



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.

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.



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.



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.

July 28, 2004

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING & Reflection

Scripture: John 6:1-15

The Miraculous Sign of Jesus

Jesus makes a claim which only God can make: He is the true bread of heaven that can satisfy the deepest hunger we experience. The sign of the multiplication of the loaves when the Lord says the blessing, breaks, and distributes through his disciples prefigures the superabundance of the unique bread of his Eucharist or Lord's Supper. When we receive from the Lord's table we unite ourselves to Jesus Christ, who makes us sharers in his body and blood.

The Lord alone can satisfy the deepest longing of our heart

The feeding of the five thousand shows the remarkable generosity of God and his great kindness towards us. When God gives, he gives abundantly. He gives more than we need for ourselves so that we may have something to share with others, especially those who lack what they need. God takes the little we have and multiplies it for the good of others. Do you trust in God's provision for you and do you share freely with others, especially those who are in need?

A Prayer of Devotion

Lord Jesus, you satisfy the deepest longing of our heart and you feed us with the finest of wheat. Fill me with gratitude and give me a generous heart that I may freely share with others what you have given to me. – Amen

Weekly Quote

“Do you know, daughter, who you are, and who I am? If you know these two things, you will be blessed:

You are she who is not; whereas I am He who is.”

-Private revelation of Jesus Christ to St. Catherine of Siena

Today's Psalm

Psalm 145:10-13, 17-18

10 All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your saints shall bless you!

11 They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,

12 to make known to the sons of men your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The LORD is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

17 The LORD is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.

18 The LORD is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth.

Daily Readings

Sunday: II Kings 4:42-44
Ephesians 4:1-6
John 6:1-15

Monday: Jeremiah 13:1-11
John 11:19-27

Tuesday: Jeremiah 14:17-22
Matthew 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21
Matthew 13:44-46

Thursday: Jeremiah 18:1-6
Matthew 13:47-53

Friday: Jeremiah 26:1-9
Matthew 13:54-58

Saturday: Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24
Matthew 14:1-12

Sick & Shut-In

Liz Arrington, Joycelyn Bayles
Yolanda Collins, Elizabeth Harris
Ronald Greene, Hazel Jackson
Vascus Saunders, Allen Small
Robert Tankersley

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Please keep the family of Genevive Burks in your prayers as she was funeralized on July 18, 2024.

May her soul rest in peace. Amen.

Stewardship Update

July 20th & 21st

Saturday 4:00 P.M.	\$ 953.00
Sunday 7:00 A.M.	\$ 946.00
Sunday 11:00 A.M.	\$1,574.00
Mailed In	\$1,205.00
Church Improvements	\$ 400.00
Security Fund	\$ 719.00
Extra Items:	\$ 20.00

Total: \$5,797.00

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.

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Wesley Bell 7/11
Debbie Burks 7/5
Caleb Brown 7/3
Elijah Browder 7/14
Makayla Bolling 7/20
Kelvin Bickerstaff 7/4
Anaya Bickerstaff 7/1
Marleaneryan Cleveland 7/28
Pernell Cunningham 7/13, Doug Coutee 7/23
Dorothy Dorsey 7/12 Erma Hinton 7/12
Debra Hilson 7/27 Christian Jackson 7/27
Beverly Jones 7/12 Alyssa Parnell 7/17
J. Akele Parnell 7/25 Carol Prince 7/26
Deborah Palmer 7/9 Alice Ramsey 7/26
Nona Relf 7/6 Reva Saunders 7/8
Monica Sankey 7/2 Robert Tankersley 7/29

Father Linus Akpan, Pastor —07/25
Marvida, Administrative Assistant— 07/26



Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Jenkins *married on July 11th*
Blair & Melanie McNary *married on July 3rd*
Dwight & Phyllis Russell *married on July 7th*
Winkfield & Patricia Simpson *married on July 18th*

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.

Special Dates

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:

August 2, 2024

OLF News & Updates

- There will be a second collection for the Seminarians Education Fund during the weekend of August 3rd. Thank you for your generosity.
- If you would like to participate in a 12-day Spiritual Tour of the Shrines of Greece plus tours of Rome and the Vatican, please see the details on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

Parish School of Religion

Registration

July 14th —August 4th

Books \$24.00

Confirmation Books \$27.00

(Payment Deadline August 4)

Parish School of Religion starts
August 25, 2024

9:30 A.M. to 10 :45 A.M.

(You must be registered to attend)

Contact: Veronica Boykin

Blue Faith Day

Sunday, August 18, 2024

Following the 11:00 A.M. Mass

Presentation by Truman Fitzgerald
Information Officer for Birmingham Police Department

A light meal will be served

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The Sodality Ladies invite you to an afternoon tea on Sunday, August 25th beginning at 1:00 P.M. in the Parish Hall. There will be door prizes, a fashion show, light refreshments, and much more!!!!

Adult tickets: \$10.00

Youth (Ages 7-14) \$5.00

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW

We will have a school supplies donation drive **now through Thursday, August 1st**. There will be a box in the vestibule to drop off donations. We are asking for general school supplies: pens, pencils, folders, composition books, notebooks, calculators, notebook paper, etc.



The Parish Council is excited to announce that Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church will be hosting a CPR and AED training class on Saturday, August 17, 2024 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. in the Parish Life Center.

This training will be led by Captain Latoria Jones of the Birmingham Fire and Rescue Service and will provide formal certification for all in attendance.

Please register to attend by signing up on the sheets available in the church vestibule. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Cooper at (lcooper@jeffersoncreditunion.org) or Dr. Gregory Payne (gregoryallenpayne@gmail.com).

A poster for the "Alabama Splash Adventure" event. The background is blue with yellow and white text. It features two photos: one of a child on a slide and another of people swimming in a pool. The text reads: "OLDF BACK TO SCHOOL BASH AT ALABAMA SPLASH ADVENTURE August 4 after 11am Mass If you are interested in going Please sign up in the Vestibule this weekend".

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