

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

Sunday, October 25, 2020– Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Parish Staff

Pastor

Father Godwin Ani, SSJ

Deacon

Rev. Mr. Douglass Moorer,
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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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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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Choir

Juanita Harris (205) 856-0515

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Bible Study

Doug Coutee (Men) (205) 352-3533

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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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Matthew 22:34-40

What is the purpose of God's law and commandments? Jesus summarized the whole of the law in two great commandments found in Deuteronomy 6:5 - "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might" - and Leviticus 19:18 - "you shall love your neighbor as yourself". God's love directs all that he does - His love is holy, just, and pure because it seeks only what is good, beneficial, and life-giving - rather than what is

destructive, evil, or deadly. That is why he commands us to love - to accept and to give only what is good, lovely, just, and pure and to reject whatever is contrary.

How God loves us

God loves us wholly, completely, and perfectly for our sake - there is no limit, no holding back, no compromising on his part. His love is not subject to changing moods or circumstances. When God gives, he gives generously, abundantly, freely, and without setting conditions to the gift of his love. His love does not waver, but is firm, consistent, and constant. He loves us in our weakness - in our fallen and sinful condition. That is why the Father sent his only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to redeem us from slavery to sin and its disordered cravings, desires, passions, and addictions. God the Father always seeks us out to draw us to his throne of mercy and help. God the Father corrects and disciplines us in love to free us from the error of our wrong ways of thinking and choosing what is harmful and evil rather than choosing what is good and wholesome for us. Do you freely accept God's love and do you willingly choose to obey his commandments?

We do not earn God's love - it is freely given

We do not earn God's love - it is freely given to those who open their heart to God and who freely accept the gift of the Holy Spirit. Ask the Lord Jesus to flood your heart with his love through the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Love grows with faith and hope

What makes our love for God and his commands grow in us? Faith in God and hope in his promises strengthens us in the love of God. They are essential for a good relationship with God, for being united with him. The more we know of God the more we love him and the more we love him the greater we believe and hope in his promises. The Lord Jesus, through the gift of the Holy Spirit, gives us a new freedom to love as he loves. Do you allow anything to keep you from the love of God and the joy of serving others with a generous heart?

Lord Jesus, your love surpasses all. Flood my heart with your love and increase my faith and hope in your promises. Help me to give myself in generous service to others as you have so generously given yourself to me. -Amen

Daily Readings for the Week



Sunday:	Exodus 22:20-26 I Thessalonians 1:5c-10 Matthew 22:34-40
Monday:	Ephesians 4:32—5:8 Luke 13:10-17
Tuesday:	Ephesians 5:21-33 Luke 13:18-21
Wednesday:	Ephesians 2:19-22 Luke 6:12-16
Thursday:	Ephesians 6:10-20 Luke 13:31-35
Friday:	Philippians 1:1-11 Luke 14:1-6
Saturday:	Philippians 1:18b-26 Luke 14:1, 7-11

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

Mrs. Carolyn Palmer Montgomery died on Thursday, October 22, 2020. Funeral service and burial will be held on Friday, October 31, 2020.

May her soul rest in peace! Amen.

Today's Psalm

~ 18:1-3, 46, 49-50 ~

1 I love you, O LORD, my strength.

2 The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

3 I call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

46 The LORD lives; and blessed be my rock, and exalted be the God of my salvation,

49 For this I will extol you, O LORD, among the nations, and sing praises to your name.

50 Great triumphs he gives to his king, and shows steadfast love to his anointed, to David and his descendants 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

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.



The Greatest Commandment

Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'" Matthew 22:37

Based on Matthew 22:34-40 (NIV)



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MIND	PHARISEES	QUESTION	JESUS
LAW	GREATEST	COMMANDMENT	YOURSELF
EXPERT	HEART	NEIGHBOR	LOVE
SOUL	LORD	HEARING	SECOND