

# Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

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## Office Hours

**Tuesday-Friday**  
**9:00 A.M.– 3:30 P.M.**

## Sacraments

**Masses: Saturday..... 4:00 P.M.**  
**Sunday..... 7:00 A.M.**  
**11:00 A.M.**

### **Adoration of the Holy Eucharist**

**Every 1st Friday of the month**  
**8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon**

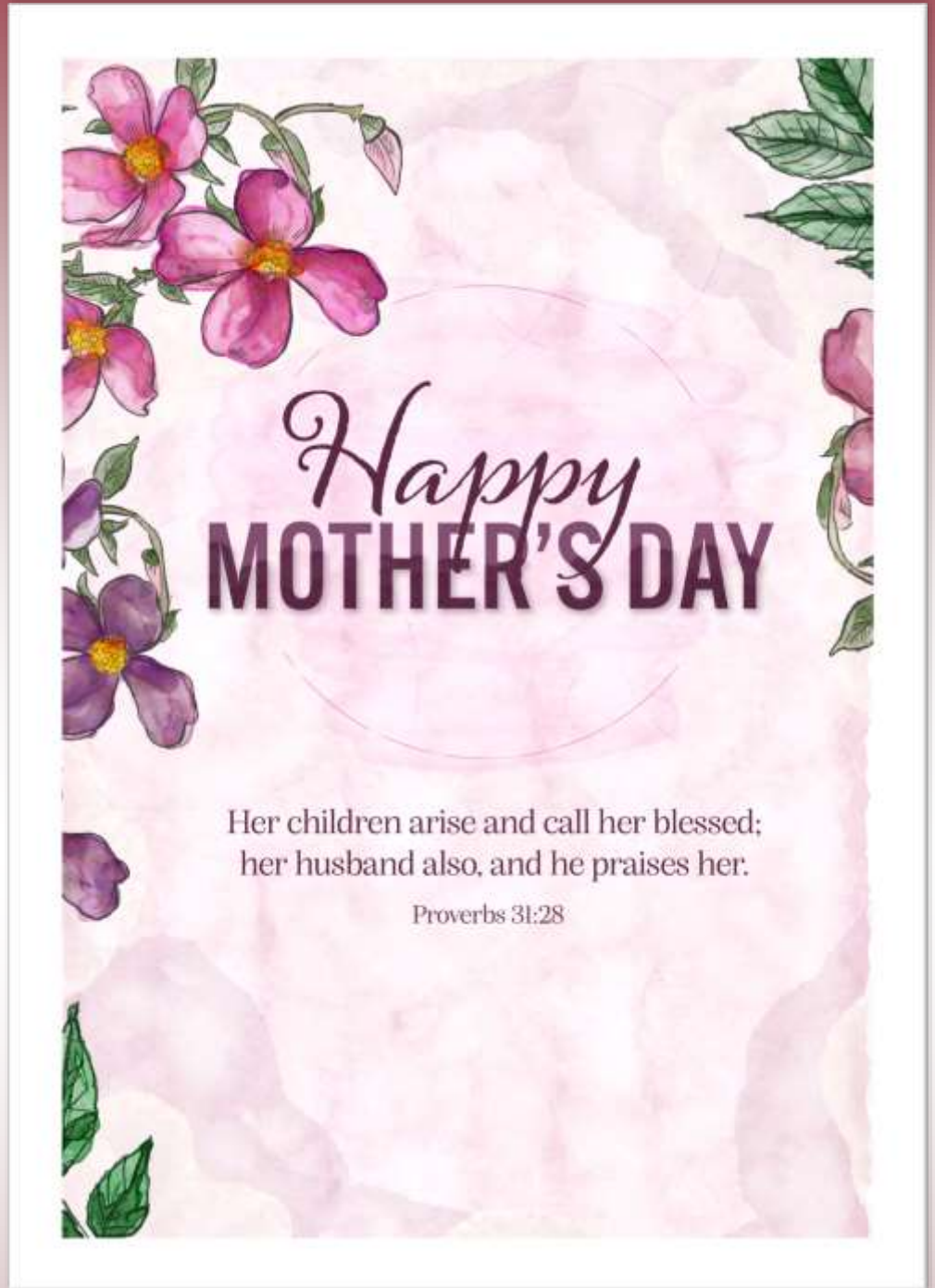
**Baptism:** Parents desiring Baptism for their children are encouraged to contact the Rectory to arrange for the required preparation class for parents and Godparents

**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.



***Sunday, May 12, 2024***  
***Seventh Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day***

## **Parish 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.*



# TODAY'S GOSPEL READING & Reflection

Consecrated in God's Truth

Scripture: John 17:11b-19

What motivated Jesus to lay down his life on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for the sin of the world? It was love - love for his Father in heaven and love for each and everyone of us who are made in the image and likeness of God. Jesus was sent into the world by his Father for a purpose and that purpose was a mission of love to free us from slavery to sin, Satan, fear, death, and hopelessness. Jesus saw glory in the cross rather than shame. Obedience to his Father's will was his glory. Jesus kept his Father's word even when tempted to forgo the cross. Jesus did not rely on his own human resources and strength to accomplish his Father's will. He trusted in his Father to give him strength, courage, and perseverance in the face of opposition, trials, and temptation.

### ***Consecrated in truth and holiness***

Jesus prayed that his disciples would be sanctified and consecrated in God's truth and holiness. Just as Jesus was called by the Father to serve in holiness and truth, so we, too, are called and equipped for the task of serving God in the world as his ambassadors. God's truth frees us from ignorance and the deception of sin. It reveals to us God's goodness, love, and wisdom. And it gives us a thirst for God's holiness. The Holy Spirit is the source and giver of all holiness. As we allow the Holy Spirit to work in our lives, he transforms us by his purifying fire and changes us into the likeness of Christ. Is your life consecrated to God?

### **A Prayer of Devotion**

*Lord Jesus, take my life and make it wholly pleasing to you. Sanctify me in your truth and guide me by your Holy Spirit that I may follow you faithfully wherever you lead. – Amen*

## **Today's Psalm**

***Psalm 98:1-4***

1 O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

2 The LORD has made known his victory, he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

3 He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

4 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

## **Daily Readings**

Sunday: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26  
I John 4:11-16  
John 17:11b-19

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

Tuesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26  
John 15:9-17

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

## **Sick & Shut-In**

Liz Arrington,

Joycelyn Bayles

Yolanda Collins

Rosa Lell Craig

Belva Harris

Elizabeth Harris

Ronald Greene

Hazel Jackson

Shanitra Johnson

Douglass Moorer

Vascaus Saunders

Allen Small

Robert Tankersley

## Stewardship Update

May 4t & 5th

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|---------------------|------------|
| Saturday 4:00 P.M.  | \$2,165.00 |
| Sunday 7:00 A.M.    | \$2,840.00 |
| Sunday 11:00 A.M.   | \$1,578.00 |
| Mailed In           | \$1,135.00 |
| Second Collection   | \$ 50.00   |
| Church Improvements | \$ 750.00  |
| Security Fund       | \$ 305.00  |
| Extra Items         | \$ 164.00  |

**Total: \$8,987.00**

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Please continue to make effort to return security envelopes weekly. If you have not received the "Security Fund" envelope, please pick some up from the vestibule.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



Margarette Beavers 5/25

Trey Bell 5/2

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 Moorer 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

Gregory & Deanna Minnard married on May 20th

Gregory & Brittany Payne married on May 23rd

Douglas & Tyuan White married on May 2nd

May many blessings be upon you as you celebrate another year. Happy Birthday & Anniversary to this month's honorees. May God continue to watch over you.

## Special Dates

- National Day of Prayer, May 2, 2024
- Ascension Day, May 9, 2024
- Mother's Day, May 12, 2024
- Armed Forces Day, May 18, 2024
- Pentecost, May 19, 2024
- Trinity Sunday, May 26, 2024
- Memorial Day, May 27, 2024

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On Monday, May 13th, Our Lady of Fatima will celebrate the Feast Day of our Patroness,

**Our Lady of Fatima.**

We will have Mass at 7:00 A.M. & 6:00 P.M. Please make plans to attend.

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On the 1st Friday of every month, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 8:00 A.M. until 12:00 Noon. Everyone is invited to participate in the Adoration of the Holy Eucharist.

Upcoming Devotion Date:

**June 7, 2024**

## OLF News & Updates

- ♦ Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14th at 5:30 P.M. in the Family Life Center. All parishioners are welcome to attend.
- ♦ Pentecost Sunday is May 19th, all parishioners are asked to wear "red." At the 11:00 A.M. Mass, we will celebrate our First Holy Communion recipients. A Marian Procession will take place at the end of Mass followed by a reception in the family life center.
- The Adult Choir extends appreciation to the participants of the 2024 Mother's Day Mass Choir. Please consider joining the Adult Choir.
- A Male Choir for Father's Day, June 16th is also underway. Sign-up sheets are available in the vestibule.



# Announcements



*A Mother's love is something  
that no one can explain,  
It is made of deep devotion  
and of sacrifice and pain,  
It is endless and unselfish  
and enduring come what may  
For nothing can destroy it  
or take that love away . . .  
It is patient and forgiving  
when all others are forsaking,  
And it never fails or falters  
even though the heart is breaking . . .  
It believes beyond believing  
when the world around condemns,  
And it glows with all the beauty  
of the rarest, brightest gems . . .  
It is far beyond defining,  
it defies all explanation,  
And it still remains a secret  
like the mysteries of creation . . .  
A many splendored miracle  
man cannot understand  
And another wondrous evidence  
of God's tender guiding hand.*



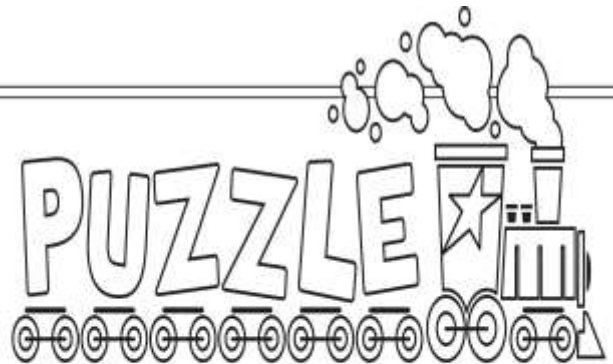
## Altar Flowers



*Donated By:  
Darcy & Carol Prince*

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*In Memory of:  
Mrs. Lucy Jean O'Neal-McCord  
Mrs. Ethel B. Prince*



## UNFADING BEAUTY

Peter says beauty shouldn't come from outward adornment.  
How does a godly woman adorn herself on the inside?

Directions: From each list, write the word that doesn't belong.  
Then insert the circled letters in order below to complete 1 Peter 3:4, NIV.

flower, stem, bee, leaf



pink, red, yellow, blue



mother, sister, brother, aunt



purple, dress, skirt, blouse



necklace, ring, bracelet, braid



diamond, emerald, heart, ruby



orange, cherry, potato, kiwi



my, our, she, your



faith, family, love, hope



sunny, rainy, snowy, temperature



cookie, cake, pie, sandwich



silver, white, gold, bronze



"Rather, it should be that of your inner self,  
the unfading beauty of a g \_\_\_\_\_  
and qu \_\_\_\_\_ p \_\_\_\_\_, which is  
of great worth in God's sight." 1 Peter 3:4, NIV