



Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

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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

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:

Saturdays 3:00 P.M. to 3:45 P.M.
Sundays 6:00 A.M. to 6:45 A.M.
10:00 A.M. to 10:45 A.M.

FOURTH

Sunday in Lent



Sunday, March 19, 2023
4th Sunday of Lent

Jesus Frees Us from Spiritual Blindness and Sin

John 9:1-41

The light of the world

When the disciples saw a man who had been blind from birth, they asked Jesus what kind of sin had caused this blindness. The Jews had understood that many infirmities were the result of human folly and sin. Jesus answered that God had allowed this infirmity for a greater purpose. Jesus then made a claim which only God could rightfully make. Jesus stated unequivocally, I am the light of the world. In so many words, Jesus was saying that he is the one true source of power and light which sustains life and overcomes the darkness of sin, confusion, and spiritual blindness. Jesus' mighty works - his miraculous signs - confirmed the truth of his message and claim to divine authority and equality with his Father in heaven. One of his greatest signs was the healing of a man who had been blind from birth.

Healing of man born blind

When Jesus approached the blind man he first awakened hope in him - the hope which God offers those who seek his help. Jesus then did something quite remarkable for the blind man, both to identify with this man's misery and to draw expectant faith in him as well. Jesus touched the man's eyes with his own spittle mixed with dirt and bid him to wash in the Pool of Siloam which was close to the Temple. What is the significance of the healing of the blind man at the Pool of Siloam? It is certainly more than just a miraculous event. It is a "sign" that points to the source of the miraculous life-giving water which Jesus offers through the gift and work of the Holy Spirit. Do you want the Holy Spirit to pour out on you his renewing power of faith, vision, and healing love?

The Lord Jesus is ever ready to heal us and to free us from the darkness of sin and deception. There is no sickness, whether physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual that the Lord Jesus does not identify with. Isaiah prophesied that the "Suffering Servant" would be bruised for our iniquities and by his stripes we would be healed. The Lord offers us freedom from spiritual blindness due to sin and he restores us to wholeness of body, mind, soul, and heart. Augustine of Hippo, in his commentary on this Gospel passage, remarks: "If we reflect on the meaning of this miracle, we will see that the blind man is the human race ...You already know, of course, who the "One Sent" is. Unless he had been sent, none of us would have been freed from sin."

Jesus, in your name the blind see, the lame walk, and the dead are raised to life. Come into our lives and heal the wounds of our broken hearts. Give us eyes of faith to see your glory and hearts of courage to bring you glory in all we say and do. – Amen

TODAY'S PSALM

Psalm 23:1-6

1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want;
2 he makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters;
3 he restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.
6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Daily Readings for the Week

Sunday: I Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

Monday: II Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16
Romans 4:213, 16-18, 22
Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Tuesday: Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12
John 5:1-16

Wednesday: Isaiah 49:8-15
John 5:17-30

Thursday: Exodus 32:7-14
John 5:31-47

Friday: Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22
John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10
Hebrews 10:4-10
Luke 1:26-38

Stewardship Update

Last Week March 11th & 12th

Saturday 4:00 P.M.	\$ 682.00
Sunday 7:00 A.M.	\$ 820.00
Sunday 11:00 A.M.	\$2,742.00
Mailed In	\$2,420.00
Church Improvements	\$ 370.00

Total: \$7,034.00

Thanks for Giving

*Second Collection TODAY for
The Catholic Relief Services*



Sick Shut-In List

Joycelyn Bayles, Lenora Bolling, Yolanda Collins,
Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Craig, Rosa Lell Craig,
Arthur Delemus, Belva Harris, Elizabeth Harris,
Whilomena Harris, Ronald Greene, Theresa Nalls,
Vascaus Saunders, Robert Tankersley

There will be a memorial service for Mr. Joseph Collins on Sunday, March 26, 2023 at 1:00 P.M. here at Our Lady of Fatima.

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Lillie Bickerstaff 3/28
Frederic Bolling 3/30
David Brown 3/7
Nefertari Brown 3/10
Brooke Brown 3/26
Laurelia Caldwell 3/9
Lisa Cooper 3/4
Kimberly Danks 3/15
Sis. Imelda Effiong 3/20
Eric Garrick 3/28 Jarrell Hall 3/21
Jasmine Hilson 3/3 Darren Hunter 3/8
Bettye Kelly 3/15 Caitlin Leonard 3/20
David Montgomery 3/1 Dorothy Murphy 3/14
Dawn Patterson 3/7 Bertha Randall 3/30
Terrell Randall 3/17 Donna Robinson 3/16
Jeffery Robinson 3/5



Nathan & Bettye Kelly *married on 03/28*
Earnest & Katie Riggins *married on 03/22*

**Birthday, and anniversary greetings are extended to all parishioners who are celebrating this month. (Dates are generated from the parish registration forms)*

It's still winter ... but spring is near. It's Lent ... but we're pointed toward Easter. Keep us hopeful, Lord !!!

Weekly Announcements



Worship
Schedule

Lenten Retreat

March 29th-31st 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.
(Wednesday-Friday)

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday during the Lenten Season
6:00 P.M.



Worship
Schedule

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday Mass

Vigil-4:00 P.M. Sunday- 7:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Holy Thursday Mass 6:00 P.M.

Washing of feet will take place during Mass.

*A doration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin after
Mass and will last until 12:00 Midnight.*

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross 2:00 P.M.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion 6:00 P.M.

Holy Saturday

Activities begin at 8:00 P.M.

Easter Sunday Mass

7:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

SIGN UP to tour the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady of Angel's Monastery in Hanceville, AL. Bus will leave at 5:30 A.M. on June 9th. The cost of the tour is \$25.00. This amount includes bus fare and lunch. Forms of payment accepted are cash and check. The deadline to sign up is May 21st Sign up sheets are in the vestibule.

Parish Council will meet Tuesday, March 21st at 6:00 P.M. in the Parish Hall. A representative from all active ministries needs to be in attendance.

Calling all Graduates!!

It's that time of year again. Will you complete kindergarten, eighth grade, high school, college, or graduate level studies in 2023? We want to know so we can celebrate as you move forward to the next chapter in your lives. Please complete the graduate information form on the table in the vestibule and return it to Denise or Michael Bell. If you have any questions, please contact us at 205-914-5339 or 205-283-2987 or you can also email us your form at Mikeanddenisebell@gmail.com.

