

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

Sunday, March 10, 2019– First Sunday of Lent

Parish Staff

Pastor

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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

6:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.

Parish Ministries

Parish Council/Building & Maintenance

Garry Cauthen (205) 901-9792

Finance Council/Lectors

Melanie McNary (205) 908-4885

Eucharistic Ministers

Billy Shepherd (205) 640-5490

Greeter's Ministry

Bertha Randall (205) 202-5143

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Theresa Nalls (205) 567-3123

Veronica Boykin (205) 222-4439

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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

Family Life/Social Concerns

Velda Gilyot (205) 290-1534

Parish Ministries

Season Stars {Seniors Club}

Constance Smith (205) 591-4087

Bereavement

Bettye Kelly (205) 942-2576

Ladies Sodality/Children's Choir

Juanita Harris (205) 856-0515

Photographer

George Mauldin, Sr. (205) 566-3349

Bible Study

Doug Coutee (Men) (205) 352-3533

Mary Shepherd (Women) (205) 640-5490

Adult Choir

Deborah Washington (205) 901-0820

RCIA/Altar Servers

Rev. Mr. Douglass Moorer

Liturgical Dance

Louise Purdue (205) 821-4362

Community Affairs

Debra Mays (205) 925-8231

Children's Ministry

Kassandra Robinson (205) 382-5000

Sunday, March 10, 2019

First Sunday of Lent

Jesus fasted forty days and was tempted by the devil

Luke 4:1-13

Are you ready to follow the Lord Jesus wherever he wishes to lead you? After Jesus' was baptized by John the Baptist at the River Jordan, he withdrew into the wilderness of Judea - a vast and mostly uninhabitable wilderness full of danger. Danger from scorching heat by day and extreme cold at night, danger from wild animals and scorpions, plus the deprivation of food and the scarcity of water.

Why did the Holy Spirit lead Jesus into such a lonely place - right after Jesus was anointed and confirmed by the Father for his mission as Messiah and Savior? Jesus went into the wilderness to prepare himself for the mission entrusted to him by spending forty days and nights in solitude and prayer to his Father in heaven.

Jesus tempted by the devil

Luke tells us that at the end of Jesus' forty days in the wilderness one visitor came out to tempt him. Luke describes this tempter as the *devil*. Why did Satan tempt Jesus at the end of his lengthy period of fasting? Satan knew that Jesus was embarking on an important spiritual mission for the kingdom of God. Perhaps Satan saw an opportunity to strike while Jesus appeared more vulnerable in his physically and emotionally weakened condition due to his prolonged fasting and inner struggle over his particular call and mission. Satan undoubtedly thought he could persuade Jesus to choose his own path rather than the path his Father had chosen - a path that required self-renunciation, humility, and obedience to his Father's will. Despite the devil's three temptations, Jesus resisted.

Spiritual preparation in the forty days of lent

What lesson can we learn from Jesus' temptation in the wilderness? How can we hope to fight temptation and overcome sin in our own personal lives? The Lord Jesus knows that we cannot fight temptation on our own. We need the strength and guidance of the Holy Spirit to help us.

As we begin this holy season of preparation and renewal, let's ask the Lord for a fresh outpouring of his Holy Spirit that we may grow in faith, hope, and love, and embrace his will more fully in our lives.

Serving This Week March 9th & 10th
Saturday 6:00 P.M.

Eucharistic Ministers: *Nathan & Bettye Kelly*

Lectors: *Pam Jacobs, Pat Simpson*

Greeters: *Pauline Murphy*

Sunday 7:00 A.M.

Eucharistic Ministers: *Alfreda Kincaid, Theta Rollins*

Lectors: *Delores Germany, Beverley Beacham*

Greeters: *Alfreda Kincaid*

Sunday 11:00 A.M.

Eucharistic Ministers: *Adrian Polk, Iris Williams, Debra Washington, Laurelia Caldwell*

Lectors: *Juanita Harris, Deborah Poe*

Greeters: *Adrian & Amarielle Mason*

Serving Next Week March 9th & 10th

Saturday 6:00 P.M.

Eucharistic Ministers: *Brent Patterson, Nathan Kelly*

Lectors: *Michael Edosomwan, Gary Cauthen*

Greeters: *Ann Mardis*

Sunday 7:00 A.M.

Eucharistic Ministers: *Connie Smith, Annie Bryant*

Lectors: *Lewis Burks, Conni Smith*

Greeters: *Wilma Norris*

Sunday 11:00 A.M.-Youth Sunday

Eucharistic Ministers: *Rosalind Crowder, Darren Hunter, Ethel White, Andria Randall*

Lectors: *Sydney Humes, Morgan Mauldin*

Welcome & Announcements: *Valerie White*

Greeters: *Andrea Colston, James Collins*

Special Dates



World Day of Prayer, March 1, 2019

Transfiguration of Our Lord, March 3, 2019

Ash Wednesday, March 6, 2019

First Sunday in Lent, March 10, 2019

Daylight-Saving Time begins March 10, 2019

Second Sunday in Lent, March 17, 2019

First day of Spring, March 20, 2019

Third Sunday in Lent, March 24, 2019

Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 31, 2019

Stewardship Update



Time, Talent, Treasure

Last Week—March 2nd & 3rd

Attendance: 187

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

Daily Readings for the Week

Monday: Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18
Matthew 25:31-46

Tuesday: Isaiah 55:10-11
Matthew 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jonah 3:1-10
Luke 11:29-32

Thursday: Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25
Matthew 7:7-12

Friday: Ezekiel 18:21-28
Matthew 5:20-26

Prayers for Sick & Shut-I n

Lenora Bolling, Gwendolyn Brooks, Albert Carson
James Collins, Jacob Kangah, Claudette Lewis,
Jessie Nelson, Lucille Meeks, Leroy Willis,
Katherine Willis, Naulbert Nolan, Ronald Greene,
Yolanda Collins, Sheryl Shaw, Tyrone Webb,
George Mauldin, Jr.

****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**



You are remembered in our prayers!



Altar Flowers

We are suspending flowers on the altar during Lent.

This is in keeping with Catholic tradition that Lent is a time of reflection of the solemnity of the suffering and sacrifice of Jesus.



Birthday Wishes!!!!



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Lillie Bickerstaff 3/28
Frederic Bolling 3/30
David Brown 3/7
Nefertari Brown 3/10
Brooke Brown 3/26
Laurelia Caldwell 3/9
Lisa Cooper 3/4
Cicely Croft 3/28
Kimberly Danks 3/15
Sis. Imelda Effiong 3/20
Eric Garrick 3/28 Jarrell Hall 3/21
Cyrille Hounkpe 3/18 Darren Hunter 3/8
Ronald Jenkins 3/15 Bettye Kelly 3/15
Caitlin Leonard 3/20 David Montgomery 3/1
Dorothy Murphy 3/14 Dawn Patterson 3/7
Bertha Randall 3/30 Donna Robinson 3/16
Jeffery Robinson 3/5 Willie Shepherd 3/24



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Nathan & Bettye Kelly **married on 03/28**
Earnest & Katie Riggins **married on 03/22**
**Birthday, and anniversary greetings are extended to all parishioners who are celebrating this month. (Dates are generated from the parish registration forms).*



JESUS, FULL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT...

WAS LED BY THE SPIRIT INTO THE WILDERNESS,

WHERE FOR FORTY DAYS HE WAS TEMPTED BY THE DEVIL.

LUKE 4:1-2, NIV

“Lord Jesus, your word is life and joy for me. Fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may have the strength and courage to embrace your will in all things and to renounce whatever is contrary to it.” -Amen

Weekly Announcements



Please make out time every Friday during Lent to “Walk with Jesus” as we pray the Stations of the Cross at 6:00 P.M. followed by Benediction.



Parish Council for the month of March will be March 13, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. All Ministries please have a representative present with a report.

General Announcements & Church Updates



Lenten Folders are available in the Vestibule. If you wish to make an extra sacrifice of treasure— please don’t hesitate to pick one folder and return it with your donation of \$20.00 on or before Easter Sunday.

- The Young Professionals will meet Sunday, March 17th immediately following 11 A.M. Mass in the Peach Room. If you are interested in joining or serving in any capacity on the committee, please plan to attend.



Puzzle!

Find and circle these words associated with the Lenten journey to the cross.

colt	denial	kiss	repent
confess	donkey	lots	silver
cross	forsaken	palms	sins
crown	Gethsemane	penance	suffer
crucifixion	Golgotha	Pilate	thorns
death	hosanna	prayer	vigil

E N A M E S H T E G R L W Y
 C L E U X B M T H B U C W B
 N R I K Y P A T E T I Y X Y
 A V J G A L B R E Y A R P B
 N G N L I S N L A I N E D X
 E W M P R V R D H B N R D F
 P S O G O L G O T H A B S C
 D L N R O C O N F E S S I K
 O T H T C P E K W U O U N D
 M N S H N P W E D R H F S K
 U N F O E T K Y C S G F O E
 H E C R E V L I S W Q E C M
 H V H N C X S O C C J R L O
 F Q E S U D S H C A A Y M C
 C R U C I F I X I O N S R V

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.