

# Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

Sunday, September 5, 2021 Twenty-Third Sunday in 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, September 5, 2021

## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### He has done all things well

*Mark 7:31-37*

**"Be opened."  
And immediately his  
ears were opened,  
his tongue was released ...**  
Mark 7:34-35, NRSV



How do you expect the Lord Jesus to treat you when you ask for his help? Do you approach with fear and doubt, or with faith and confidence? Jesus never turned anyone aside who approached him with sincerity and trust. And whatever Jesus did, he did well. He demonstrated both the beauty and goodness of God in his actions.

***The Lord's touch awakens faith and brings healing***  
When Jesus approaches a man who is both deaf and a stutterer, Jesus shows his considerateness for this man's predicament. Jesus takes him aside privately, not doubt to remove him from embarrassment with a noisy crowd of gawkers (onlookers). Jesus then puts his fingers into the deaf man's ears and he touches the man's tongue with his own spittle to

physically identify with this man's infirmity and to awaken faith in him. With a word of command the poor man's ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.

#### ***The transforming power of kindness and compassion***

The people's response to this miracle testifies to Jesus' great care for others: He has done all things well. No problem or burden was too much for Jesus' careful consideration. The Lord treats each of us with kindness and compassion and he calls us to treat one another in like manner. The Holy Spirit who dwells within us enables us to love as Jesus loves. Do you show kindness and compassion to your neighbors and do you treat them with considerateness as Jesus did ?

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***Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit and inflame my heart with love and compassion. Make me attentive to the needs of others that I may show them kindness and care. Make me an instrument of your mercy and peace that I may help others find healing and wholeness in you. – Amen***

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## Birthdays & Anniversary Wishes



*Amber Anderson 9/13*  
*Omari Emil Bayles 9/4*  
*Rafael Brathwaite 9/17*  
*Calvalene Burnett 9/20*  
*Natalie Brown– Kelly 9/9*  
*Annie Bryant 9/25*  
*Rosa Craig 9/2*  
*Rosalind Crowder 9/9*  
*Valencia Curry 9/21*  
*Nathaniel Henderson 9/3*  
*Arthur Hill 9/10* *Jeremy Hilson 9/20*  
*Martin Hinton 9/3* *Fannie Hasberry 9/18*  
*Anthony Johnson 9/10* *Paige Juzang 9/29*  
*Mamie Johnson 9/20* *Natalie Meeks 9/14*  
*Wilma Norris 9/6* *Mary Russell 9/20*  
*Edward Russell 9/23* *Darrah Ashley Sims 9/12*  
*Barbara Sizemore 9/18* *Allen Small 9/30*  
*Pat Simpson 9/21*



*Brent & Dawn Patterson married on September 27th*  
*David & Nefertari Brown married on September 11th*  
*James & Erica Prewitt married on September 12th*  
*Charley & Dora Robinson married on September 28th*  
*Larry & Lisa Cooper married on September 4th*

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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)*

## Daily Readings for the Week

**Sunday:** Isaiah 35:4-7a  
 James 2:1-5  
 Mark 7:31-37  
**Monday:** Colossians 1:24—2:3  
 Luke 6:6-11  
**Tuesday:** Colossians 2:6-15  
 Luke 6:12-19  
**Wednesday:** Romans 8:28-30  
 Matthew 1:1-6, 18-23  
**Thursday:** Colossians 3:12-17  
 Luke 6:27-37  
**Friday:** I Timothy 1:-2, 12-14  
 Luke 6:39-42  
**Saturday:** I Timothy 1:15-17  
 Luke 6:43-49

## Prayers for Sick & Shut-In

Lenora Bolling, Albert Carson,  
 Arthur Delemus, Belva Harris, Ronald Greene,  
 Yolanda Collins, 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*

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*Please keep the family of Mrs. Ibelia Johnson in your thoughts and prayers.*

*Mrs. Johnson passed away on Thursday, September 2, 2021. Funeral arrangements are pending.*

## TODAY'S PSALM

~146:1, 5-10~

- 1 Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!
- 5 Happy is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,
- 6 who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith for ever;
- 7 who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;
- 8 the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.
- 9 The LORD watches over the sojourners, he upholds the widow and the fatherless; but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
- 10 The LORD will reign for ever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the LORD!

## Stewardship Update



Thank you for your continued support of  
 Our Lady of Fatima  
 Catholic Church!

# 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.*



Parish Council Meeting

## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Family Life Center**

**6.00 P.M.**

**Wednesday 15th September 2021**



*Congratulations to OLF Parishioner*

**Mr. Brent Patterson**

*on his cover story in next months*

*issue of OneVoice!*

**“Once a Southern Baptist, now a Catholic man on fire for the Eucharist.”**

If you are aware of a family in need, please note The "Drive-by Food in a Bag" project will be conducted on **Wednesday September 8, 2021 10:00 am to 12:00 p.m.** in the school/church parking lot. All CDC covid-19 procedures will be enforced.

## He does all things well!

“Everything he does is wonderful. He even makes the deaf to hear and gives speech to those who cannot speak.”

Mark 7:37b (NLT)

Based on Mark 7:31-37



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

EARS	LOOSED	MAN	HEAL	TONGUE
OPENED	SPEAK	MUTE	JESUS	TALK
TOUCHED	SPIT	FINGER	DEAF	HAND