

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

Sunday, March 22, 2020– Fourth Sunday of Lent

Parish Staff

Pastor

Father Godwin Ani, SSJ

Deacon

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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

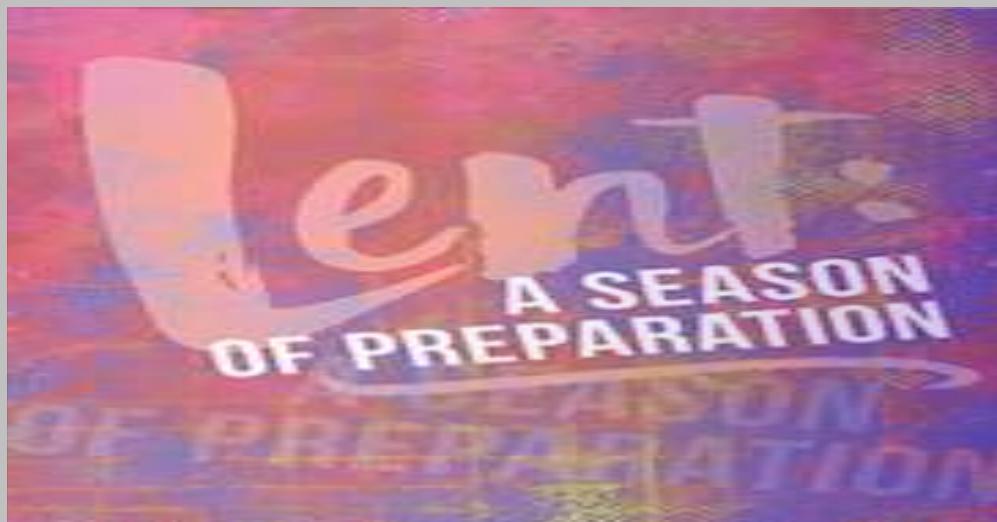
Baptism: Parents desiring Baptism for their children are encouraged to contact the Rectory to arrange for the required preparation class for parents and Godparents

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 4:00 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

Veronica Boykin (205) 222-4439

Parish Council Vice President

Darcy Prince (205) 541-8579

Finance Council/Lectors

Melanie McNary (205) 908-4885

Eucharistic Ministers

Denise Bell (205) 914-5339

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Bertha Randall (205) 202-5143

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David Brown (205) 586-6262

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Children's Ministry

Kassandra Robinson (205) 382-5000

Building & Maintenance

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Parish Ministries

Associates of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament

Erik and Josetta Craig (205) 746-8642

Season Stars {Seniors Club}

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Bereavement

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Choir

Juanita Harris (205) 856-0515

Photographer

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Bible Study

Doug Coutee (Men) (205) 352-3533

Mary Shepherd (Women) (205) 640-5490

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Rev. Mr. Douglass Moorer

Liturgical Dance

Louise Purdue (205) 821-4362

Community Affairs

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Jesus frees us from spiritual blindness and sin

John 9:1-41

Do you recognize the light of God's truth and power in your life? God wants to remove every obstacle that might hinder us from recognizing the light of his truth and wisdom for our lives.

What can keep us from the light of God's truth, wisdom, and strength for our lives? Sin blinds us and causes us to stumble and fall - unable to rise on our own or to walk in the freedom of God's love and truth. Sin clouds the mind in moral confusion, and it grows in darkness and resists the light of God's truth. Only God's light can uncover the darkness of sin and free us to walk in the path of holiness and peace with God.

The light of the world

When the disciples saw a man who had been blind from birth, they asked Jesus what kind of sin had caused this blindness. The Jews had understood that many infirmities were the result of human folly and sin. While sin can lead to physical, mental, and spiritual infirmities, not all sickness is the direct result of sin. Sickness can befall us for a variety of reasons. Jesus answered that God had allowed this infirmity for a greater purpose which God wanted to demonstrate as a sign of his presence and power. Jesus then made a claim which only God could rightfully make. Jesus stated unequivocally, I am the light of the world. In so many words Jesus was saying that he is the one true source of power and light which sustains life and overcomes the darkness of sin, confusion, and spiritual blindness. Jesus' mighty works - his miraculous signs - confirmed the truth of his message and claim to divine authority and equality with his Father in heaven. One of his greatest signs was the healing of a man who had been blind from birth.

Healing of man born blind

When Jesus approached the blind man he first awakened hope in him - the hope which God offers those who seek his help. Jesus then did something quite remarkable for the blind man, both to identify with this man's misery and to draw expectant faith in him as well. Jesus touched the man's eyes with his own spittle mixed with dirt and bid him to wash in the Pool of Siloam which was close to the Temple. What is the significance of the healing of the blind man at the Pool of Siloam? It is certainly more than just a miraculous event. It is a "sign" that points to the source of the miraculous life-giving water which Jesus offers through the gift and work of the Holy Spirit. Do you want the Holy Spirit to pour out on you his renewing power of faith, vision, and healing love?

The Lord Jesus is ever ready to heal us and to free us from the darkness of sin and deception. There is no sickness, whether physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual that the Lord Jesus does not identify with. Isaiah prophesied that the "Suffering Servant" would be bruised for our iniquities and by his stripes we would be healed. The Lord offers us freedom from spiritual blindness due to sin and he restores us to wholeness of body, mind, soul, and heart.



"Jesus, in your name the blind see, the lame walk, and the dead are raised to life. Come into our lives and heal the wounds of our broken hearts. Give us eyes of faith to see your glory and hearts of courage to bring you glory in all we say and do."-Amen

Special Dates



- *First Sunday in Lent, March 1, 2020*
- *World Day of Prayer, March 6, 2020*
- *Second Sunday in Lent, March 8, 2020*
- *Daylight-Saving Time begins, March 8, 2020*
- *Third Sunday in Lent, March 15, 2020*
- *First day of spring, March 19, 2020*
- *Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 22, 2020*
- *Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 29, 2020*



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
 Jasmine Hilson 3/3 Cyrille Hounkpe 3/18
 Darren Hunter 3/8 Leslie Jackson, Sr. 9/23
 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 3/30mTerrell Randall 3/17
 Donna Robinson 3/16 Jeffery Robinson 3/5
 Willie Shepherd 3/24



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.)*

Forty Days Lent has begun: a time for both walking with Jesus toward the cross and being strengthened in our faith and knowledge of God

Prayers for Sick & Shut-I n

Lenora Bolling, Albert Carson, James Collins, Sarah Collins, Arthur Delumus, Allean Delemus, Belva Harris, Iris Davis, Erma Medley Hinton, Lucille Meeks, Ronald Greene, Yolanda Collins, James Collins, Mary Russell, 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**



Daily Readings for the Week

Sunday: I Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
 Ephesians 5:8-14
 John 9:1-41
Monday: Isaiah 65:17-21
 John 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ezekiel 47:1-9
 John 5:1-16
Wednesday: Isaiah 7:10-14, 8-10
 Hebrew 10:4-10
 Luke 1:26-38
Thursday: Exodus 32:7-14
 John 5:31-47
Friday: Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22
 John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jeremiah 11:18-20
 John 7:40-53



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From the office of
 —-bishop baker—

The *public* celebration of Holy Mass is suspended on the Diocese of Birmingham in Alabama through the day before Palm Sunday (April 4, 2020). The faithful are dispensed from any obligations during this time.

Activity Sheet



SPRING



1. A spring month.
2. A spring flower.
3. The young of a chicken.
4. A colour of spring.
5. A young rabbit.
6. A flower especially of a fruit tree.
7. Plants that have narrow green leaves, that are eaten by cows, sheep, horses etc.
8. The fifth month of the year.
9. To come out of an egg.
10. See picture.
11. A rounded part of a plant that is under the ground and that grows into a new plant during the growing season.
12. A baby goat.
13. The place where a bird lays its eggs.
14. See picture.
15. Spring, winter, summer, fall!
16. What snow does in spring.
17. When the sun shines.
18. A long, thin animal that has a soft body with no legs or bones. It lives in the ground.
19. An indoor or outdoor spring activity.
20. To stop being frozen.
21. A baby sheep.
22. A small part that grows on a plant and develops into a flower, leaf, or new branch.
23. A baby horse.



A crossword puzzle grid with 23 numbered starting points in green circles. The grid is filled with empty squares for letters.