

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

Sunday, May 8, 2022— *Fourth Sunday of Easter / Mother's Day*

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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

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

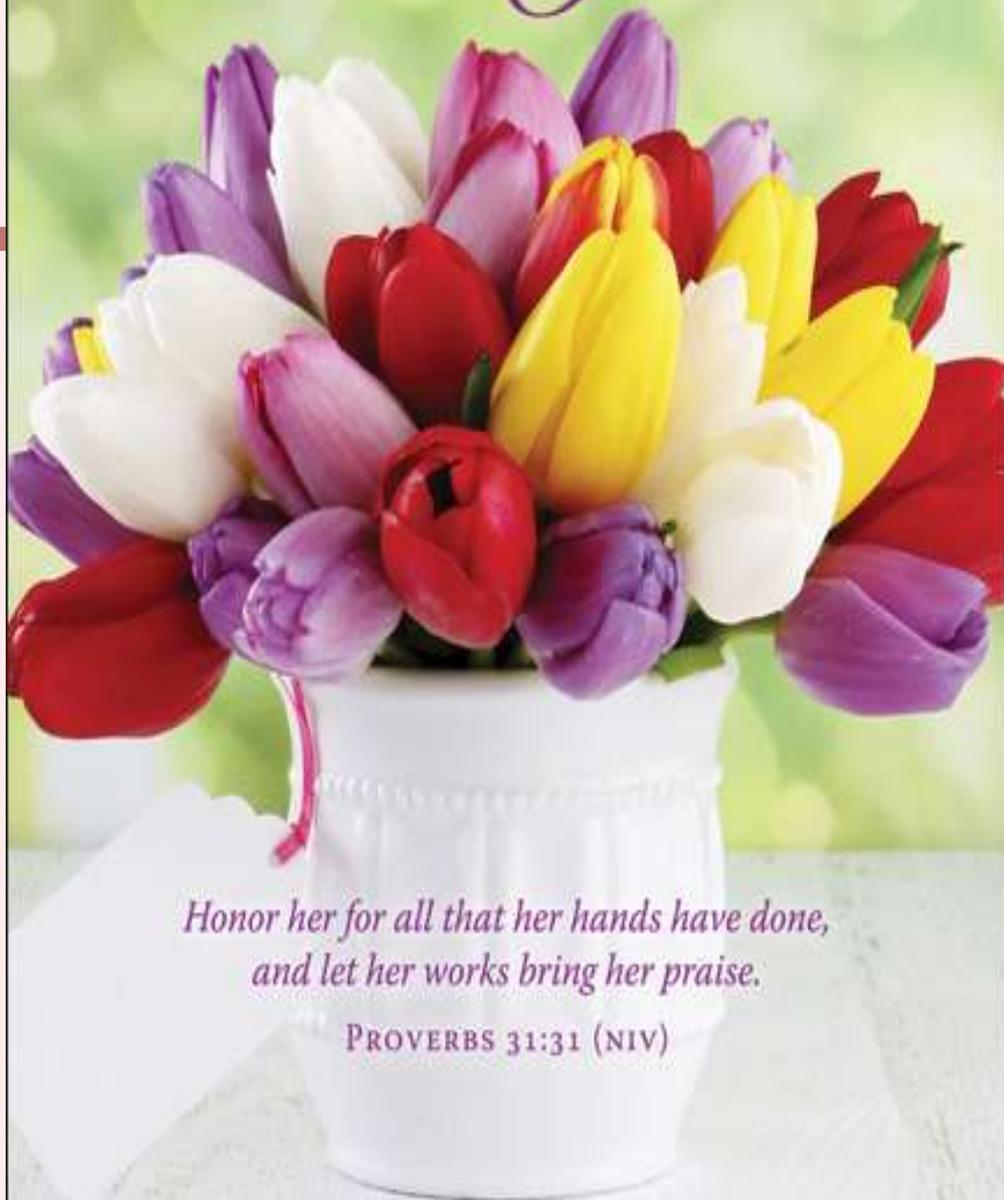
Funeral: Please contact the Rectory for Funeral Arrangements. Funerals are not permitted on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation.

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.

—HAPPY—
MOTHER'S
Day



*Honor her for all that her hands have done,
and let her works bring her praise.*

PROVERBS 31:31 (NIV)

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My Sheep Hear My Voice

John 10:27-30

How secure is your faith and trust in God? Jesus speaks of the tremendous trust he has in God his Father and the tremendous trust we ought to have in him because he is our good shepherd. What is the significance of Jesus calling himself the Good Shepherd? Shepherds were very common in the land of Jesus' time. A shepherd could have hundreds or thousands of sheep under his care. Sheep without a shepherd were vulnerable prey for predators, such as wolves and thieves. If a sheep strayed from the fold it could easily get lost, fall into a ravine, or become injured. Shepherds had to keep a constant watch over their folds by day and by night. That is why shepherds had to literally live with their sheep so they could lead them out to good pasture for grazing during the day and bring them to a safe place at night for rest and shelter. Shepherds got to know their sheep well and kept a careful count each evening. They also called their sheep by name so the sheep could recognize the shepherd's voice when he called them to follow him.

Peter the Apostle tells us that the Lord Jesus is the Good Shepherd and Guardian of our souls. He keeps a close and personal watch over every one of his sheep - his followers (disciples) who belong to him. He calls each of us personally by name to follow him. And he promises to be our guardian and protector from the snares of our enemy, Satan, the father of lies and a murderer from the beginning. The Lord leads us each day to good pastures - places where we can feed on his word and drink from the well-springs of living water which is his Holy Spirit. If we feed on his word and drink from the living water of the Holy Spirit, we will find the nourishment and strength we need to live each day for his glory and honor. Do you recognize the voice of your Shepherd and Guardian who calls to you each day?

The Lord opens our ears to hear his word

The Lord speaks to us in a variety of ways, but especially through his word in the Sacred Scriptures. He will open the Scriptures for us if we approach his word with reverence and faith. How can we grow in listening to the voice of our Lord and Shepherd? If we ask he will open our ears to hear him speak to our hearts and minds. And if we hunger for his word, he will give us understanding, wisdom, and guidance for our lives. The Lord Jesus wants to draw each of us close to himself. He wants us to be united with him and the Father. That is why he teaches us to pray to our Father in heaven and to ask for his kingdom to reign in our lives. The Lord Jesus knocks on the door of our hearts and homes and waits for our response. Will you answer his call and welcome his presence with you?

Lord Jesus, you have the words of eternal life. Open my ears to hear your voice and to follow your ways. Give me understanding that I may grow in the knowledge of your great love and wisdom for my life. – Amen

Birthdays & Anniversary Wishes



Margarette Beavers 5/25
Brenda Browder 5/26
Garry Cauthen 5/26
Tracy Craig 5/23
Darrell Curry 5/7
Alfreda Kincaid 5/4
Dolores Johnson 5/24
Kenneth Johnson 5/9
Sophia Juzang 5/24
Deacon Douglas Moorer 5/05
Juan Perkins 5/30 Louise Purdue 5/18
Sybil Sims 5/2 Adam Thrash 5/2
Valerie White 5/25
Ocie White 5/24



Marcus & Kimberly Bell married on May 22nd
Aaron & Sharon Bryant married on May 5th
Melvin & Natalie Brown married on May 20th
Charles & Dorothy Dorsey married on May 3rd
Herschell & Majella Hamilton married on May 26th
Gregory & Deanna Minnard married on May 20th
Douglas & Tyuan White married on May 2nd

**Birthday, and anniversary greetings are extended to all parishioners who are celebrating this month. (Dates are generated from the parish registration forms)*

Daily Readings for the Week

Sunday: Acts 13:14, 43-52
 Revelation 7:9, 14b-17
 John 10:27-30
Monday: Acts 11:1-18
 John 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26
 John 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a
 John 12:44-50
Thursday: Acts 13:13-25
 John 13:16-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33
 John 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26
 John 15:9-17



Prayers for Sick & Shut-In

Joycelyn Bayles, Lenora Bolling, Albert Carson,
 Yolanda Collins, Rosa Lell Craig, Arthur Delemus,
 Belva Harris, Elizabeth Harris, Ronald Greene,
 Theresa Nalls, Billy Shepherd, 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

The Ladies Sodality extends a loving embrace to the families of the late Mrs. Mary Russell and the late Mrs. Ruth Washington. These two ladies were excellent members of our ministry and are greatly missed.

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers of our church.

TODAY'S PSALM

~ 87:1-7 ~

- 1 On the holy mount stands the city he founded;
- 2 the LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwelling places of Jacob.
- 3 Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God. [Selah]
- 4 Among those who know me I mention Rahab and Babylon; behold, Philistia and Tyre, with Ethiopia -- "This one was born there," they say.
- 5 And of Zion it shall be said, "This one and that one were born in her"; for the Most High himself will establish her.
- 6 The LORD records as he registers the peoples, "This one was born there." [Selah]
- 7 Singers and dancers alike say, "All my springs are in you."

Stewardship Update



Please Remember To Give

Weekly Announcements, FYI & More

YOUTH DAY RETREAT

Our Leaders of the Future

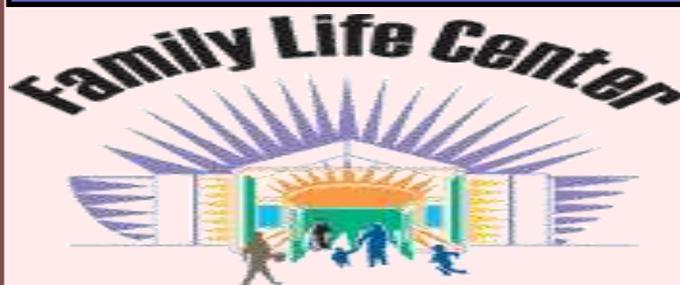
Saturday, June 11, 2022

8:30 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

OLF Church and Family Life Center
Kindergarten through 12th Grade
Sign up sheets in the vestibule.

Bible Study, Prayer, Crafts, Music, Dance,
Food, and MORE.....

For more information, please contact
Mrs. Veronica Boykin, 205.222.4439



For those interested in renting Our Lady of Fatima's Family Life Center, please contact Mrs. Andria Colston at 205.538.5587. You no longer have to call the Church Rectory.



Special dates

National Day of Prayer, May 5, 2022

Mother's Day, May 8, 2022

Armed Forces Day, May 21, 2022

Ascension Day, May 26, 2022

Memorial Day, May 30, 2022



May is traditionally the month dedicated to honoring The Blessed Virgin Mary as the mother of God. We also recognize that Our Lady of Fatima (our patron) appeared to three shepherd children on May 13, 1917 in Fatima, Portugal. Please remember to pray the rosary and ask Mary's intercession for world peace.



Parish Council Meeting

Family Life Center

6.00 P.M.

Tuesday 17th May 2022

You are invited to dialogue
Your Church wants to hear your voice!



10am - 12pm

What are synodal dialogues?

Pope Francis has invited all the People of God into a special period of dialogue, listening to the Holy Spirit and to one another to discover how we can more closely and fruitfully journey together as the Body of Christ.

How do I get involved?

Bishop Raica and the Office of Black Catholic Ministry have convened a dialogue for people in our community to join in prayer and conversation to discern how we can be most effective in sharing the Gospel and living joyfully and fruitfully in our parish communities.

Where can I go to learn more?

To learn more about this period of prayerful consultation, please visit:

<http://btmdiocese.org/synod>