

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

Sunday, September 8, 2019 – Twenty-Third 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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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

Billy Shepherd (205) 640-5490

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) 936-3601

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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The True Cost OF Discipl eship

Luke 14:25-33

Why does the Lord Jesus say we must 'hate' our families and even ourselves? In Biblical times the expression 'to hate' often meant to 'prefer less'. Jesus used strong language to make clear that nothing should take precedence or first place over God. God our heavenly Father created us in his image and likeness to be his beloved sons and daughters. He has put us first in his love and concern for our well-being and happiness. Our love for him is a response to his exceeding love and kindness towards us. True love is costly because it holds nothing back from the beloved - it is ready to give all and sacrifice all for the beloved. God the Father gave us his only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who freely offered up his life for us on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for our sins. His sacrificial death brought us pardon and healing, new life in the Spirit and peace with God.

Who do you love first - above all else?

The love of God compels us to choose who or what will be first in our lives. To place any relationship or any possession above God is a form of idolatry - worshipping the creature in place of the Creator and Ruler over all he has made. Jesus challenges his disciples to examine who and what they love first and foremost. We can be ruled and mastered by many different things - money, drugs, success, power or fame. Only one Master, the Lord Jesus Christ, can truly set us free from the power of sin, greed, and destruction. The choice is ours - who will we serve and follow - the path and destiny the Lord Jesus offers us or the path we choose in opposition to God's will and purpose for our lives. It boils down to choosing between life and death, truth and falsehood, goodness and evil. If we choose for the Lord Jesus and put our trust in him, he will show us the path that leads to true joy and happiness with our Father in heaven.

Serving This Week Sept. 7th & 8th

Saturday 6:00 P.M.

Eucharistic Ministers: *Nathan & Bettye Kelly*

Lectors: *Wilbur & Delores Johnson*

Greeters: *Pauline Murphy*

Sunday 7:00 A.M.

Eucharistic Ministers: *Alfreda Kincaid,
\Thetaeta Rollins*

Lectors: *Rafael Brathwaite, Olivia Hill*

Greeters: *Alfreda Kincaid*

Sunday 11:00 A.M.

Eucharistic Ministers: *Juanita Harris,
Elizabeth Harris, Mary Shepherd, Debra Hill*

Lectors: *Ocie & Valerie White*

Greeters: *Adrian & Amarielle Mason*

Serving Next 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.

Eucharistic Ministers: *Denise Bell, Ethel White,
Andria Randall, Rosalind Crowder*

Lectors: *Kayla Bolling, Katie Banks*

Welcome & Announcements: *Nefertari Brown*

Greeters: *Andrea Colston, James Collins*

"Lord Jesus, you are my Treasure, my Life, and my All. There is nothing in this life that can outweigh the joy of knowing, loving, and serving you all the days of my life. Take my life and all that I have and make it yours for your glory now and forever."—Amen



Stewardship Update



Time, Talent, Treasure

Last Week: August 31st & September 1st
Attendance: 205

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

Daily Readings for the Week

Monday: Colossians 1:24—2:3
Luke 6:6-11
Tuesday: Colossians 2:6-15
Luke 6:12-19
Wednesday: Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 6:20-26
Thursday: Colossians 3:12-17
Luke 6:27-38
Friday: I Timothy 1:1-2, 12-14
Luke 6:39-42

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. Cassandra 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
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
Quadarius Harris 9/3
Nathaniel Henderson 9/3
Arthur Hill 9/10 Jeremy Hilson 9/20
Martin Hinton 9/3 Fannie Hasberry 9/18
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,
Katherine Willis, 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



Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 6:00 P.M. All committees are asked to be present with reports. All Parish members are welcome

Eucharistic Ministers are needed for ALL MASSES. Sign up sheet in the vestibule. Contact Veronica Boykin (205) 222-4439.



If you would like to receive Our Lady of Fatima's weekend bulletin via email, please call the Church Rectory or preferably send an email to olf@josephite.com so that your email address can be added to our mailing list.

OLF's Trunk or Treat will be held Sunday, October 13, 2019 after 11:00 A.M. Mass. ALL ministries and/or committees will be asked to decorate a car and provide candy for the kids!

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





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.

The Fraternity Poor of Jesus Christ will hold a "Backyard Festival" at their mission house (Our Lady of Fatima Church Convent) from 11:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. on Saturday, September 14th. Goodwill donations are accepted for the growth of the mission. All are welcome for games, food, bouncy houses, music and face painting!



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.