

1st African American Catholic Church in the City of Cleveland
2nd African American Catholic Church in the United States
St. Adalbert/Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament



Celebrating 100 Years
Serving the Fairfax
African American
Catholic Community
Since 1922



Mass: 11am Sunday
Weekday Mass During School:
Monday: 9am and Thursday: 9am
Thursday: 6:30pm - Zoom Rosary – Please contact Fr. Gary Chmura
Confession by appointment only-Please contact Fr. Gary Chmura

1st Sunday Blessings November 7, 2022 /Community Meal
2nd Sunday Rosary / November 13, 2022 / 10:30 am
3rd Sunday / November 20th 2022 Thomas Clark Scholarship Collection
4th Saturday/**October 29th, 2022 -OLP 10am-12noon Community Meal**
Blackjack Sunday/Community Meal: October 30th
November 12, 2022 / Pilgrimage from Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament
Monday /November 14th, 2022 / PTU / 6-7pm
Mass Intention: WORLD PEACE

Fr. Gary Chmura, Fr. Andrew Korunas
The Congregation of the Evangelizing Sisters of Mary
Saint Adalbert School Campus President: James Smith
Saint Adalbert School Principal: Jamie Smith
Parish Council Chair: Irene Morrison
Parish Finance Council Chair: Phillis Fuller Clippis

Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Background:

"I am a sinner on whom God has looked." In one of the signature statements of Pope Francis's service to the Church, he has gotten to the heart of this Sunday's Gospel selection. The officially religious person who can list his good deeds does not go home "at rights with God" (Lk 18:14, Jerusalem Bible). It is the sinner, whose heart has a deep faith in the mercy of the Almighty and who is bold enough to enter the Temple to claim it, who does.

Discussion Questions

- In what situations are you tempted to start listing your virtues? When do you feel called to prove that you are "holier-than-thou"?
- When has being humble brought you happiness, especially in your relationships?
- Which people have helped you on your path of honesty with God and yourself?
- Which people in the Church and in society claim our support in a self-righteous way?

Practice:

Under Pope Francis, we have seen a revival of the "seamless garment" approach to pro-life issues. Spend this week pondering how, with your time, talent, and treasure, you might help those working for the sanctity of all life, immigrants, refugees and the homeless. How can your awareness of God's mercy help bring mercy to others?

~ Adapted from TeamRCIA

Friends and Parishioners requesting prayers: Sidney L. Emmerson/ Hazel B. Emmerson/ Annie L. Emmerson
Deacon Shelby and Maxiene Friend / Lawrence Garret / Janet Allen / Moria Clark/ Linda Gamble / Leonard Love
/Sr. Juanita Shealey, CSJ / Phillip & Phillis Clippis / Tina Crutchfield Williams / Louise Napier / Lorraine Bradley
/Jason Davis / Ruth Hill / Fr. Gary Chmura / Diane Hunter/ Mark Moliff /Julie Davis/ Pat Young / Fr. Clarence
Williams, C.PP.S / Betty Moise / Carol Sanderall / Chester Walker, Sr. / Delores Jones /Howard Jackson / Jimmy
Gilmore / Kulura Blount / Star Blount / Robert Butler / Madison Maynard /Doris St. Clair / Perry Johnson /
Tristan Barnes / Cedric Barnes Jr. / Rudy Thompson, Sr. / Tiffany Skillern / Raymond Goodrum / Tom & Cathey
Ullom. *May the God of all compassion have mercy upon them and grant consolation to our family and
friends.*

St. Adalbert School Candy Drive continues, please see **Regina Fortner** to purchase candy and support our school.
Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

Please see Walter Napier if you are interested in supporting the **Diocesan Holy Name Society**. Tickets for the
Football Crazar are \$10/each. The event begins November 6, 2022 and ends January 8th, 2023. Weekly prizes
are mailed to the winners and range from \$30-150/week.

Your Taxes. Their Tuition. Our Future. Ohioans can now receive a 100% tax credit of up to \$750 (\$1500 if married filing jointly) for cash donations to the Angel Scholarship Fund. The aim of this tax-credit scholarship program is to award scholarships for elementary and high school students. This is a great opportunity to provide tuition assistance for families who wish to send their children to our Catholic schools. Your support:
Directly impacts a family's ability to afford a Catholic education / Helps provide high quality Catholic education to more children / Can be directed to any Catholic school in the Diocese of Cleveland / Allows you to choose what your tax dollars support
Act now for your 2022 tax credit: it's quick, it's easy, & we are here to help! Call 216-902-1312, or online: < <http://catholiccommunity.org/angel> >.

STEWARDSHIP: The amounts shown include electronic contributions. Thank you for your continued financial sacrifices and support.

October 2, 2022	\$ 1,126.00
October 9, 2022	\$ 720.00
October 16, 2022	\$ 5,366.02



OLBS/SVdP Update: October 11, 2022: We met to discuss the coordination of opening the Food Pantry/Hot Meals Program. Preparation of the space to be used for storage (basement of Church) has begun. The first community meal will be **ON BLACKJACK SUNDAY OCTOBER 30** immediately after the mass. The second will be November 7th immediately after mass.

We will use a rotating Food Bank Managing schedule for each month the pantry is open, there will be a different manager each month. This model provides the best opportunity for everyone who has desire to serve to do so and minimizes the risk of burn out. We are completing the paperwork to partner with the Cleveland Food Bank for assistance/food purchases to be distributed from the pantry. Currently, the plan is to provide a 3–5-day supply of food for families in need. There is still much work to do. November will be an in-person training session for “in-home visitations”. Please see Phillis Clippis if you are interested in attending.

The interim officers will be Irene Morrison-President, Phillis Clippis-Secretary/Treasurer, Sr. Rita Mary Mrema, CESM-Spiritual Director. Elections will be held in the winter 2023 after we have established our routine/distribution schedules and begin serving our community. Thank you for your continued prayers.
Volunteers are needed. Training will be provided by the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

In preparation for the upcoming **13th National Black Catholic Congress**, our diocese is hosting a **Day of Reflection** to help identify the topics of concern to the Black Catholic community. Under **the theme, "Write the Vision: A Prophetic Call to Thrive,"** the focus of the day will be to listen to God's voice through Scripture so we may become a prophetic people who move towards a vision to thrive. Following the Day of Reflection, a synthesis report will be submitted to the National Black Catholic Congress to help create a Pastoral Plan of Action for the Black Catholic Community in the United States over the next five years. The Day of Reflection will be held on **Saturday, October 29 from 9 am – 3:30 pm at the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe**. Bishop Michael Woost will preside at Opening Prayer. There is still time to register! Online registration will be available on the diocesan website at dioceseofcleveland.org or see Phillis Clippis for assistance.

Our Parish Rosary Program

There are many reasons to pray the rosary: reparation for sin, world peace, political civility, end to the death sentence, souls in purgatory, the intentions of the Holy Father, vocations, lukewarm and fallen away Catholics, marriages, and those in the most need of God's mercy. But perhaps the best reason of all is by praying the rosary as Blessed Mother has asked, is that she will bring us closer to Jesus and in the process, we will become more Christ like. Please **consider joining us weekly on the Thursday Zoom Rosary with Fr. Gary and OLP parishioners and each 2nd Sunday before Mass to pray the Rosary**. Each week, please either email or text Fr. Gary or Phillis Clippis or drop in the collection basket a slip of paper with the number of rosaries you prayed the previous week. Rosaries prayed the week ending October 15th: 11.

October 23, 2022

Womankind Fund-raiser: “Loose Change Changes Lives” Help us change the lives of an expectant mom and her baby by taking part in our annual Baby Bottle Fund-raiser. Baby bottles are available at the entrance of the Church. We ask you to take one home, fill it with your loose change (or a check payable to Womankind), and Return Baby Bottles to the Church Next Weekend, October 29/30. The funds generated will help Womankind provide free prenatal care and a full range of support services to pregnant women in need. Their comprehensive services are free and confidential. For information about Womankind, check out their website: < <http://womankind-cleveland.org> >

World Mission Sunday, our annual effort to support missionaries and missions world-wide, is this weekend, October 22/23. Join Catholics worldwide in offering our prayers and financial support, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, to the Pope’s Missions. This collection supports missionary efforts in the building up of over almost 1,100 missionary dioceses in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America & Europe. It provides mission support to 844,000 Catechists; 258,540 Religious Sisters; 38,140 Seminarians; 26 million elementary school children; orphanages; old age homes; and clinics for the sick & dying. On this World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis reminds that in Baptism we are called by the Lord to be his Missionaries: “You shall be my witnesses” (Acts 1:8)

Priesthood Sunday is next Sunday, Oct. 30th, a day set aside for us to celebrate the gift of priesthood and to offer prayers and support to the faithful men who serve our Church as priests. Please take some time to reflect on the importance of priestly ministry in your life. Consider sending a card or note to one of the priests who has impacted your life.

BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH /Shepherding Committee- In November, we have organized Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary prayer services to celebrate Black Catholic History month and the Eucharistic Revival. We will use reflections on **the mysteries created in honor of the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights movement**. The prayer services will begin at 7 pm and rotate weekly, a different day each week, in order to have the opportunity to pray each of the mysteries. Please consider attending each evening of the Eucharistic Revival. The proposed schedule is as follows:

Luminous Mysteries | Civil Rights Causes

Thursday, Nov 10: St. Aloysius / St. Agatha

Sorrowful Mysteries | Black Catholic Historical Documents

Tuesday, Nov 15: Holy Spirit

Joyful Mysteries | Education, Social & Economic Justice

Monday, Nov 21: St. Agnes / Our Lady of Fatima

Glorious Mysteries | The Black Catholic Response

Wednesday, Nov 30: St. Adalbert/Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament.