

March 31, 2024
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

SCRIPTURE REFLECTION THIS WEEK
 Just a few days ago on Good Friday, all that Jesus did and said seemed to have ended in failure. Jesus was dead and buried, and His friends were hiding in fear and doubt. But today, we rejoice because what seemed like a complete failure was actually a victory. Our Lord has conquered sin and death through His obedience, even to death. (Philippians 2:8). The greatest miracle of all has been performed, the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior. Jesus' Resurrection proved that He was not just another healer, preacher, miracle worker, prophet. He was truly the Son of God who has fulfilled the promise of a Messiah proclaimed by all the prophets as we heard in the Acts of the Apostles today: *"To him all the prophets bear witness, that everyone who believes in him will receive forgiveness of sins through his name."* (Acts 10:43) These words also reveal that Jesus Christ desires to fulfill his promise for us who believe in Him. What was that promise? That we will share in His victory over sin and death by rising with Him also, as He told his disciples in John 12: 26, *"Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me."* (John 12: 26). Therefore, we should have no fear to follow Him by serving Him, embracing our crosses and dying with Him. If we do so, our faith assures us that we will rise with Him. May this Easter Season dispel all our fears and anxieties, knowing that we have a Savior who is true to His word, and will give us a share in His Risen Life if we but trust and believe. With Easter joy, let us thank God for letting us share in this glorious victory.

NOTE: The Parish Office will be Closed on Easter Monday

MASS INTENTIONS AND SCRIPTURES THIS WEEK

Sun, Mar 31, Easter Sunday
 Acts 10:34, 37-43 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Col 3:1-4
 Jn 20:1-9 Mk 16:1-7
 8:30am – For all the New Fully Initiated Members of the Church
 10:30am- The Pioneers of the Rosary Group in celebration of its 10-year anniversary
Mon, Apr 1, Monday within the Octave of Easter
 Acts 2:14, 22-23 Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11 Mt 28:8-15
Tue, Apr 2, Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
 Acts 2:36-41 Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22 Jn 20:11-18
Wed, Apr 3, Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
 Acts 3:1-10 Ps 105:1-4, 6-9 Lk 24:13-35
Thu, Apr 4, Thursday within the Octave of Easter
 Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8:2, 5-9 Lk 24:35-48
Fri, Apr 5, Friday within the Octave of Easter
 Acts 4:1-12 Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27 Jn 21:1-14
Sat, Apr 6, Saturday within the Octave of Easter
 Acts 4:13-21 Ps 118:1, 14-21 Mk 16:9-15

Sun, Apr 7, Second Sunday of Easter
 Acts 4:32-35 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 1 Jn 5:1-6 Jn 20:19-31

| LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES | | |
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| | 8:30 AM | 10:30 AM |
| 31-Mar | Easter Sunday | |
| Comm | Pam Pendleton | Josie Kramer |
| Lector | Sabina Conroy | Brian Upton |
| EM | Rhonda Cross Mangham | Annette Cardwell Darlene Horton |
| Server | Sharla Durand | Jeremiah Robinson Gavin Smedley |
| Usher | Theresa Hughley Karen Larry | Billy Cardwell Yvette Andre Yvonne Griffin Sheila Griffin-McCoy |
| 07-Apr | Second Sunday of Easter | |
| Comm | Shirley Tucker | Chi Chi Onuorah |
| Lector | Uzuamaka Oranugo | Betty Washington |
| EM | Rhonda Cross Mangham | Carol Grant |
| Server | Uzuchukku Oranugo | Ariane Kirkpatrick-Couch Vanessa Walker |
| Usher | Karen Larry Theresa Hughley | Divine Onuorah Billy Cardwell Antoinette Smith Linda Weatherspoon Needed |

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!**

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

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.**

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.



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>

THE APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED CORRECTLY IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED:
Members of the Education Commission will be available after both Masses next Sunday, April 7th, in the Church Hall Lounge area to explain how to fill the applications correctly and go over expectations for the student.

 The deadline for completed applications is April 30th. Please email your application to education@saolf.org

YOUR SACRIFICE LAST WEEK

Thank you for your sacrificial gift for our church. Our goal to meet our budget is \$5,400.00. **Thank you for your generosity and faithfulness!**

SUNDAY OFFERINGS 3-10-2024:

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| Total in Pew Collection | \$3652.83 |
| Vanco On-Line | \$1135.80 |
| CashApp | \$172.00 |
| Total | \$4,960.63 |

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 |
| Alonzo Givens | Nisha Presley | Alonzo Givens |
| Yvonne Williamson | Sue Scott | Yvonne Williamson |
| Regina Woodard | Regina Shanklin | Regina Woodard |
| Beverly Greene-Reed | Jerry Shelton | Beverly Greene-Reed |
| Jahiem Wilson Ali' Bey | Kevin Sipp | Jahiem Wilson Ali' Bey |
| Warren Family | Deborah Smedley | Warren Family |
| William Jackson | Barbara Sudberry | William Jackson |
| Kardier Jackson | Danita Thomas | Kardier Jackson |
| Carol Hollinger | Yvonne Griffin | Carol Hollinger |
| Mattie McDonald | Hubert Watson | Mattie McDonald |
| Anita Gullett | Desiree Webb | Anita Gullett |
| Natalie Webb | Aris White | Natalie Webb |
| Carson Wetherwax | James Keifer | Carson Wetherwax |
| Gail Xavier | Kathy Heard | Gail Xavier |
| Jaqueline Zeigler | Eboni Edwards | Jaqueline Zeigler |
| Darlene Harris | Monique Johnson | Darlene Harris |
| Lasonia Sims | Margie Jones | Lasonia Sims |
| Nina Simmons | Barbara Marshall Brown | Nina Simmons |
| Byron Washington | Naomi Matthews | Byron Washington |
| Loraine Taylor | Fay Grady | Loraine Taylor |
| Danny Couch | Tyrone Grady | Danny Couch |
| Delvonte Grant | Rachael Glaster | Delvonte Grant |
| Monika Moss-Gransberry | Jame Hoyle | Monika Moss-Gransberry |
| Thomas Washington | Thomas Grant Jr. | Thomas Washington |
| Carol Bertrand | Michael Tucker Jr. | Carol Bertrand |

UPCOMING EVENTS

Divine Mercy Sunday Holy Hour: April 7th 3:00PM

Next Sunday Afternoon, there will be a Eucharistic Holy Hour for Divine Mercy Sunday. Which will include prayer the DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

What is Divine Mercy Sunday?
 On May 5, 2000, five days after the canonization of St. Faustina, the Vatican decreed that the Second Sunday of Easter would henceforth be known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

The Image: Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in a vision, with his right hand raised in a blessing and his left touching his garment above his heart. Red and white rays emanate from his heart, symbolizing the blood and water that was poured out for our salvation and our sanctification. The Lord requested that "Jesus, I trust in You" be inscribed under his image.



Jesus asked that his image be painted and venerated throughout the world: "I promise that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish" (Diary, no. 48) and "By means of this image I will grant many graces to souls" (Diary, no. 742).

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy: The Chaplet was also given to St. Faustina with this promise: "Encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you" (Diary, no. 1541). "Whoever will recite it will receive great mercy at the hour of death. ... Even if there were a sinner most hardened, if he were to recite this chaplet only once, he would receive grace from My infinite mercy. I desire that the whole world know My infinite mercy" (Diary, no. 687).

Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, Monday, April 8th

(This is Not a holy day of obligation)

Father James will be out of town on this day. **No Mass will be celebrated at the parish for the Solemnity of the Annunciation.** If you desire to go to Mass on that day, please find a church near you that will be offering Mass.

Sacraments and Social Mission Workshop

at

St. Agnes Our Lady of Fatima Parish

Sunday April 14th

12:30- 4:30PM

Presenter: Kelly Bon,

Director of The Diocesan Social Action Office

The sacraments the Church celebrates are signs of grace that make a deeper reality present to us. One reality we encounter through the sacraments is Christ's presence in the Church community, his body.

Join us as we recognize Christ's presence in the community and how that will lead to a stronger awareness of being sent on a mission to engage in concrete, love-inspired action in the world.

The resources we will cover can help you to better understand the connections between the celebration of the sacraments and our social mission as followers of Jesus and the Body of Christ.

This is training for those who would like to serve on the Social Action Commission; however, All Are Welcome!

3 Ways to RSVP:

Parish Office - (216) 391-1655, or...

email pastor@saolf.org, or...

<https://saolf-parish.com/Sacraments-Social-Justice>

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 & Office of Black Catholic Ministries

Presents:

MEN'S RETREAT

THEME: "HOW GOD MAKES MEN"

Saturday, April 13, 2024

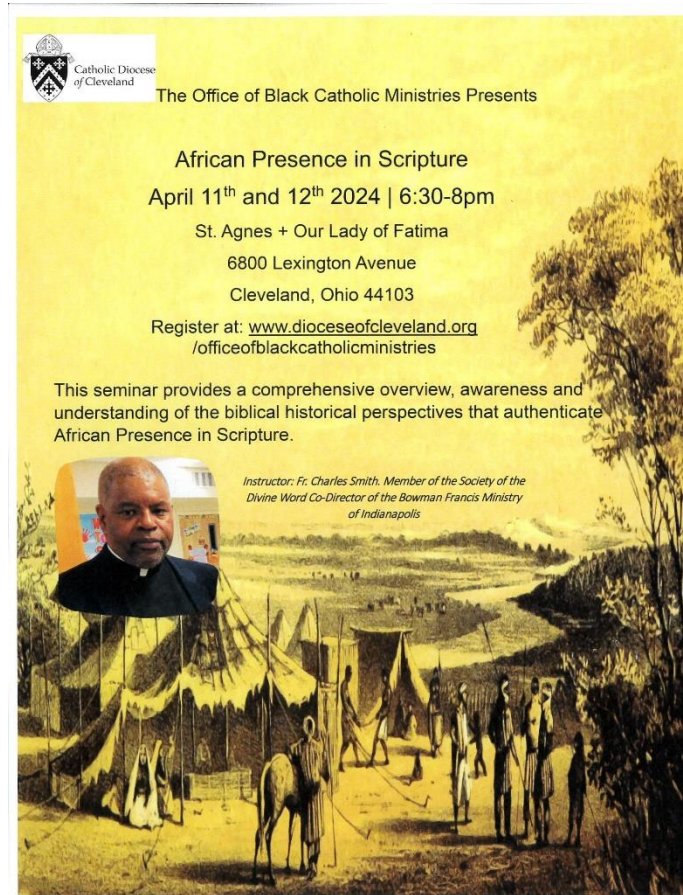
St. Agnes - Our Lady of Fatima Parish,

6800 Lexington Ave.,

Cleveland, Ohio 44104

To register, go to: www.bowmanfrancis.org

Or call 216-696-6525 for more information



The Office of Black Catholic Ministries Presents

African Presence in Scripture
April 11th and 12th 2024 | 6:30-8pm
St. Agnes + Our Lady of Fatima
6800 Lexington Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44103
Register at: www.dioceseofcleveland.org/officeofblackcatholicministries

This seminar provides a comprehensive overview, awareness and understanding of the biblical historical perspectives that authenticate African Presence in Scripture.

Instructor: Fr. Charles Smith, Member of the Society of the Divine Word Co-Director of the Bowman Francis Ministry of Indianapolis

Summer Camp Employment Working with Children with Disabilities

Catholic Charities Disability Services will be interviewing college students and young professionals to work this summer for Camp Happiness at the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe. This is a great opportunity to experience a job that is truly one of service and is personally fulfilling and fun. Camp Happiness is from 9:00am to 3:00pm beginning June 10 and ending July 26, 2024 (closed on July 4 & 5 and includes one week of staff training and six weeks of camp). If you are interested in learning more about working at camp, contact: Kayti Hedberg at kehedberg@ccdacle.org or call 216-334-2997. You can apply at: <https://www.ccdacle.org/careers> (search for Camp Happiness to find open positions).

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

jwatson@saolf.org

Rev. Mr. Hardin Martin, Deacon

deaconmartin@saolf.org

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