

# Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

Sunday, February 21, 2021– First Sunday of Lent

## 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.

## Address

708 First Street, South  
Birmingham, AL 35205

## Contact Information

Rectory: (205) 322-1205

Fax: (205) 714-5056

Email: [olf@josephite.com](mailto:olf@josephite.com)

Website: [olfbirmingham.org](http://olfbirmingham.org)

## Sacraments

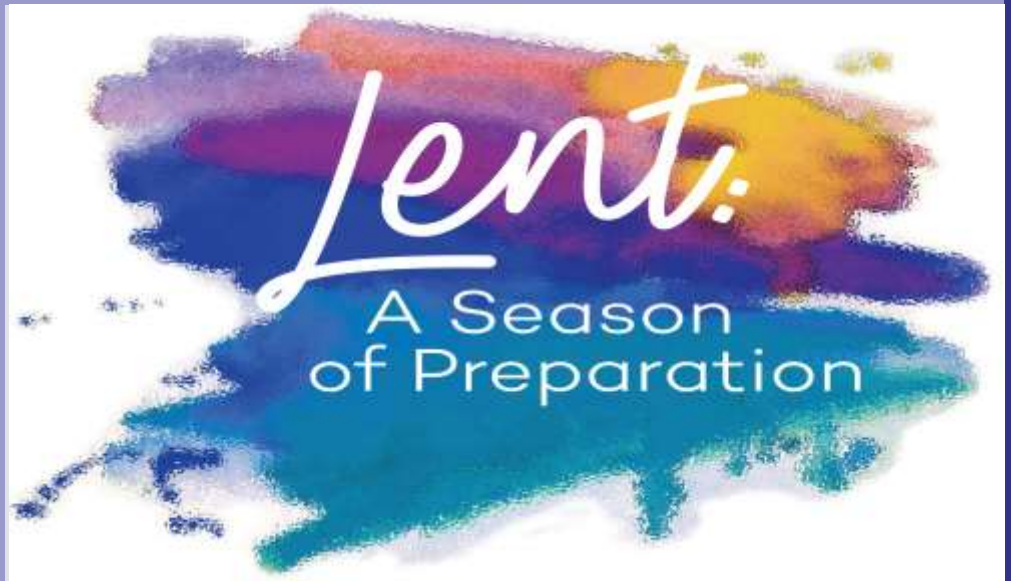
**Baptism:** Parents desiring Baptism for their children are encouraged to contact the Rectory to arrange for the required preparation class for parents and Godparents

**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, February 21, 2021

## First Sunday of Lent

### Repent and Believe in the Gospel!

*Mark 1:12-15*

What is the significance of Jesus spending 40 days and nights of solitude, prayer and fasting in the Judean wilderness?

#### ***God's Word and Spirit sustains those who seek God's will***

Matthew, Mark, and Luke tell us in their Gospel accounts that Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness. Mark states it most emphatically: "The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness." Why was Jesus compelled to seek solitude for such a lengthy period? Was it simply a test to prepare him for his ministry? Or did Satan want to lure him into a trap? Satan did his best to entice Jesus to choose his own will over the will of his Father in heaven. Despite his weakened condition, due to fatigue and lack of food for 40 days, Jesus steadfastly rejected Satan's subtle and not so subtle temptations. Where did Jesus find his strength to survive the desert's harsh conditions and the tempter's seduction? He fed on his Father's word and found strength in doing his will. Satan will surely tempt us and will try his best to get us to choose our will over God's will. If he can't make us renounce our faith or sin mortally, he will then try to get us to make choices that will lead us, little by little, away from what God wants for us.

#### ***Two conditions for the kingdom - repent and believe***

How do we enter the kingdom of God? In announcing the good news of the Gospel Jesus gave two explicit things each of us must do in order to receive the kingdom of God: repent and believe. Repent means to turn away from sin and wrong-doing in order to follow God's way of love, truth, and moral goodness. When we submit to God's rule in our lives and believe in the Gospel message the Lord Jesus gives us the grace and power to live a new way of life as citizens of his kingdom. He gives us grace to renounce the kingdom of darkness ruled by pride, sin, and Satan, the father of lies and the ruler of this present world. Repentance is the first step to surrendering my will and my life to God.

To believe is to take Jesus at his word and to recognize that God loved us so much that he sent his only begotten Son to free us from bondage to sin and harmful desires. God made the supreme sacrifice of his Son on the cross to bring us back to a relationship of peace, friendship, and unity with our Father in heaven. He is our Father and he wants us to live in joy and freedom as his beloved sons and daughters. God loved us first and he invites us in love to surrender our lives to him. Do you believe in the Gospel - the good news of Jesus Christ - and in the power of the Holy Spirit who transforms each one of us into the likeness of Christ?

\*\*\*\*\*

***Lord Jesus, your word is life, joy, wisdom, and strength for me. Fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may have the strength and courage to embrace your will in all things and to renounce whatever is contrary to your will for me. compassion. – Amen***

## Daily Readings for the Week



**Sunday:** Genesis 9:8-15  
I Peter 3:18-22  
Mark 1:12-15

**Monday:** I Peter 5:1-4  
Matthew 16:13-19

**Tuesday:** Isaiah 55:10-11  
Matthew 6:7-15

**Wednesday:** Jonah 3:1-10  
Luke 11:29-32

**Thursday:** Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25  
Matthew 7:7-12

**Friday:** Ezekiel 18:21-28  
Matthew 5:20-26

**Saturday:** Deuteronomy 26:16-19  
Matthew 5:43-48

## Birthday & Anniversary Wishes



Joycelyn Bayles 2/12  
Tommy Bayles 2/18  
Tyler Cannon 2/3  
Martha Emmett 2/9  
Kyle Hall 2/2  
Richetta Holston 2/9  
Wilbur Johnson 2/26  
Anita McCord 2/10

Jetuan Murrell 2/1 Dora Robinson 2/24  
Phyllis Russell 2/12 Aurie Savage 2/23  
Marian Summers 2/23 Monica Taylor 2/23  
Betty Trummer 2/18 Kimberly Twymon 2/29\



Rafael & Aletha Brathwaite married on 02/06  
Douglass & Jacqueline Coutee married on 02/14  
Louis & Veronica Kelker married on 02/20  
\*\*\*\*\*

\**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,  
Arthur Delemus, Belva Harris, Iris Davis, Erma  
Medley Hinton, Ronald Greene, Yolanda Collins,  
Mary Russell, Billy Shepherd, Julius Smith,  
Robert Tankersley

*\*\*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*

## Today's Psalm

~Psalm 25:4-9 ~

- 4 Make me to know your ways, O LORD;  
teach me your paths.
- 5 Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for  
you are the God of my salvation; for you I  
wait all the day long.
- 6 Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of  
your steadfast love, for they have been from of  
old.
- 7 Remember not the sins of my youth, or my  
transgressions; according to your steadfast  
love remember me, for your goodness' sake, O  
LORD!
- 8 Good and upright is the LORD; therefore  
he instructs sinners in the way.
- 9 He leads the humble in what is right, and  
teaches the humble his way.



## Special Dates

- African-American History Month
- Transfiguration Sunday, February 14, 2021
- Valentine's Day, February 14, 2021
- Presidents Day, February 15, 2021
- Ash Wednesday, February 17, 2021

# Weekly Announcements & Activity

**ATTENTION!!!!!!** OLF Sunday School has began meeting VIRTUALLY!!!!!!

Meeting times are Sundays 9:30 A.M-10:10: A.M. Zoom classes are available for children school ages Kindergarten to High School. If you have not already, please send an email to [olfbhamccd@gmail.com](mailto:olfbhamccd@gmail.com) with your child's name, age, and email address (for communication purposes). Thank you, Mrs. Teresa Nalls

\*\*\*\*\*  
 \*\*\*\*\*

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**

\*\*\*\*\*

In an effort to conserve paper and reduce mailing expenses, please send an email to [olf@josephite.com](mailto:olf@josephite.com) with your name and updated address if your would like to receive an *End of the Year Statement* for tax purposes. If you would rather receive your statement electronically, please make a note of that in your email. For those who are unable to send an email, you may call the Rectory Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday between the hours of 10:00 A.M. & 3:00 P.M. If there is no answer, please leave a voicemail with the above mentioned information. Thank you!

\*\*\*\*\*

## Puzzle!

Find and circle these words associated with the Lenten journey to the cross.

colt  
 confess  
 cross  
 crown  
 crucifixion  
 death

denial  
 donkey  
 forsaken  
 Gethsemane  
 Golgotha  
 hosanna

kiss  
 lots  
 palms  
 penance  
 Pilate  
 prayer

repent  
 silver  
 sins  
 suffer  
 thorns  
 vigil

E	N	A	M	E	S	H	T	E	G	R	L	W	Y
C	L	E	U	X	B	M	T	H	B	U	C	W	B
N	R	I	K	Y	P	A	T	E	T	I	Y	X	Y
A	V	J	G	A	L	B	R	E	Y	A	R	P	B
N	G	N	L	I	S	N	L	A	I	N	E	D	X
E	W	M	P	R	V	R	D	H	B	N	R	D	F
P	S	O	G	O	L	G	O	T	H	A	B	S	C
D	L	N	R	O	C	O	N	F	E	S	S	I	K
O	T	H	T	C	P	E	K	W	U	O	S	U	N
M	N	S	H	N	P	W	E	D	R	H	F	S	K
U	N	F	O	E	T	K	Y	C	S	G	F	F	O
H	E	C	R	E	V	L	I	S	W	Q	E	C	M
H	V	H	N	C	X	S	O	C	C	J	R	L	O
F	Q	E	S	U	D	S	H	C	A	A	Y	M	C
C	R	U	C	I	F	I	X	I	O	N	S	R	V