

# Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

Sunday, October 18, 2020– Twenty-Ninth 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 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

### Greeter's Ministry

Bertha Randall (205) 202-5143

### CCD

Theresa Nalls (205) 567-3123

### Ushers

Keith Boykin (205) 222-2011

### Family Life/Social Concerns

### Youth Ministry

David Brown (205) 586-6262

Nefertari Brown (205) 936-3601

### Children's Ministry

Kassandra Robinson (205) 382-5000

### Building & Maintenance

Gary Cauthen

## 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

# Sunday, October 18, 2020

## Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Give to God What Belongs to

*Matthew 22:15-21*



What do we owe God and our neighbor? Scripture tells us to give to everyone whatever is their due and to "owe no one anything, except to love one another." The Jewish authorities sought to trap Jesus in a religious-state issue. The Jews resented their foreign rulers and despised paying taxes to Caesar. They posed a dilemma to test Jesus to see if he was loyal to them and to their understanding of religion. If Jesus answered that it was lawful to pay taxes to a pagan ruler, then he would lose credibility with the Jewish nation who would regard him as a coward and a friend of Caesar. If he said it was not lawful, then the Pharisees would have grounds to report him to the Roman authorities as a political trouble-maker and have him arrested.

#### ***Coins inscribe the owner's name and authority on them***

Jesus avoided their trap by confronting them with the image of a coin. Coinage in the ancient world had significant political power. Rulers issued coins with their own image and inscription on them. In a certain sense the coin was regarded as the personal property of the ruler. Where the coin was valid the ruler held political sway over the people. Since the Jews used the Roman currency, Jesus explained that what belonged to Caesar must be given to Caesar.

#### ***We have been "stamped" with God's image and likeness***

This story has another deeper meaning as well. We, too, have been stamped with God's image since we are created in his own likeness - "God created man in his own image ..male and female he created them." We rightfully belong not to ourselves, but to God who created us and redeemed us in the precious blood of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Paul the Apostle says that we are to present our bodies as a living sacrifice to God. Do you acknowledge that your life and everything you possess belongs to God and not to yourself? And do you give to God what rightfully belongs to him?

***Lord, because you have made me, I owe you the whole of my love; because you have redeemed me, I owe you the whole of myself; because you have promised so much, I owe you all my being. Moreover, I owe you as much more love than myself as you are greater than I, for whom you gave yourself and to whom you promised yourself. I pray you, Lord, make me taste by love what I taste by knowledge; let me know by love what I know by understanding. I owe you more than my whole self, but I have no more, and by myself I cannot render the whole of it to you. Draw me to you, Lord, in the fullness of love. I am wholly yours by creation; make me all yours, too, in love. –Amen***

## Daily Readings for the Week



<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>Isaiah 45:1, 4-6</b> <b>I Thessalonians 1:1-5b</b> <b>Matthew 22:15-21</b>
<b>Monday:</b>	<b>Ephesians 2:1-10</b> <b>Luke 12:13-21</b>
<b>Tuesday:</b>	<b>Ephesians 2:12-22</b> <b>Luke 12:35-38</b>
<b>Wednesday:</b>	<b>Ephesians 3:2-12</b> <b>Luke 12:39-48</b>
<b>Thursday:</b>	<b>Ephesians 3:14-21</b> <b>Luke 12:49-53</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>Ephesians 4:1-6</b> <b>Luke 12:54-59</b>
<b>Saturday:</b>	<b>Ephesians 4:7-16</b> <b>Luke 13:1-9</b>

## Birthday & Anniversary Wishes



Denise Bell 10/30  
 Lenora Bolling 10/28  
 Benjamin Caldwell 10/11  
 Darryl Colston 10/1  
 Jacqueline Coutee 10/14  
 James Craig 10/24  
 Carolyn Crawford 10/5  
 Matthew Edosomwan 10/19  
 Lela Flood 10/26  
 Majella Hamilton 10/27  
 Kathryn Hill 10/01 Terry Johnson, II 10/9  
 Darcy Prince 10/13 Nathaniel Mays 10/23  
 Dwight Russell 10/30  
 Darrell Sims 10/07  
 Tyuan White 10/18  
 Juanita Webb 10/6



John & Claire Benjamin married October 25th  
 Darron & Cassandra Hunter married October 12th  
 \*Birthday, and anniversary greetings are extended to  
 all parishioners who are celebrating this month.  
 (Dates are generated from the parish registration  
 forms.)

**Celebrating Our  
 Parishioners!**

## Prayers for Sick & Shut-In

Lenora Bolling, Albert Carson,  
 Sarah Collins, Arthur Delemus, Belva Harris,  
 Iris Davis, Erma Medley Hinton, Ronald Greene,  
 Yolanda Collins, Mary Russell, Sheryl Shaw,  
 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*

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## Today's Psalm

~ 23:1-6 ~

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want;*
- 2 he makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters;*
- 3 he restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*
- 4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*
- 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.*
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.*



*The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. In this time of pandemic, civil unrest and incivility it is compelling to pray the rosary every day or as often as possible.*

## Special Dates

*Pastor Appreciation Month*

*World Communion Sunday October 4, 2020*

*Reformation Sunday, October 25, 2020*

*Reformation Day, October 31, 2020*

# Weekly Announcements & Activity

For those parishioners who wish to receive communion each Sunday but do not wish to come into the sanctuary, we will be offering an option for drive through communion  
**8:30 A.M –9:45 A.M. EACH SUNDAY**

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OLF Sunday School of Religion/CCD is open for enrollment through our newly organized Zoom tool. Please contact Mrs. Teresa Nalls, Director of CCD at (205).900.8406/epickirbycam@gmail.com or Mrs. Bayles, Administrative Assistant at 205.213.9432/jb78038@gmail for more information. We look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible. Thank you.



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Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church is pleased to announce that we have partnered with UAB School of Medicine Division of Preventative Disease to offer COVID-19 testing. The dates and times for testing are listed below.

A special thank you to our parishioner, Amber Anderson, for referring OLF as a testing site.

**NOTE: Those who are interested in being tested, please call 205-975-2819 to sign up. If there is no answer, please leave a voicemail and someone on staff will call you back.**

*Wednesday, October 14th-8:00am-2:00pm Thursday, October 15th- 8:00am-2:00pm*  
*Wednesday, October 21st- 8:00am-2:00pm Thursday, October 22nd- 8:00am-2:00pm*

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## Matthew 22:15-21



Find the following words in the puzzle.  
 Words are hidden → ↓ ↘

ACCORDANCE  
 BELONGS  
 CAESAR  
 CAESAR  
 CENSUS  
 COIN  
 DISCIPLES

ENTRAP  
 HERODIANS  
 HYPOCRITES  
 IMAGE  
 INSCRIPTION  
 LAWFUL  
 MALICE

OPINION  
 PHARISEES  
 PLOTTED  
 ROMAN  
 STATUS  
 TRUTHFUL