

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

Sunday, July 25 2021 Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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.



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

Vacant

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

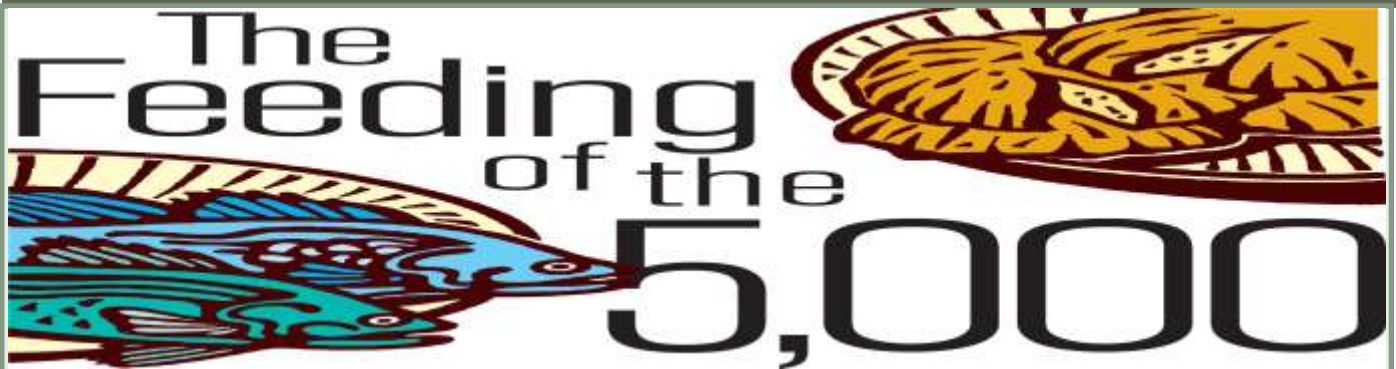
Louise Purdue (205) 821-4362

Community Affairs

Debra Mays (205) 925-8231

Sunday, July 25, 2021

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



John 6:1-15

Can anything on this earth truly satisfy the deepest longing and hunger we experience for God? A great multitude had gathered to hear Jesus, no doubt because they were hungry for the word of life. Jesus' disciples wanted to send them away at the end of the day because they did not have the resources to feed them. They even complained how much money it would take to feed such a large crowd - at least six month's wages! Jesus, the Bread of Life, took the little they had - five loaves and two fish - and giving thanks to his heavenly Father, distributed to all until they were satisfied of their hunger.

The food that makes us live for ever in Jesus Christ

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. This supernatural food is healing for both body and soul and strength for our journey heavenward.

When you approach the Table of the Lord, what do you expect to receive? Healing, pardon, comfort, and rest for your soul? The Lord has much more for us, more than we can ask or imagine. The principal fruit of receiving the Eucharist at the Lord's Table is an intimate union with Jesus Christ, our Divine Healer and Savior. As bodily nourishment restores lost strength, so the Eucharist strengthens us in charity and enables us to break with disordered attachments to creatures and to be more firmly rooted in the love of Christ. Do you hunger for the "bread of life"?

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?

Lord Jesus, you satisfy the deepest longing of our heart and you feed us with the finest of wheat (Psalm 81:16). Fill me with gratitude and give me a generous heart that I may freely share with others what you have given to me. – Amen

Birthday & Anniversary Wishes



Justin Andrews 7/11
 Ethan Bell 7/10
 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



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

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

Monday: Exodus 32:15-24, 30-34
 Matthew 13:31-35

Tuesday: Exodus 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28
 Matthew 13:36-43

Wednesday: Exodus 34:29-35
 Matthew 13:44-46

Thursday: Exodus 40:16-21, 34-38
 John 11:19-27

Friday: Leviticus 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37
 Matthew 13:54-58

Saturday: Leviticus 25:1, 8-17
 Matthew 14:1-12



Prayers for Sick & Shut-In

Lenora Bolling, Albert Carson,
 Arthur Delemus, Belva Harris, Ronald Greene,
 Yolanda Collins, Ibelia Johnosn, Mary Nixon,
 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

TODAY'S 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.**

Stewardship Update



Last Week: July 17th & 18th

Saturday 4:00 P.M.	\$ XXX.XX
Sunday 7:00 A.M.	\$X,XXX.XX
Sunday 11:00 A.M.	\$X,XXX.XX
MAILED IN	\$ XXX.XX
Church Improvements	\$ X.XX

TOTAL COLLECCTION

\$X,XXX.XX

Weekly Announcements

Parishioners, please don't forget we are streaming live during 11:00 A.M. Mass each Sunday. Please visit our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100012853415841> to view our weekly Mass.

Calling all Graduates



It's that time of year again. Did you complete kindergarten, eight grade, high school, college, or graduate level studies in 2020 or 2021? We want to know so we can celebrate you on Sunday, August 1, 2021 as you move forward into the next chapter in your lives.

Please complete the graduate information form on the table in the vestibule and return it to Michael or Denise Bell by July 28th.

If you have any questions, please contact us at 205-914-5339 or 205-283-2987 or you can also email us at Mikeanddenisebell@gmail.com

Parishioners are welcomed and encouraged to submit announcements, articles, stories, and pictures for bulletin. Send them by email (olf@josephite.com) or drop them by the Rectory. The deadline for all items is Thursday by noon. Also, if there are requests to be added to the prayer list or the monthly Birthday/Anniversary list, please contact the Secretary.

THE TIME HAS COME!!!!



Confirmation Registration 2021-2022. Please register your child(ren) ages 7th grade and up. Sign up sheet located in the vestibule. More information to follow.

Thank you, Fatima Family, for all of your love, prayers, and support shown to us during the loss of our Mother, Mary Russell. Your thoughtfulness meant a lot to us during this difficult time. May God continue to richly bless each of you in return.

Sincerely,

The Russel Family

Thank
you