

# Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

Sunday, May 2, 2021 Fifth Sunday of Easter

## 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.

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## Contact Information

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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.



# TRUE VINE

## 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, May 2, 2021

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

### Abide in Me, and I in You

*John 15:1-8*

Why does Jesus speak of himself as the true vine? The image of the vine was a rich one for the Jews since the land of Israel was covered with numerous vineyards. It had religious connotations to it as well. Isaiah spoke of the house of Israel as "the vineyard of the Lord."

#### ***One must be firmly rooted in the "Tree of Life"***

When Jesus calls himself the true vine, he makes clear that no one can grow in spiritual fruitfulness and moral goodness unless they are rooted in God and in his life-giving word. Religious affiliation or association with spiritually minded people is not sufficient by itself - one must be firmly rooted in the "Tree of Life" who is the eternal Father and his only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus makes a claim which only God can make - he is the true source of life that sustains us and makes us fruitful in living the abundant life which God has for us. It is only through Jesus Christ that one can be fully grafted into the true "vineyard of the Lord."

#### ***Bearing the fruit of righteousness, peace, and joy***

Jesus offers true life - the abundant life which comes from God and which results in great fruitfulness. How does the vine become fruitful? The vine dresser must carefully prune the vine before it can bear good fruit. Vines characteristically have two kinds of branches - those which bear fruit and those which don't. The non-bearing branches must be carefully pruned back in order for the vine to conserve its strength for bearing good fruit. Jesus used this image to describe the kind of life he produces in those who are united with him - the fruit of "righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit." Jesus says there can be no fruit in our lives apart from him. The fruit he speaks of here is the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

There is a simple truth here: We are either fruit-bearing or non-fruit-bearing. There is no in-between. But the bearing of healthy fruit requires drastic pruning. The Lord promises that we will bear much fruit if we abide in him and allow him to purify us. Do you trust in the Lord's healing and transforming power to give you the abundant life and fruit of his heavenly kingdom?

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***Lord Jesus, may I be one with you in all that I say and do. Draw me close that I may glorify you and bear fruit for your kingdom. In flame my heart with your love and remove from it anything that would make me ineffective or unfruitful in loving and serving you as my All. – Amen***



## Daily Readings for the Week



**Sunday:** Acts 9:26-31  
I John 3:18-24  
John 15:1-8

**Monday:** I Corinthians 15:1-8  
John 14:6-14

**Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28  
John 14:27-31a

**Wednesday:** Acts 15:1-6  
John 15:1-8

**Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21  
John 15:9-11

**Friday:** Acts 15:22-31  
John 15:12-17

**Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10  
John 15:18-21

## Birthday & 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 Angela Lewis 5/22  
Juan Perkins 5/30 Louise Purdue 5/18  
Sybil Sims 5/2  
Adam Thrash 5/2  
Gwen Williams 5/14 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*  
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*\*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-In

Lenora Bolling, Albert Carson,  
Arthur Delemus, Belva Harris,  
Erma Medley Hinton, Ronald Greene,  
Yolanda Collins, Ibelia Johnosn 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*

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## TODAY'S PSALM

~22:25-31~

**25** From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

**26** The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD!  
May your hearts live for ever!

**27** All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

**28** For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

**29** Yes, to him shall all the proud of the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and he who cannot keep himself alive.

**30** Posterity shall serve him; men shall tell of the Lord to the coming generation,

**31** and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, that he has wrought it.

## Special Dates

- *National Day of Prayer, May 6, 2021*
  - *Mother's Day, May 9, 2021*
  - *Ascension Day, May 13, 2021*
- *Armed Forces Day, May 15, 2021*
  - *Pentecost, May 23, 2021*
- *Victoria Day (Canada), May 24, 2021*
  - *Trinity Sunday, May 30, 2021*
  - *Memorial Day, May 31, 2021*



# Weekly Announcements

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With continued concern for our Parishioners during this pandemic, Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church is now **LIVESTREAMING!!!!**

*Please visit our Facebook page (Olf Birmingham) to view video of Sunday's 11:00 A.M. Mass.*



The Drive-By Pick Up

**“Families in Need Food Bags”**

will be distributed *Monday May 3, 2021, 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.* adjacent to the OLF School Building.

**All CDC safety guidelines are enforced.**  
You are welcome to share this information.



**St. Vincent de Paul Society**  
**MEGA YARD SALE**  
**Saturday, May 15, 2021**  
**7AM TO 1:30PM**

- \$20 for 2 parking spaces / \$8 for each extra space / \$20 per tent rental / \$10 electricity
- Food trucks on site for breakfast and lunch
- All proceeds are yours to keep (Registration fees go to St. Vincent de Paul Society to help families in need)
- Lovelady Thrift shop truck arrives at 1:30PM to pick up unsold items to donate

For more info, go to: [hiopstvincent.wixsite.com/stvdp/events](http://hiopstvincent.wixsite.com/stvdp/events) or email: [HolyInfantYardSale@gmail.com](mailto:HolyInfantYardSale@gmail.com) or leave a VM at 205-228-8399 or text Michael at 205-405-4302 or Maria at 205-919-3288



## The True Vine

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.," John 15:5 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on John 15:1-8

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

WORDS	GARDENER	REMAIN	BEAR	GLORY
CLEAN	PRUNES	THROWN	VINE	TRUE
FRUIT	BRANCH	FIRE	WITHERS	BURNED