

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

Sunday, January 6, 2019 – The Epiphany of the Lord

Parish Staff

Pastor

Father Godwin Ani, SSJ

Deacon

Rev. Mr. Douglass Moorer,
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Mission Statement

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church is committed to proclaiming our belief in the Message and Mission of Jesus Christ. Also, the members are committed to sharing our time, talent, and treasure through Sacramental, Educational and Pastoral ministry, Service to those in need and working for Social Justice.

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Sacraments

Baptism: Parents desiring Baptism for their children are encouraged to contact the Rectory to arrange for the required preparation class for parents and Godparents

Funeral: Please contact the Rectory for Funeral Arrangements. Funerals are not permitted on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation.

Anointing of the Sick: If you or a family member is Sick or Shut-in, please inform the Rectory so that we may arrange to bring the Sacraments to your home, hospital or nursing home.

Marriage: For Marriage Arrangements, please contact the Rectory at least 6 months before intended marriage date.

Confessions: 30 minutes before weekend Masses or by appointment.



Mass Schedule

Weekends

Saturday Vigil 6:00 P.M.

Sunday 7:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Weekdays

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
7:00 A.M.

Holy Days of Obligation:

As announced

Eucharistic Adoration:

1st Monday of the month
6-7 P.M.

Church Membership

There are levels of Church Membership. Anyone living within the boundaries of our Parish for at least 6 months is automatically a member. Those who live inside or outside our boundaries and choose to “register” are members. “Contributing members” are those who choose to use the envelopes on a regular basis and are entitled to regular financial reports from the Rectory.

Parish Ministries

Parish Council

Garry Cauthen (205) 901-9792

Finance Council

Melanie McNary (205) 908-4885

Eucharistic Ministers

Billy Shepherd (205) 640-5490

Lectors

Melanie McNary (205) 908-4885

CCD

Theresa Nalls (205) 567-3123

Altar Servers

Greta Chapman (205) 902-0429

Ushers

Keith Boykin (205) 222-2011

Music Ministry

Erma Hinton (205) 620-0787

Rubie Moore (205) 821-2370

Tanisha Jones (205) 936-0048

Jillian Johnson-Rogers 205-531-1641

Grounds & Maintenance
Garry Cauthen (205) 901-9792

Parish Ministries

Season Stars {Seniors Club}

Constance Smith (205) 591-4087

Bereavement

Lenora Bolling (205) 251-3903

Bettye Kelly (205) 942-2576

Ladies Sodality

Juanita Harris (205) 856-0515

Photographer

George Mauldin, Sr. (205) 566-3349

Bible Study

Doug Coutee (Men) to (205) 352-3533

Mary Shepherd (Women) (205) 640-5490

Knights of Peter Claver

John Bolling

KPC Ladies Auxiliaries

Lenora Bolling

RCIA

Rev. Mr. Douglass Moorer

Liturgical Dance

Louise Purdue (205) 821-4362

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The Epiphany of the Lord

THEY SAW *The Child*
WITH HIS MOTHER MARY,
AND *They Bowed Down*
AND *Worshiped Him.*

MATTHEW 2:11, NIV



If Jesus truly is who he claims to be, the eternal Son of God and Savior of the world, then why is he not recognized by everyone who hears his word and sees his works? John the Evangelist states that when Jesus came into the world the world knew him not and his own people received him not. Jesus was born in obscurity. Only the lowly shepherds recognized him at his birth. Some wise men also found their way to Bethlehem to pay homage to the newborn King of Israel. These men were not Israelites, but foreigners. They likely had read and discussed the Messianic prophecies and were anxious to see when this Messianic King would appear. God led them by means of an extraordinary star across the desert to the little town of Bethlehem where Jesus was born.

In their thirst for knowledge of God, the wise men from the East willingly left everything, their home and country, in pursuit of that quest. In their diligent search they were led to the source of true knowledge - to Jesus Christ, the Light and Wisdom of God. When they found the newborn King they humbly worshiped him and gave him gifts fitting for a king.

The Lord of the universe who revealed the star of Bethlehem to the Gentiles of the East so they could come and worship Jesus, the Prince of Peace and King of Kings, gives each one of us the same light of revelation to recognize and accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Faith is an entirely free gift that God makes to us. It is through the help of the Holy Spirit, who moves the heart and opens the eyes of the mind, that we are able to understand, accept, and believe the truth which God has revealed to us through his Son, Jesus Christ. In faith, the human will and intellect cooperate with grace.

To know and to encounter Jesus Christ is to know God personally. In the encounter of the wise men with Jesus we see the plan of God to give his only Son as King and Savior, not just for the Jewish people but for all the nations as well. The Lord Jesus came that both Jew and Gentile might find true and lasting peace with God. Let us pray today that Jew and Gentile alike will find the Lord and Savior on their journey of life. Do you bring the light of Jesus Christ to those you meet through the witness of your life and testimony?

"Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for bringing salvation to all the nations. May the gospel of salvation be proclaimed to every nation today and to every person on the face of the earth. Help me to be a good witness of the joy of the gospel to all I meet." -Amen



Stewardship Update

Last Week—December 29th & 30th



Time, Talent, Treasure

“What shall I give to the Lord for all His bounty to me?” Psalms 116:12

Serving This Week January 5th & 6th

Saturday 6:00 P.M.

Eucharistic Ministers: Brent Patterson, Nathan Kelly

Lectors: Pat Simpson, Pam Jacobs

Greeters: Dorothy Murphy

Sunday 7:00 A.M.

Eucharistic Ministers: Wilma Norris, Annie Bryant

Lectors: Beverly Beacham, Delores Germany

Greeters: Roy Johnson

Sunday 11:00 A.M.

Eucharistic Ministers: Andria Randall, Denise Bell

Lectors: Darren Hunter, Iris Williams

Lectors: Deborah Poe, Juanita Harris

Greeters: James Collins, Bertha Randall

Serving Next Week January 12th & 13th

Saturday 6:00 P.M.

Eucharistic Ministers: Nathan & Bettye Kelly

Lectors: Wilbur & Dolores Johnson

Greeters: Pauline Murphy

Sunday 7:00 A.M.

Eucharistic Ministers: Alfreda Kincaid, Theta Rollins

Lectors: Olivia Hill, Rafael Brathwaite

Greeters: Alfreda Kincaid

Sunday 11:00 A.M.

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Shepherd, Adrian Polk,

Rosalind Crowder, Ethan White

Lectors: Jetaun Murrell, Valerie White

Greeters: Adrian Mason, Amarielle Mason

Daily Readings for the Week

Monday: I John 3:22—4:6

Mark 4:12-17, 23-35

Tuesday: I John 4:7-10

Mark 6:34-44

Wednesday: I John 4:11-18

Mark 6:45-52

Thursday: I John 4:19—5:4

Luke 4:14-22

Friday: I John 5:5-13

Luke 5:12-16



Prayers for Sick & Shut-In

Lenora Bolling, Gwendolyn Brooks, Albert Carson
James Collins, Mildred Hunter, Jacob Kangah,
Claudette Lewis, Jessie Nelson, Lucille Meeks,
Leroy Willis, Katherine Willis, Naulbert Nolan,
Ronald Greene, Yolanda Collins, Annie White,
Sheryl Shaw

***If you know of anyone who is very ill and confined (at home, in a nursing home or in the hospital), please contact Father Ani at the Rectory or one of these members who serve with the Pastoral Care to the Sick Ministry:
Bettye Kelly, 205-942-2576, Lela Flood, 205-798-6355, or Elizabeth Harris, 205-8338412*

Lavida Peak of Jazzy Lady Catering passed on January 2, 2019. Ms. Peak periodically catered events at Fatima such as the first Sunday of the month breakfast following 7:00AM Mass and the reception for Fatima graduates. Her funeral was held Saturday, January 5, at Bethel Baptist Church located in Collegeville. The viewing was held Friday, January 4, at Eastside Funeral Home.



You are remembered in our prayers!

Birthday Wishes!!!!



Marcus Bell 1/11
John Benjamin 1/31
Angela Bolling 1/30
Carol Bradley 1/3
Andrea Colston 1/4
Iris Davis 1/9
Elizabeth Harris 1/27
Mildred Hunter 1/1
Robyn Houston 1/8
Brantley Jones 1/7
Brevyn Jones 1/6
Jacob Kangah 1/29
Nathan Kelly 1/30

Harry Lee 1/14 Adrian Mason 1/11
Adrian Polk 1/4 Cameron Nixon 1/10
Brent Patterson 1/25 Darcy J. Prince 1/19
Shane Sims 1/12 Shuanya Shepherd 1/26
Arthur Williams 1/1 Karen Williams 1/21



Arthur & Allean Delemus married on January 16th

**Birthday, and anniversary greetings are extended to all parishioners who are celebrating this month. (Dates are generated from the parish registration forms.)*

Weekly Announcements

*****Parish council meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 6:00 P.M.***
All committee chairmen and or representatives are asked to be present.**

General Announcements & Church Updates



Shoe Drive!!! Please donate old and/or gently used shoes during the OLF Shoe Drive. This endeavor will end on January 20, 2019. All shoes will be donated to a local shelter.

Join the OLF Young Professional at their Masquerade Dance/Party on Feb. 22, 2019 from 9pm-1am in the Family Life Center. Tickets are \$20/person. Please see a committee member to purchase a ticket.



Prayer Is Powerful. The Ladies Sodality of Our Lady of Fatima invites all parishioners to pray the rosary with us every second Sunday of the month, 30 minutes prior to the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please join us in prayer on January 13, 2019.

The OLF Ladies Sodality meets in the Peach Room on the second Sunday of each month following the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Membership is open to all ladies of the parish and if you are searching for, and considering a church ministry, please come join us!



All parishioners interested in volunteering for the Annual Pope Francis House Build - Habitat for Humanity Project please sign up before February 3, 2019! You may sign up online at: www.habitatbirmingham.org or the volunteer sign-up sheet on the table near the Peach Room. The starting date for this year's project is March 9, 2019 and the closing date is April 27, 2019. The House Dedication Ceremony will be on May 2, 2019. Gift of Time and/or Money is greatly appreciated. For more info, the contact representative, Ms. Rochelle Belton, may be reached at 205.780.1234.

Please join us for the Magnificat meal on Saturday January 25, 2019 11am-2pm at Our Lady of Sorrows Parish Hall, 1728 Oxmoor Road, Homewood, AL 35209. Our witness speaker is Father Justin Nelson Alphonse, C.P. Father Nelson is the new spiritual advisor for our Magnificat chapter and lunch with him promises to be a faith filled experience shared by a loving Passionist priest who often points to his heart and says, "Happiness is not out there. Happiness is in here." Tickets can be purchased from Melanie McNary, 205-908-4885.



We are in need of more donations for altar flowers. Please consider donating flowers in honor or memory of a loved one. Donation Request Forms are located in the vestibule. Cost for flowers is \$110.00.

Parishioners are welcomed and encouraged to submit announcements, articles, stories, and pictures for bulletin. Send them by email (olf@josephite.com) or drop them by the Rectory. The deadline for all items is Thursday by noon. Also, if there are requests to be added to the prayer list or the monthly Birthday/Anniversary list, please contact the Secretary.

