



April 11, 2021

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

FREE COVID-19 VACCINE FOR EVERYONE 60+
Langston Hughes Community Health/Education Center
EVERY MONDAY 7:30am-4pm

CSU Wolstein Center 7 days/week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

1st Sunday Birthday Blessings/May 2, 2021
2nd Sunday Rosary/April 11, 2021 at 10:30am
3rd Sunday April 18, 2021/Thomas Clark Scholarship Fund

Mass Intentions: Evelyn Blair

Fr. Gary Chmura, Pastor, 216.881.7647
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Saint Adalbert Campus President: James Smith
Saint Adalbert School Principal: Jamie Smith
Music Ministry: Theresa Bumpers/Sandi Gay Chapman
Praise Dance Coordinators: Megan Lipian/Janice Sims
Parish Council Chair: Irene Morrison
Parish Finance Council Chair: Phillis Fuller Clippis

Wellness Checks:

Please remember to check on your elderly friends, neighbors, and relatives. They would appreciate the call.

Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'What are you doing for others?'

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

Let us continue to pray for the neophytes (newly baptized and 1st communicants) who have completed their journey through the Rites of Initiation. Especially, Gillian Johns.

Welcome Home!

**Second Sunday of Easter
- Divine Mercy Sunday!**

Background:

This was the day on which, in ancient Rome, the neophytes laid aside the white robes that they had been given during the rites of initiation at Easter Vigil and joined the body of the Faithful. And so, today's readings were chosen with them in mind. There are two episodes in today's selection from John's Gospel. The first is the missioning of the disciples and the sending of the Spirit by the risen Lord on the evening of Easter Day itself. The second occurs eight days later with the story of doubting Thomas who is transformed from a skeptic into the first person in the Gospel narrative to greet Jesus as his Lord and God.

Discussion Questions:

- The "proof" that Thomas was looking for, he found when Jesus showed him his wounds. 1 John says that "the blood, the water, and the Spirit" bear the same "witness." When, in your tough times, has Jesus been your rock, your refuge, and your stronghold? The one you could turn to because he understood?
- Jesus has breathed the Spirit upon each of us. When you have concretely experienced the Spirit's power at work in and through you? When have you been "bigger" than yourself?
- Jesus articulates that the core of our mission in the power of the Spirit is to bring forgiveness and reconciliation. When have you had to struggle to live up to that challenge? Are you struggling now?
- Acts presents an idealized version of life in the earliest Christian community?
- How can you help the Church live up to that ideal of mutual support and care presented there?

Practice:

What wound from your past still pains you? How might Jesus bring healing and new strength to you? This week, after meditating upon this topic, journal about it as well. Explain to Jesus all the details, ask him to send the Spirit upon you and anyone else involved, and each day slowly pray the Lord's Prayer. (Alternate languages if you can.)



STEWARDSHIP:

Thank you for your continued support and generosity. On-line contributions are not included in the totals listed. We promise to be good students of your sacrifice:

February 14, 2021	\$ 1,505.00
February 28, 2021	\$ 529.00
March 7, 2021	\$ 1,906.00
March 14, 2021	\$ 290.00

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 more information.

During this **Year of Saint Joseph**, the Church has made a plenary indulgence available to all the faithful who satisfy the usual conditions (confession, Eucharist, prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father, a spirit of detachment from sin, and the intention to gain the indulgence for one's self or someone in purgatory), as well as perform one of the prescribed works, as follows:

- Meditate for at least 30 minutes on the Lord's Prayer, or take part in a spiritual retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph Following St. Joseph's example, perform a spiritual or corporal work of mercy
- Recite the Holy Rosary with your family or your fiancé
- Entrust your daily activity to the protection of St. Joseph.
- Pray through the intercession of St. Joseph that those seeking work can find dignifying work
- Recite the Litany of St. Joseph for Christians who suffer all forms of persecution.
- Recite any prayer or act of piety legitimately approved in honor of St. Joseph, in particular on March 19, May 1, on the 19th of any month, and every Wednesday.

This gift of a plenary indulgence extends particularly to the elderly, the sick, the dying, and all those who, for legitimate reasons, are unable to leave their homes, if, detached from all sin and with the intention of fulfilling, as soon as possible, the usual conditions, recite an act of piety in honor of St. Joseph, comfort of the sick and patron of a good death, offering with confidence to God the pains and trials of their life.

The Divine Mercy Novena traditionally begins on Good Friday and continues through Divine Mercy Sunday (The Second Sunday of Easter). A picture of the Divine Mercy is at the right of the front altar. Pamphlets with the Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet are available in the rear of the church.

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Located at 2390 East 79th Street, Cleveland, Ohio is offering FREE COVID-19 Vaccines every Monday March 8 from 7:30am-4pm for those over 60 years of age. To register please call 216.636.2703/or: <https://www.clevelandclinic.org/communityvaccination>

CSU Wolstein Center located at 2000 Prospect Ave. E. FREE COVID-19 vaccines; 7 days/week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Schedule their appointment by phone: 883.427.5634 or online: Gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov

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 Clipps or use the envelopes next to the memory wall and place them in the collection basket.

We Are Called - Please return your "Rice Bowl" Through CRS Rice Bowl, we meet those living in conditions of poverty around the world and have the opportunity to practice the corporal and spiritual works of mercy through our prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Thank you for your sacrifice.

Child Abuse Awareness Month - April is Child Abuse Awareness month. Visit < <https://tinyurl.com/USCCB-abuse> > to view a USCCB video that has helpful tips for what a family can do to protect their children, as well as a reminder of the Catholic Church's commitment to help.

Every child deserves a safe environment. Ministry to children and young people is a privilege, not a right. The sexual abuse of minors is a crime and a grave sin. In accordance with Diocesan policy, when a single act of sexual abuse is admitted or established, the offender is to be removed permanently from ministry. To help hold offenders accountable, report all abuse to local public authorities. You can also contact your local Diocesan victim assistance coordinator to make a report and seek outreach for the abused.

Globally, **the last Sunday of April is recognized as Blue Sunday, a day of prayer for abused children**. Ten million people participated in prayer on this day last year. Please encourage our families and parishioners to join their hearts with others on Sunday, April 25, 2021.



Easter is Joy -

Jesus, our Savior, through your Resurrection you fill us with joy and confidence in your promise of life everlasting. Let us share this joy with family, friends and all in our communities today to whom we wish the happiness of Easter.