

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

Sunday, September 15, 2019 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Staff

Pastor

Father Godwin Ani, SSJ

Deacon

Rev. Mr. Douglass Moorer,
(205) 427-7885

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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Contact Information

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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
1:30 P.M.

Parish Ministries

Parish Council/Building & Maintenance

Garry Cauthen (205) 901-9792

Parish Council Vice President

Brent Patterson (205) 354-3304

Finance Council/Lectors

Melanie McNary (205) 908-4885

Eucharistic Ministers

Veronica Boykin (205) 222-4439

Greeter's Ministry

Bertha Randall (205) 202-5143

CCD

Theresa Nalls (205) 567-3123

Ushers

Keith Boykin (205) 222-2011

Family Life/Social Concerns

Velda Gilyot (205) 290-1534

Youth Ministry

David Brown (205) 586-6262

Nefertari Brown (205) 936-3601

Children's Ministry

Kassandra Robinson (205) 382-5000

Parish Ministries

Associates of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament

Erik and Josetta Craig (205) 746-8642

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

RCIA/Altar Servers

Rev. Mr. Douglass Moorer

Liturgical Dance

Louise Purdue (205) 821-4362

Community Affairs

Debra Mays (205) 925-8231

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Your Brother was Lost and is found

Luke 15:1-32

If you lost something of great value and importance to you wouldn't your search for it until you found it? The joy of finding a lost loved one, a precious member of your fold, and your hard earned savings to feed your hungry family are vivid illustrations which Jesus uses to describe what God's kingdom is like. God the Father does not rejoice in the loss of anyone. He earnestly searches for the lost until they are restored and joyfully united with the whole community of heaven.

The father's extravagant love and mercy

What is the main point or focus of the parable of the lost (prodigal) son? Is it the contrast between an obedient and a disobedient son? Or is it a contrast between the warm reception given by a generous and forgiving father or the cold and aloof reception given by the eldest son who wanted to have nothing to do with his rebellious brother? Jesus contrasts the father's merciful love with the eldest son's harsh rejection of his errant brother and his refusal to join his father in welcoming his brother back home.

In this parable Jesus gives us a vivid picture of God the Father and what his character and attitude towards us is like. God is truly generous, kind, and forgiving towards us. He does not lose hope or give up when we stray from him and his commandments. He searches our hearts to show us where true love and mercy can be found and he lead us back to the way of everlasting joy and happiness. God the Father always rejoices in searching out those who have strayed and he welcomes them home with open arms. Do you know the joy of your heavenly Father who welcomes you home to his kingdom of everlasting righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit?

Serving This Week Sept. 14th & 15th

Saturday 6:00 P.M.

Eucharistic Ministers: *Wilbur & Delores Johnson*

Lectors: *Michael Edosomwson, Gary Cauthen*

Greeters: *Ann Mardis*

Sunday 7:00 A.M.

Eucharistic Ministers: *Alice Ramsey, Lela Flood*

Lectors: *Lewis Burks, Connie Smith*

Greeters: *Wilma Norris*

Sunday 11:00 A.M.-Youth Sunday

Eucharistic Ministers: *Denise Bell, Ethel White,*

Andria Randall, Rosalind Crowder

Lectors: *Kayla Bolling, Katie Banks*

Welcome & Announcements: *Nefertari Brown*

Greeters: *Andrea Colston, James Collins*

Serving Next Week Sept. 21st & 22nd

Saturday 6:00 P.M.

Eucharistic Ministers: *Fannie Hasberry*

Minnie White

Lectors: *Brent Patterson, Bettye Kelly*

Greeters: *Bettye Kelly*

Sunday 7:00 A.M.

Eucharistic Ministers: *Roderick & Phyllis Palmer*

Lectors: *Eddie Russell, Katie Riggins*

Greeters: *John Jenkins*

Sunday 11:00 A.M.

Eucharistic Ministers: *Darrell & Sybil Sims,*

Greta Chapman, Doug Coutee

Lectors: *Clara Parnell, Juniata Harris*

Greeters: *Jetaun Murrell, Bertha Randall*

"Lord Jesus, may your light dispel the darkness of sin, deception, and ignorance, so that all who are lost or confused may find their way to the Father's home and be united with him in a bond of peace and friendship. Transform my heart with your merciful love that I may point many others to the good news of pardon, peace, and new life which you offer to all who trust in you, the Good Shepherd and Savior of the world."—Amen



Stewardship Update



Time, Talent, Treasure

Last Week: August 31st & September 1st
Attendance: 216

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

Daily Readings for the Week

Monday: I Timothy 2:1-8
Luke 7:1-10
Tuesday: I Timothy 3:1-13
Luke 7:11-17
Wednesday: I Timothy 3:14-16
Luke 7:31-35
Thursday: I Timothy 4:12-16
Luke 7:36-50
Friday: I Timothy 6:2c-12
Luke 8:1-3

Please be advised of OLF's Nomination Committee



- Ms. Shunna Cannon 6:00 P.M.
- Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hill 7:00 A.M.
- Ms. Kassandra Robinson 11:00 A.M.

The positions open for nominations are:
*President, Vice President and (2) Mass
Representatives from each Mass.*
Nominations will close on September
29, 2019 and election will be held on the
weekend of October 12th & 13th 2019

May God Bless us as we go through this important endeavor. If anyone would like to share their time and talents to continue the Blessings of the Parish, please contact committee members.

Birthday Wishes!!!!



Amber Anderson 9/13
Omari Emil Bayles 9/4
Rafael Brathwaite 9/17
Calvalene Burnett 9/20
Natalie Brown– Kelly 9/9
Annie Bryant 9/25
Rosa Craig 9/2
Rosalind Crowder 9/9
Valencia Curry 9/21
Nathaniel Henderson 9/3
Arthur Hill 9/10 Jeremy Hilson 9/20
Martin Hinton 9/3 Fannie Hasberry 9/18
Anthony Johnson 9/10 Paige Juzang 9/29
Mamie Johnson 9/20 Natalie Meeks 9/14
Wilma Norris 9/6 Naulbert Nolan 9/21
Mary Russell 9/20 Edward Russell 9/23
Darrah Ashley Sims 9/12 Barbara Sizemore 9/18
Allen Small 9/30 Pat Simpson 9/21
Tyrone Webb 9/17



Brent & Dawn Patterson married on September 27th
David & Nefertari Brown married on September 11th
James & Erica Prewitt married on September 12th
Charley & Dora Robinson married on September 28th
Sammy & Deborah Woods married on September 1st
Larry & Lisa Cooper married on September 4th
*Birthday, and anniversary greetings are extended to all parishioners who are celebrating this month. (Dates are generated from the parish registration forms)



Prayers for Sick & Shut-I n

Lenora Bolling, Albert Carson, James Collins,
Belva Harris, Jacob Kangah, Iris Davis,
Erma Medley Hinton, Lucille Meeks,
Naulbert Nolan, Ronald Greene, Yolanda Collins,
Sheryl Shaw, Tyrone Webb, George Mauldin, Jr. ,
Billy Shepherd

***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*

Weekly Announcements



Eucharistic Ministers are needed for ALL MASSES. Sign up sheet in the vestibule. Eucharistic Ministers training will be immediately after the 11:00 A.M. Mass on September 22, 2019. It is mandatory for new candidates to attend. Current Eucharistic Ministers are welcome to attend. Deacon Douglas Moorer is the trainer. Contact Veronica Boykin 205-222-4439

Parishioners are asked to donate the following items for the month of September: Feminine Products, Wipes. The donation bin is located in the vestibule. Thank you



The annual OLF Trunk or Treat event is scheduled for Sunday, October 13th after 11:00 A.M. Mass. The activities for the afternoon include: Food, DJ, Bounce House , Game Truck, Pumpkin Patch & Character Face Painting. To defray the cost (estimated budget \$1700) we are asking for Parishioners to make monetary donations. Please consider making a donation to the OLF Children's Ministry in order to ensure that our event is success. Please contact San Robinson (205) 382-5000 for questions

Our Annual Church Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 29th after 11:00 A.M. Mass. Friends, Food, and Fellowship. For more information or to volunteer, please contact Natalie Mays-Meeks at 205-862-1414

OLF Children's Ministry presents: "Is it Really Christmas" on Sunday, December 15th at 3:00 P.M. More details (casting, rehearsal, etc.) to come in October. For information contact San Robinson (205)382-5000 or Carol Prince 205-540-5993

The OLF Ladies Bible Study Class would like to extend a personal invitation to attend our weekly Bible Study held on Sunday morning from 9:30-10:45 A.M. starting September 8th in the Peach Room. The Ladies' Bible Study class is a time of fellowship and learning-growing through the sharing and understanding of God's Words. This year we are going to focus on "The Book of Romans." We will also be using New Collegeville Bible Commentary Galatians and Romans by Robert J. Karris, O.F.M. It can be found online www.litpress.org. Please come prepared to discuss The Book of Romans.



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.