



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

Please consider being vaccinated if you have not already done so.
It's not about you. It is protecting others from COVID-19.

1st Sunday Birthday Blessings/September 5, 2021
2nd Sunday Rosary/August 8th at 10:30am

August 8th, 2021 - Celebrating the Next Phase with
Chloe Becker, Jordan Meeks Strowder & Jamile Meeks Strowder

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Parish Finance Council Chair: Phillis Fuller Clipps

- *Congratulations to our Parishioner Retanio Rucker, Magistrate in the Juvenile Court, has been appointed to the Board of Directors of Catholic Charities.*
- *congratulations! Fr. Nicholas Mtey is graduating from the Clinical Pastoral Education Program at St. Vincent Charity Medical Center on August 19. Fr. Nicholas will be returning home to Tanzania for ministry in the Diocese of Moshi on September 9th. His last Mass at SA/OLBS will be on Sunday, August 29th. Please join us for a farewell celebration after mass.*

School News: Produce distribution: Dates are August 10th and 19th. Distribution will be from 10am-12noon. First come/first served basis. **School resumes August 23rd, with orientation from 7am-2pm.** Students are not required to wear uniforms on August 23. Bus service, breakfast and lunch will begin August 24th

Nineteenth Week of Ordinary Time

Background:

Once again, the crowd is recalcitrant, questioning how Jesus could have come “from heaven.” As the very enfleshment of the Word of God, as the person who always speaks the message of the One who sent him, he clearly does come from heaven—as does any believer who lives and speaks the Word in obedience to God’s call. Another Exodus reference: the passage about giving his flesh for the life of the world interprets the Eucharistic Meal in light of John’s portrayal of the crucifixion as the sacrifice of the Lamb needed for the Passover meal. We are called to surrender ourselves to a love and trust that deep.

Discussion Questions:

- How has God drawn you to Jesus? Was it easy or hard to answer that call?
- What nourishes you so far on your journey through life back to God?
- How has Jesus’ promise of eternal life already affected your outlook on your life and your values?
- Ephesians says that all who have been sealed in the Spirit are to be kind, compassionate, and forgiving. Which of these do you do best? Which do you need to work on?

Practice:

To whom do you need to apologize? Ponder that question this week, and then ask Jesus to help you find life by doing so.

~ Adapted from Team CIA

Stewardship:

Thank you for your sacrifice. Please note, contributions DO NOT include on-line contributions. We promise to be good stewards with the gifts generously given.

Date	Contributions
July 4, 2021	\$ 2,201.00
July 11, 2021	\$ 470.00
July 18, 2021	\$ 925.00
July 25, 2021	\$ 450.00

TODAY: August 8, 2021 - Please join us immediately after mass in the Early Learning Center to encourage/celebrate our youth as they begin the next phase of their young adult lives. Chloe Becker will attend Harvard University; Joseph Meeks Strowder has graduated high school and is preparing for the Coast Guard and Jamile Meeks Strowder will attend St Martin De Porres High School. As a suggestion, please consider having a note or card of encouragement for each of our young adults stationary is available in the Early Learning Center today. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

See You this Weekend! Join us THIS Sunday for the FEST. It takes place at Brookside Reservation (3900 John Nagy Boulevard Cleveland, OH 44144) from 12:00 -10:00 pm. Come hear great music (for King & Country, Danny Gokey, Taren Wells, We Are Messengers), enjoy activities for the entire family, join thousands for Mass at 8:00 pm with Bishop Malesic, and experience the event of the summer. There is plenty of close, free parking, and something for everyone. We also want to make sure that everyone can join us, so The FEST will be streamed live! You can find out all the details, along with great activities and messages of hope and inspiration, on our website: < www.theFEST.us >

Novena to St. Monica - In response to many prayer requests, AM 1260 The Rock invites our listeners to join us for a Novena to St. Monica, beginning **August 19th, through August 27th, the Feast of St. Monica**. Each day at 3:00 pm, we will broadcast the novena prayers for the day, led by a variety of hosts. We invite you to join us at a closing Mass at 7:00 pm, on the 27th, at the Church of St. Monica in Garfield Heights, with Most Rev. Roger Griess as the main celebrant. Any questions, or for a copy of the novena prayers, please visit < AM1260TheRock.com > or call us at 216-227-1260,

The Year of St. Joseph continues through December. Sacred Scripture describes St. Joseph as “a just man” (Matthew 1:19) which can also be translated as “righteous,” “upright,” or, “he who is virtuous in all things.” If we want to learn from St. Joseph, we must begin by imitating the virtues he practiced daily in his quiet, hidden life. One of the prescribed works, to gain the indulgence for one’s self or someone in purgatory, is to “recite the Litany of St. Joseph for Christians who suffer all forms of persecution.” Monthly themes are taken from St. Joseph’s virtues and titles as prayed in this Litany. **For August, the theme is: Mirror of Patience – Patience is willingness to suffer.** A patient is one who suffers a malady not by choice whereas a patient man is one who suffers volitionally rather than relinquish the vocation given him. Joseph was patient because of his love. The Litany and more contemplations on his virtues can be found at: < <https://yearofstjoseph.org/resources/virtues-of-st-joseph> >. In honor of the Year of Saint Joseph, Pope Francis has decided to insert seven new invocations in the Litany of St. Joseph (Prot. n. 133/21). The new invocations are Guardian of the Redeemer, Servant of Christ, Minister of salvation, Support in difficulties, Patron of exiles, Patron of the afflicted, and Patron of the poor.

The **Catholic Cemeteries Association** Catholic Cemeteries Association provides free monthly grief support groups in two formats: **In-Office (3pm) at six Cemetery offices and Virtually (5pm)**. We meet the 3rd Sunday of every month; 4th Sunday if the third Sunday falls on a holiday. Meetings are open discussion, surrounding a monthly topic or whatever is on your heart. **The August 15th topics are “Planning for Special Days/Memorials” and “Family Dynamics in Grief”**. We offer a comfortable, private, and safe environment where you are free to explore your grief. Come and be in the presence of those who understand.

During October, the month of the **Most Holy Rosary**, invites you to participate in a half-mile walking Rosary in honor of departed loved ones. We walk, we pray, we sing, and we remember. For those who cannot walk, or in case of rain, the Rosary will be prayed in the mausoleum or in the cemetery office. At the end of the Rosary, there is a brief candle lighting ceremony in remembrance of our dearly departed. Registrations starts August 1st and runs through October 3rd. Whether walking or not, you can also honor your departed loved ones on our online **“In Remembrance”** Wall. Submit names by September 30th to be included for the month of October. Register and/or submit remembrance names TODAY by phone (Rhonda/216-930-4866).

The Rock wants your testimonial! Has listening to AM 1260 The Rock developed your spiritual muscle? We want to hear your story about the programs that have converted your heart and mind, as well as, given you a desire to learn more about the Catholic faith. Please submit your testimonial to <https://am1260therock.com/contactusform/> or call us at 216-227-1260.