

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

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Office Hours

Tuesday-Friday
9:00 A.M.– 3:30 P.M.

Sacraments

Masses: Saturday..... 4:00 P.M.
Sunday..... 7:00 A.M.
11:00 A.M.

Adoration of the Holy Eucharist

Every 1st Friday of the month
8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

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:
Saturdays 3:00 P.M. to 3:45 P.M.
Sundays 6:00 A.M. to 6:45 A.M.
10:00 A.M. to 10:45 A.M.

January 28, 2024
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Parish 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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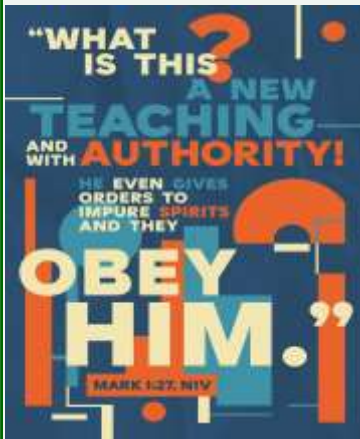
Church Membership

There are levels of Church membership. Anyone living within the boundaries of our parish for at least 6 months is automatically a member. Those who live inside or outside our boundaries and choose to “register” are members. “Contributing members” are those who choose to use the envelopes on a regular basis and are entitled to regular financial reports from the rectory.

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING & Reflection

Jesus Taught with Authority

Scripture: Mark 1:21-28



Do you believe that God's word has power to set you free and to transform your life? When Jesus taught he spoke with authority. He spoke the word of God as no one had spoken it before. When the Rabbis taught they supported their statements with

quotes from other authorities. The prophets spoke with delegated authority - "Thus says the Lord." When Jesus spoke he needed no authorities to back his statements. He was authority incarnate - the Word of God made flesh. When he spoke, God spoke. When he commanded even the demons obeyed.

The Lord gives us his Holy Spirit to enlighten our minds that we may grow in his truth and in the knowledge of his great love for each of us. If we approach God's word with trust and submission, and with an eagerness to do what the Lord desires for us, then we are in a much better position to learn what God wants to teach us through his word. Are you eager to be taught by the Lord and to conform your mind, heart, attitude, and intentions according to his word of truth, goodness, and love?

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A Prayer of Devotion

Lord Jesus, your word is power and life. May I never doubt your love and mercy, and the power of your word that sets us free, and brings healing and restoration to body, mind, heart, and spirit. . – Amen

Today's Psalm

Psalm 8:2, 5-9

2 By the mouth of babies and infants, you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.
5 Yet you have made him little less than God, and did crown him with glory and honor.
6 You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet,
7 all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,
8 the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the sea.
9 O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Daily Readings

Sunday: Deuteronomy 18:15-20
I Corinthians 7:32-35
Mark 1:21-28

Monday: II Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13
Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday: II Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—193
Mark 5:21-43

Wednesday: II Samuel 24:2, 9-17
Mark 6:1-6

Thursday: I Kings 2:1-4, 10-12
Mark 6:7-13

Friday: Malachi 3:1-4
Mark Luke 2:22-40

Saturday: I Kings 3:4-13
Mark 6:30-34

Sick & Shut-In

Liz Arrington,	Joycelyn Bayles
Yolanda Collins	Rosa Lell Craig
Belva Harris	Elizabeth Harris
Whilomena Harris	Ronald Greene
Douglass Moorer	Shanitra Johnson
Vascaus Saunders	Allen Small
Robert Tankersley	

Deacon Douglass Moorer had successful heart surgery on January 17th. He is now recuperating at Princeton Medical Center. He is not receiving visitors at this time, but we will keep you informed.

Stewardship Update

January 20th & 21st

Saturday 4:00 P.M.	\$ 785.00
Sunday 7:00 A.M.	\$ 580.00
Sunday 11:00 A.M.	\$1,159.00
Mailed In	\$1,125.00
Church Improvements	\$ 360.00
Security Fund	\$ 300.00
Extra Items	\$ 60.00

Total: \$4,369.00

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It's that time of the year!

End of the year statements will be made available in the coming weeks! If you would like to receive a statement of your giving, please email the Church Rectory your name, envelope number, and the mode in which you would like to receive your statement. Please be aware that the phone lines are not in service. However, the Office Administrative Assistant may be contacted at 205.261.1050.

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Valencia Andrews 1/3
Marcus Bell 1/11
Sharon Bell 1/13
John Benjamin 1/31
Angela Bolling 1/30
Carol Bradley 1/3
Andrea Colston 1/4
Iris Davis 1/9
Elizabeth Harris 1/27
Mildred Hunter 1/1
Robyn Houston 1/8
Brantley Jones 1/7
Brevyn Jones 1/6
Jacob Kangah 1/29
Nathan Kelly 1/30
Adrian Mason 1/11
Adrian Polk 1/4
Cameron Nixon 1/10
Brent Patterson 1/25
Darcy J. Prince 1/19
Shane Sims 1/12
Shuanya Shepherd 1/26
Arthur Williams 1/1
Karen Williams 1/21

May many blessings be upon you as you celebrate another year. Happy Birthday & Anniversary to this month's honorees. May God continue to watch over you.

Please continue to make effort to return security envelopes weekly. If you have not received the "Security Fund" envelope, please pick some up from the vestibule.

First Friday Devotion

On the 1st Friday of every month, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 8:00 A.M. until 12:00 Noon. Everyone is invited to participate in the Adoration of the Holy Eucharist.

Upcoming Devotion Date:

February 2, 2024

Presentation of the Lord

Although it is not a Holy Day of Obligation, everyone is encouraged to attend Mass at 7:00 A.M.

Upcoming Masses

February 14, 2024 is Ash Wednesday. We will have Mass at 7:00 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.

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Parish School of Religion

- We are currently in search of someone willing to become the ***Director of Religious Education***. If you are interested, please see Mrs. Veronica Boykin.
- Parish School of Religion Teachers are needed. Sign up sheets for both entities are in the vestibule.

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Signup sheets for Stations of the Cross are available in the vestibule. If you are interested in serving as a Reader, Cross Bearer, or Candle Bearer please signup on the designated page. Thank you for your willingness to serve!

If you choose to serve as either Cross Bearer or Candle Bearer, wearing the robe is OPTIONAL.

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Please join us for Bible Study every
Wednesday at 11:00 A.M.

—STAYING—

CONNECTED

Everyone is invited to hear about the mission and purpose of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Join Mrs. Valerie Johnson and the Birmingham District President on Sunday, January 28th at 12:30 P.M. in the Family Life Center for an informational Q&A. We hope you can attend.



Please remember to lock your car doors whenever you come to the church.

Also, if you arrive AFTER Mass has started, please come into the church through the front door. The back door will be locked at the start of Mass.

Knights of Peter Claver Council #
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Fish Fry Fund Raiser



Our Lady Queen Universe
Friday, February 23, 2024
10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Thank you to
Mr. Adrian Polk &
Crew for cleaning out
the school building
on this past Monday.
Your efforts are not
overlooked, and we pray God's abundant
blessings upon you all!



See What's Coming up at
Titusville Library

- ⇒ Diaper Giveaway- February 6th
10:00 A.M.
- ⇒ Senior Resource Day- February 7th
12:00 P.M.
- ⇒ Resource Day- February 8th
10 :00 A.M.