



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

March 3 –The feast day of Saint Katherine Drexel

1st Sunday Birthday Blessings/March 7
2nd Sunday Rosa March 14, 2021 at 10:30am
3rd Sunday March 21, 2021
Thomas Clark Scholarship Fund

February 28, 2021 / Catholic Charities Appeal

Mass Intentions: Ron Scott

Zoom Rosary Thursday Evenings / 6:30pm
[Contact Fr. Gary to join]
RCIA/C Thursdays at 7pm / Our Lady of Peace
Please pray for those who have begun the faith journey
to become Catholic.

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From the hearts of Saint Adalbert/Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Parish, School, Faculty, Staff and Teachers: We cannot begin to express our thanks and gratitude to all who generously contributed to the family that was devastated by the fire a couple of weeks ago. The outpouring of love, prayers and support are amazing and appreciated. THANK YOU.

-Fr. Gary

Second Sunday of Lent

Background: This Sunday’s Gospel recounts the last of three successive episodes that center on Jesus as God’s beloved Son: his baptism, temptation, and transfiguration. Having successfully met the temptations to misunderstand what that calling might mean, Jesus today hears God reaffirm for the disciples that they must “listen to him.” The road of discipleship leads to an awareness of how we are already being transfigured if we follow Jesus.

Discussion Questions

- When did Jesus stop being merely your teacher and became also your savior and Lord?
- When have you seen his power transfigure other people? How has faith transformed them?
- What do you want this Lent to transfigure in you?
- How good are you at bringing what you seen on the mountaintop with you down into the plain of ordinary life?

Practice:

Pray for the catechumens, candidates, and yourself. Then, pray Psalm 25, 4-10 - Make known to me your ways, LORD; teach me your paths. Guide me by your fidelity and teach me, for you are God my savior, for you I wait all the day long. Remember your compassion and your mercy, O LORD, for they are ages old. Remember no more the sins of my youth; remember me according to your mercy, because of your goodness, LORD. Good and upright is the LORD, therefore he shows sinners the way, He guides the humble in righteousness, and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth toward those who honor his covenant and decrees. ~Team RCIA

Lenten Devotions at AM 1260 The Rock. Please join us for Lenten Devotions on AM 1260 The Rock! These devotions will air on **Tuesdays and Fridays during Lent.** On Tuesdays at 3:00 PM, we will air the Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus. On Fridays at 3:00 PM, we will host the Stations of the Cross for Priests. **The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy will continue to air on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at 3:00 PM during Lent.** We wish you a fruitful and peaceful Lenten journey and we will keep you in our daily prayers.

"God Calling" airs Sundays at 4:30 PM / **AM 1260 The Rock** and features vocation stories from priests, religious, married, and single Catholics. Veteran broadcaster Paul Orlosky hosts this 30-minute glimpse into how God calls each one of us. February’s lineup includes:

- 2/28-Deacon Bill and Nancy Fredrick, St. Joseph Byzantine Church, Brecksville

Holy Hour of Reparation - We may wonder what we can do to help establish justice, and bring healing to those affected by corruption in the Church. One thing that we can do, is to pray for the Church, and all those affected. On the **first Monday of the month, on March 1, the Cathedral will have a Holy Hour of Reparation and Healing, from approximately 5:45-6:45 pm.** It will provide an opportunity for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and conclude with prayers of reparation.

STEWARDSHIP:

Thank you for your weekly contributions. We appreciate your sacrifice during these challenging times.

February 7, 2021	\$ 361.00
February 14, 2021	\$ 1,505.00
February 21, 2021	\$ 1,598.78

Free tax preparation for anyone earning less than \$100,000/year. Masks are mandatory. Hours are 9am-1pm Monday-Thursday. Contact the Thea Bowman Center at 216.491.0699 for additional information

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Have you ever wondered to yourself – What am I supposed to do with my life? Probably most of us have mused on that question at one point or another. Saint Katharine Drexel – wondered about this very same thing in her own life, and received her answer through a rather dramatic challenge. Katharine was born to a very prominent family in Philadelphia on November 26th 1858.

One of the truths that the Drexel's impressed upon their children was the realization that their vast wealth did not belong to them, but that it had been entrusted to them by God, and as such, they were called to be good stewards of it – using it to serve others. When Katharine was in her early 20's she lost in short order, both her father and her step-mother, leaving her and her sisters to inherit a massive fortune. She was not entirely sure what to do with so much money, but the lessons that her parents had instilled in her concerning the purpose of wealth stuck with her.

Katherine had become aware of the plight of Native Americans and African Americans during her extensive travels around the country, and, after she was visited by some missionaries who were working with these groups of people, she made significant contributions to support their missionary efforts. She was still struggling to find her purpose in life. She took a trip to Europe, and near the end of her time there, she had an audience with Pope Leo XIII. She shared with the Holy Father the plight of the Native Americans and African Americans in the United States, and begged him to find some missionary order to send to minister to their needs. To which the Pope replied: "Why don't you do something about it", meaning, why don't you be that missionary. Pope Leo's words cut her very deeply, and as she left the audience, she found herself sobbing. His challenge had stirred up the question of religious life in her heart.

After some discernment, in 1891 Katherine Drexel founded the "Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament for Indians and Colored People." As the name suggests, this order would be dedicated to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, and serving those who were most neglected in society.

Mother Drexel would spend the rest of her life exhausting herself and her fortune in the service of others. By the end of her life, she had over 500 sisters teaching in over 60 schools and missions throughout the country, including Xavier University (the first institution of higher learning for African Americans in the United States). Saint Katharine Drexel died in 1955 at the age of 96. Mother Drexel's life reminds us that we should all strive to be aware of the needs that are right in front of our nose. Perhaps these needs are right in front of our nose because God's is inviting us to do something about it. Instead of saying, "someone should really do something about this," we might instead remember to words of Pope Leo XIII – "**Why don't you do something about it.**"!

Cleveland Food Bank -

Throughout Northeast Ohio, one in six people have been food insecure. Undoubtedly, this number is rising incredibly quickly as people are out of work during the COVID-19 crisis. The Greater Cleveland Food Bank looks to bridge the meal gap, connecting individuals with the nutritious meals they need to succeed. If you need help to get or keep your benefits, find a pantry that serves your area, or to see if you meet the guidelines for assistance, call the Food Bank at call 216-738-7239, or visit <http://GreaterClevelandFoodBank.org>.

Home Energy Assistance Program - (HEAP) Help for Dominion Energy Ohio Customers - If you are facing a financial hardship, Dominion Energy Ohio has several payment and assistance options for your unique situation. Dominion recently increased its contribution to the EnergyShare program, making additional dollars available this year to residential Customers struggling to pay their bills. You can learn more online at < DominionEnergy.com > and search for the keywords "energy assistance." During these unprecedented times, the company encourages you to pay your bills as you normally would to avoid a large balance later. If you've fallen behind on your bill, please contact Dominion Energy Ohio at 800-362-7557 for help with payment arrangements.

Catholic Charities Annual Appeal - This year's appeal theme is Love Your Neighbor. Your generous support will transform the lives of others, to offer dignity, possibilities, and companionship to those who are most vulnerable. The 2021 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal will take **TODAY**. As in the past, an in-pew commitment process will take place.

Monica Starks has been nominated for an Author Academy Global Award, an honor bestowed for literary merit and publishing excellence in the writing and publishing industry, for her book: ***Down But, Not Out: My Journey with Chronic Kidney Disease***. You can help. Monica is up against hundreds of worldwide authors for this prestigious Author Academy Award. Website site voting will be posted when the voting begins March 1st!

Mass Intentions: What a great way to have a prayer and Mass offered for health, family, remembrance of deceased, or for a friend or idea. Please contact Fr. Gary, Sr. Rita, Phillis Clippis or use the envelopes next to the memory wall and place them in the collection basket.

Wellness Checks: Please remember to check on your elderly friends, neighbors, and relatives. They would appreciate the call. Prayer Lists are available in the back of the church for your use.

The Diocese has asked every parish to participate in a program named **Called for More**. Part of it is taking an online or paper survey about our parish. **I WANT TO STRESS THAT THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH CONSOLIDATING, CLOSING, OR RECONFIGURING**. Instead, it will help with pastoral planning for the spiritual growth of our parish. This survey is totally anonymous. You can access the survey by at: <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/d8c4x18cg6> Thank you for participating. Please stay healthy and safe!

Fr Gary