

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

Sunday, January 2, 2022– Epiphany of the Lord

Parish Staff

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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.



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They Fell down and Worshiped Jesus

Matthew 2:1-12

If Jesus truly is who he claims to be, the eternal Son of God and Savior of the world, then why is he not recognized by everyone who hears his word and sees his works? John the Evangelist states that when Jesus came into the world the world knew him not and his own people received him not. Jesus was born in obscurity. Only the lowly shepherds recognized him at his birth. Some wise men also found their way to Bethlehem to pay homage to the newborn King of Israel. These men were not Israelites, but foreigners. They likely had read and discussed the Messianic prophecies and were anxious to see when this Messianic King would appear. God led them by means of an extraordinary star across the desert to the little town of Bethlehem where Jesus was born.

In their thirst for knowledge of God, the wise men from the East willingly left everything, their home and country, in pursuit of that quest. In their diligent search they were led to the source of true knowledge - to Jesus Christ, the Light and Wisdom of God. When they found the newborn King they humbly worshiped him and gave him gifts fitting for a king.

The Lord of the universe who revealed the star of Bethlehem to the Gentiles of the East so they could come and worship Jesus, the Prince of Peace and King of Kings, gives each one of us the same light of revelation to recognize and accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Faith is an entirely free gift that God makes to us. It is through the help of the Holy Spirit, who moves the heart and opens the eyes of the mind, that we are able to understand, accept, and believe the truth which God has revealed to us through his Son, Jesus Christ. In faith, the human will and intellect cooperate with grace.

To know and to encounter Jesus Christ is to know God personally. In the encounter of the wise men with Jesus we see the plan of God to give his only Son as King and Savior, not just for the Jewish people but for all the nations as well. The Lord Jesus came that both Jew and Gentile might find true and lasting peace with God. Let us pray today that Jew and Gentile alike will find the Lord and Savior on their journey of life. Do you bring the light of Jesus Christ to those you meet through the witness of your life and testimony?

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for bringing salvation to all the nations. May the gospel of salvation be proclaimed to every nation today and to every person on the face of the earth. Help me to be a good witness of the joy of the gospel to all I meet. – Amen

Birthdays & Anniversary Wishes



Marcus Bell 1/11
 John Benjamin 1/31
 Angela Bolling 1/30
 Carol Bradley 1/3
 Andrea Colston 1/4
 Iris Davis 1/9
 Elizabeth Harris 1/27
 Mildred Hunter 1/1
 Robyn Houston 1/8
 Brantley Jones 1/7
 Brevyn Jones 1/6
 Jacob Kangah 1/29 Nathan Kelly 1/30
 Harry Lee 1/14 Adrian Mason 1/11
 Adrian Polk 1/4 Cameron Nixon 1/10
 Brent Patterson 1/25 Darcy J. Prince 1/19
 Shane Sims 1/12 Shuanya Shepherd 1/26
 Arthur Williams 1/1 Karen Williams 1/21



Arthur & Allean Delemus married on January 16th

**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 60:1-6
 Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
 Matthew 2:1-12
Monday: I John 3:22—4:6
 Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: I John 4:7-10
 Mark 6:34-44
Wednesday: I John 4:11-18
 Mark 6:45-52
Thursday: I John 4:19—5:4
 Luke 4:14-20
Friday: I John 5:5-13
 Luke 5:12-16
Saturday: I John 5:14-21
 John 3:22-30

Prayers for Sick & Shut-In

Lenora Bolling, Albert Carson, Rosa Lell Craig,
 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*

TODAY'S PSALM

~72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 ~

- 1 Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son!
- 2 May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice!
- 7 In his days may righteousness flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more!
- 8 May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth!
- 10 May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!
- 11 May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!
- 12 For he delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper.
- 13 He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

Stewardship Update

Last Week: December 24th, 25th & 26th



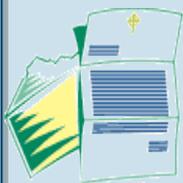
Please Remember To Give

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

Weekly Announcements



Our Lady of Fatima wishes safe travels to Father Godwin Ani as he leaves to visit his home of Nigeria. He will return on February 10, 2022.



Annual Giving Statements

Its that time of year!

Preparations are being made to begin distribution of end of the year

statements. Please send an email or call the Church Rectory to request your statement and your preferred mode of delivery. To reduce mailing costs, email is highly recommended. Thank you for your support throughout the year!



Jeremiah 29:11-13

For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. 12 Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. 13 You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

The Visit of the Magi

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. Matthew 2:11 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV).

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PRIESTS	MYRRH	BETHLEHEM	KING	CHRIST
GOD	CHILD	HOUSE	INCENSE	MARY
STAR	MAGI	TEACHERS	WORSHIP	MOTHER
WORSHIPED	EAST	SEARCH	BORN	HEROD