31:31-34 Ps 51:3-4, 12-15 Heb 5:7-9 Jn 12:20-33

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

Liturgical Ministers

If you are a liturgical minister (Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, Lector, Altar Servers, etc.) and would like to resume your ministry please contact: **Carla Grant**: 216-200-1525 or **cgbible40@gmail.com** so she can review your status and get you back active. **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 3-3-2024:

Total in Pew Collection	\$5189.50
Vanco On-Line	\$785.35
CashApp	\$167.00
Total	\$6,141.85

VOLUNTEER COLLECTION COUNTERS NEEDED!
Our Parish is in need of **Several Volunteer Collection Counters** to help count Sunday and Holyday collections after the 10:30 Mass. Requirement is to count just once a month!
Training will be provided!

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
10-Mar Comm Lector EM	Fourth Sunday of Lent Rhonda Cross Mangham Betty Smith Needed	Carla Grant Lorraine McMillan Annette Cardwell Janice Kushner
Server	Sharla Durand	Gavin Smedley Jr. Melvin Onuorah.
Usher	Theresa Hughley Lazarus Oranugo	Billy Cardwell Antoinette Smith Linda Weatherspoon Needed
17-Mar Comm Lector EM	Fifth Sunday of Lent Keith Durand Shirley Tucker Rhonda Cross Mangham Needed	Terrence March Ariane Kirkpatrick-Couch Darlene Horton Danita Thomas
Server	Uzuchukku Oranugo	Sa’Vannah Love Vanessa Walker
Usher	Karen Larry Lazarus Oranugo	Jeremiah Robinson Elinor Williamson Billy Cardwell Needed

MINISTRY OF ACCOMPANIMENT WORKSHOP

Saturday, March 23 from 10:00am - 12:00pm

As Lay Ecclesial Ministers we are called to live out Pope Francis' call "into this 'art of accompaniment' which teaches us to remove our sandals before the sacred ground of the other." (Evangelii Gaudium, 169)

In this workshop, Christy will explore the practical elements of what accompaniment is and is not along with providing the spiritual and theological elements that are necessary to build a more relational church.

Christy Cabaniss serves as the Director of Missionary Discipleship for the Diocese of Cleveland. She has over 15 years of experience volunteering and working for the Church. Christy holds a Certificate in Pastoral Ministry from Seton Hill University, Greensburg, and a master’s degree from St. Mary’s Seminary, Baltimore.

**St. Agnes/Our Lady of Fatima Parish
SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES 2024**

Education Scholarships or assistance during the 2024-25 academic year will be available to those who qualify and wish to apply. Forms for both the **Helen Morris Memorial Scholarship** and the **Parish Education Assistance Scholarship** are available on the parish website at <https://www.saolf.org/scholarships>
Note that the deadline for completed applications is April 30th

**Fund A Dream – 2024/2025 School Year
Scholarship Opportunity!**



Fund A Dream is a \$2,500 scholarship for tuition assistance, and is available to eligible K-12 students in the Diocese of Cleveland. The Fund

A Dream program matches each scholarship recipient with a donor. Fund A Dream scholars experience the unique opportunity of knowing that someone else chose to invest in them and their Catholic education experience. Students and their school will provide a variety of communications to their matched donor regarding the student’s educational journey. Fund A Dream scholarship awards need-based and awarded to students with a minimum of \$2,500 need for tuition assistance. Please visit www.CatholicCommunity.org/FAD to apply for a Fund A Dream Scholarship in the 2024/2025 school year. The deadline to apply is March 25, 2024.



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	Margie Jones	Lasonia Sims
Andrea Johnson	Barbara Marshall Brown	Nina Simmons
Joseph Jones	Naomi Matthews	Byron Washington
Brianna Jones	Fay Grady	Loraine Taylor
Reaber Jones	Tyrone Grady	Danny Couch
Craig Kelly	Rachael Glaster	Delvonte Grant
Janie Kincaid	Jame Hoyle	Monika Moss-Gransberry
Francesca Lehu	Daniel Grant Jr.	Thomas Washington
Dolores Malby	Michael Tucker Jr.	Carol Bertrand

**Catholic Cemeteries Association
Grief and Bereavement 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, March 17th at 3:00pm for in-person support (at 6 locations), and 5:00pm for virtual support and the topic is "Spring, Easter, and Grief: Times of Sacred Transition". For details, visit: <https://www.clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx>. For more information or questions, call Rhonda at 216-930-4866.

Catholic Cemeteries Association

One-Year Anniversary Masses, March 18th - 20th.

The one-year death anniversary of a loved one can be a very difficult time for grieving families. For this reason, we remember the faithful departed entrusted to our care, and we pray for the peace and consolation of their families in a special commemorative Mass. The Mass is celebrated annually near the March feast day of St. Joseph (March 19th), our model and intercessor for the grace of a peaceful passage from this life to our eternal home. This year we honor the faithful departed through Mass intentions at three local parishes, allowing families to select a Mass location and time that is most convenient for them to attend.

- **Monday, March 18th 12:00pm** – [The Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist](#) (livestreamed), 1007 Superior Ave., Cleveland OH 44114
- **Tuesday, March 19th 8:30am** – [St. Bridget of Kildare Parish](#), 5620 Hauserman Rd., Parma OH 44130
- **Wednesday, March 20th 6:30pm** - [Holy Spirit Catholic Church](#), 4341 East 131st St, Garfield Hts OH 44105
- **For more information** contact Rhonda at 216-930-4866.

suffering of Christ on his journey to Calvary will be prayed each Friday at 3pm and 5pm in the Church. The Word Among Us is also available for your daily prayer and reflection during this season.

FASTING: Catholics, ages 16 to 59, are obligated to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. The Lenten practice of Fasting is as follows: one main meal, two smaller meals, and no food in-between. We should be hungry, not starved. Those needing to eat with medication may do so.

ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT: This is an Obligation for all Catholics on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday.

ALMSGIVING: Consider works of charity, service, or financial sacrifices during Lent.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION



MARCH 10, 2024

This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

2024 Catholic Charities Appeal

"TRANSFORMED BY YOUR LOVE."



THANK YOU to all who made a gift to Catholic Charities. Because of your support, hundreds of thousands of individuals will be given help + hope in the Diocese of Cleveland. You can still make a donation by visiting CatholicCommunity.org/ donate or text CCHOPE to 41444. **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

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

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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- Rev. Mr. Hardin Martin, Deacon
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- Mr. Aldo Fierro, Parish Business Manager
AFierro@saolf.org
- Miss Brittany Taylor, Parish Secretary
btaylor@saolf.org
- Mr. Cary Dabney, Director of Religious Education
cdabney@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**

SAVE THE DATE!

Operation Good News

Presents

A Summer Retreat

The Joy of the Gospel

June 29, 2024

Jesuit Retreat House, Parma OH

Rev. David Domanski, OFM Cap – Spiritual Director

Contact Shawn Kennedy 216-233-0880

Or Carol Bugg 216-835-0117

Catholic Diocese of Cleveland

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Office of Black Catholic Ministries

Presents:

MEN'S RETREAT

THEME: "HOW GOD MAKES MEN"

Saturday, April 13, 2024

St. Agnes - Our Lady of Fatima Parish,

6800 Lexington Ave.,

Cleveland, Ohio 44104

To register, go to: www.bowmanfrancis.org

Or call 216-696-6525 for more information

LENTEN PRACTICE REMINDERS

Lent is marked by the traditional observances of **Prayer, Fasting, Abstinence** and **Almsgiving**.

PRAYER: Consider daily mass and personal scripture reading during Lent. The Stations of the Cross, a devotion to the