

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

Sunday, October 17, 2021 Twenty-Ninth 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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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

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Bertha Randall (205) 202-5143

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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

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RCIA/Altar Servers

Rev. Mr. Douglass Moorer

Liturgical Dance

Louise Purdue (205) 821-4362

Community Affairs

Debra Mays (205) 925-8231

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Not to Be Served but to Serve

Mark 10:35-45

Who doesn't want to be first, and to be esteemed and honored by others? We seem to have an unquenchable thirst for recognition and fame, power and authority to rule our own lives as we please as well as the lives of others. Should we be surprised to see the disciples of Jesus thirsting for power, position, and authority? James and John, the sons of Zebedee, urged their mother to strike a deal with Jesus, their Master and Messiah. They wanted the distinction of being first and most important in position, next to Jesus, of course!

Jesus turns authority and power upside down

When Jesus called the twelve apostles to be his inner circle of disciples who would teach and exercise spiritual authority on his behalf, he did the unthinkable! Jesus taught contrary to the world's understanding of power, authority, and position, by reversing the order of master and servant, lord and subject, first and last! Jesus wedded authority with love, position with sacrifice, and service with humility. Authority without love is over-bearing and slavish. Position without respect and concern for the subordinate is demeaning and rude. And service without generosity and sacrifice is cheap and unkind.

Those who wish to serve with the Lord Jesus and to exercise authority in God's kingdom must be prepared to sacrifice - not just some of their time, money, and resources - but their whole lives and all that they possess! Jesus used stark language to explain what kind of sacrifice he had in mind. His disciples must drink his cup if they expect to reign with him in his kingdom. The cup he had in mind was a bitter one involving crucifixion. What kind of cup does the Lord have in mind for us? For some disciples such a cup entails physical suffering and the painful struggle of martyrdom. But for many, it entails the long routine of the Christian life, with all its daily sacrifices, disappointments, set-backs, struggles, and temptations.

Christ's way of love and service

A disciple of Jesus must be ready to lay down his or her life - each and every day in the little and big sacrifices required - and even to the point of shedding one's blood if necessary for the sake of Christ and his Gospel. What makes such sacrifice a joy rather than a burden? It is love - the kind of "love which God has poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us." An early church father summed up Jesus' teaching with the expression: "to serve is to reign with Christ." We share in God's reign by laying down our lives in humble service and love for one another, just as Jesus did for our sake. Are you ready to lay down your life and to serve others as Jesus has taught and modeled for us?

Lord Jesus, make me a servant of love for your kingdom, that I may seek to serve rather than be served. In flame my heart with love that I may give generously and serve joyfully for your sake.

- Amen

Birthdays & Anniversary Wishes



Denise Bell 10/30
 Lenora Bolling 10/28
 Benjamin Caldwell 10/11
 Darryl Colston 10/1
 Jacqueline Coutee 10/14
 James Craig 10/24
 Carolyn Crawford 10/5
 Matthew Edosomwan 10/19
 Lela Flood 10/26
 Kathryn Hill 10/01 Terry Johnson, II 10/9
 Darcy Prince 10/13 Nathaniel Mays 10/23
 Dwight Russell 10/30
 Darrell Sims 10/07
 Tyuan White 10/18
 Juanita Webb 10/6



John & Claire Benjamin married October 25th
 Darron & Cassandra Hunter married October 12th

**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 53:10-11
 Hebrews 4:14-16
 Mark 10:35-45
Monday: II Timothy 4:10-17b
 Luke 10:1-9
Tuesday: Romans 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21
 Luke 12:35-38
Wednesday: Romans 6:12-18
 Luke 12:39-48
Thursday: Romans 6:19-23
 Luke 12:49-53
Friday: Romans 7:18-25a
 Luke 12:54-59
Saturday: Romans 8:1-11
 Luke 13:1-9

Prayers for Sick & Shut-In

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

Please keep the family of Mr. Paschal McArthur in your prayers. He was buried on Saturday, October 16, 2021 at Elmwood Cemetery. May his soul rest in peace. Amen.

TODAY'S PSALM

~126:1-6~

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.
- 2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."
- 3 The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.
- 4 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb!
- 5 May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy!
- 6 He that goes forth weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

Stewardship Update

Last Week: October 9th & 10th



Please Remember To Give

Weekly Announcements



October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month!
Support, Donate, **GET SCREENED!!!!**



Parents. Sunday School will resume on the first Sunday in November, however, **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!**

Please complete a CCD Registration Form for your child(ren) so that we can have an accurate count of those participating. Registration forms are located in the vestibule. If you have any questions, please contact *Teresa Nalls, (205) 567-3123*



A Fall Food Fest will be held at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church Saturday, November 13, 2021, 11:00AM - 2:30PM.

This will be a **DRIVE-BY ONLY** event.

Spaghetti and Jambalaya dinners will be sold. Each dinner will include the spaghetti or jambalaya plus salad, roll, dessert and a beverage for a donation of \$10.00. Tickets may be purchased from any adult choir member.

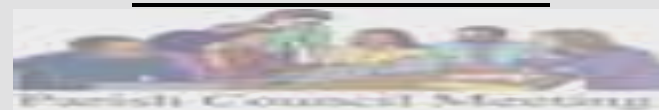
You may also contact

Ms. Debbie Washington (205-901-0820) to order tickets. All proceeds from this Fall Food Fest will be used for the benefit of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church.



Please consider donating flowers in honor or memory of a loved one. Donation Request Forms are located in the vestibule.

Cost for flowers is \$110.00 unless a special order is placed.



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Family Life Center

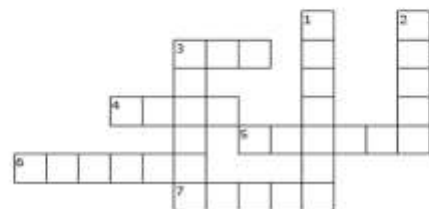
6.00 P.M.

Wednesday, 20th of October 2021

Bishop Steven J. Raica will be visiting Our Lady of Fatima on Sunday, November 7, 2021. There will be one mass on that Sunday at 9:00 A.M. Saturday Mass will be held as scheduled.

To Be Like Jesus

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45 (NIV)
Puzzle is based on Mark 10:35-45



ACROSS

3. To occupy a chair
4. The direction that is the opposite of right
5. to be in front; to be first
6. A special chair used by a king or queen
7. The direction that is the opposite of left

DOWN

1. A person who works for another person
2. To do something to help someone, often after they ask you to do it
3. To feel physical or mental pain

LEFT	LEADER	SERVANT	FAVOR
RIGHT	SIT	SUFFER	THRONE