



# 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.



Now they know that  
everything you have  
given me is from you;  
for the words that  
you gave to me  
I have given to them.

John 17:7, NRSV

# Sunday, May 21, 2023

## Seventh Sunday of Easter

### This Is Eternal Life - to Know the Father the Only True God

*John 17:1-11*

#### ***Jesus reveals the glory of God to us***

God the Father gave us his only begotten Son to set us free from slavery to sin, guilt, and condemnation. His sacrificial death brings us new life - the abundant life of peace and joy which God wishes to share with each one of us.

#### ***Jesus offers abundant life without end***

Jesus offers us eternal life. What is eternal life? It is more than simply a life without end or an eternal state of being. To have eternal life is to have the very life of God within us. When we possess eternal life we experience here and now something of God's majesty, glory, and holiness which he shares with us. Through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit, God fills us with the abundant fruit of his peace, joy and love.

#### ***We can know God personally***

Jesus also speaks of the knowledge of God. Jesus tells his disciples that they can know the only true God. Knowledge of God is not simply limited to knowing something about God, but we can know God personally and be united with God in a personal relationship of love and friendship. Jesus makes it possible for each of us to personally know God as our Father. To see Jesus is to see what God is like.

#### ***A unity of love that endures forever***

In Jesus Christ we see the perfect love of God - a God who cares intensely and who yearns over men and women, loving them to the point of laying down his life for them upon the Cross. Jesus is the revelation of God - a God who loves us completely, unconditionally and perfectly. Do you hunger to know God personally and to be united with the Father in his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, through the unity of the Holy Spirit who dwells with us? The Lord Jesus invites each of us to enter more deeply into a personal relationship of love and oneness of mind, heart, and spirit with the eternal Father, Son, and Holy Spirit who created us in love for love. .

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***If only I possessed the grace, good Jesus, to be utterly at one with you! Amidst all the variety of worldly things around me, Lord, the only thing I crave is unity with you. You are all my soul needs. Unite, dear friend of my heart, this unique little soul of mine to your perfect goodness. You are all mine; when shall I be yours? Lord Jesus, my beloved, be the magnet of my heart; clasp, press, unite me for ever to your sacred heart. You have made me for yourself; make me one with you. Absorb this tiny drop of life into the ocean of goodness whence it came. - Amen***

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## TODAY'S PSALM

*Psalm 24:1-4, 7-8*

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

4 One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple.

7 Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

8 You have said, "Seek my face." My heart says to you, "Your face, LORD, do I seek." !

## Daily Readings for the Week

**Sunday:** Acts 1:12-14  
I Peter 4:13-16  
John 17:1-11a

**Monday:** Acts 19:1-8  
John 16:29-33

**Tuesday:** Acts 20:17-27  
John 17:1-11a

**Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38  
John 17:11b-19

**Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11  
John 17:20-26

**Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21  
John 21:15-19

**Saturday:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31  
John 21:20-25

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### 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,  
Vascaus Saunders, Robert Tankersley



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Please keep the family of  
**Mr. Arthur Delemus**  
In your thoughts and prayers.

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May his soul rest in peace. Amen.

## Stewardship Update

May 13th & 14th

<b>Saturday 4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>\$1,495.00</b>
<b>Sunday 7:00 A.M.</b>	<b>\$ 578.00</b>
<b>Sunday 11:00 A.M.</b>	<b>\$1,673.00</b>
<b>Mailed In</b>	<b>\$2,191.27</b>
<b>Security Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 195.00</b>
<b>Church Improvements</b>	<b>\$ 830.00</b>

**Total: \$6,962.27**

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

Margarette Beavers 5/25  
Brenda Browder 5/26  
Garry Cauthen 5/26  
Tracy Craig 5/23  
Darrell Curry 5/7  
Alfreda Kincaid 5/4  
Dolores Johnson 5/24  
Kenneth Johnson 5/9  
Sophia Juzang 5/24  
Deacon Douglas Mooror  
5/05 Gregory Payne 5/24  
Juan Perkins 5/30 Louise Purdue 5/18 Sybil Sims  
5/2 Adam Thrash 5/2 Valerie White 5/25  
Ocie White 5/24



Marcus & Kimberly Bell *married on May 22nd*  
Aaron & Sharon Bryant *married on May 5th*  
Melvin & Natalie Brown *married on May 20th*  
Charles & Dorothy Dorsey *married on May 3rd*  
Herschell & Majella Hamilton *married on May 26th*  
Gregory & Deanna Minnard *married on May 20th*  
Gregory & Brittany Payne *married on May 23rd*  
Douglas & Tyuan White *married on May 2nd*

## Holy Rosary

*In this month of May, we honor Blessed Mary as the Mother of Jesus and our Heavenly Mother.*





# Weekly Announcements



*Eucharistic Ministers will have their last practical on June 4th after the 11:00 A.M. Mass. Their commissioning will be held on Sunday, June 11th at the 11:00 A.M. Mass*

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**Sunday, May 28th is Pentecost Sunday.**

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The end of May Devotion is May 31st. We will join with the Friar's Celebration of their 5th Anniversary of Mission in Birmingham. All are requested to attend.

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**NO MORNING MASSES**

**May 30th – June 2nd**

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**NO BIBLE STUDY on  
Wednesday, May 31st**

The Pastor, Fr. Linus Akpan, will be on retreat from May 29th until June 2nd. If you need a priest during this time, please contact Deacon Moorer who will arrange it for you.

**Our Lady of Fatima  
2023 Mother's Day Honorees:**

**Mother of the Church**  
*Mrs. Bettye Palmer Kelly*

**Mother of the Year**  
*Mrs. Kimberly Washington Twymon*

**Young Mother of the Year**  
*Mrs. Emily Melton Bell*

*Congratulations!*

*We wish to express our gratitude to the organizers of the Mother's Day Celebration led by Juanita Harris and the organizers of Our Patron Saint, Our Lady of Fatima Celebration led by Deacon Douglass Moorer. May God bless you all!*

