



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.

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.



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.



Church Membership

There are levels of Church membership. Anyone living within the boundaries of our parish for at least 6 months is automatically a member. Those who live inside or outside our boundaries and choose to “register” are members. “Contributing members” are those who choose to use the envelopes on a regular basis and are entitled to regular financial reports from the rectory.

July 7, 2004

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY'S GOSPEL READING & Reflection

Scripture: Mark 6:1-6

Jesus startled his familiar audience with a seeming rebuke: ***that no prophet or servant of God can receive honor among his own people.*** The people of Nazareth took offense at Jesus and refused to listen to what he had to say. They despised his preaching because he was a mere workman, a carpenter, and a layman who had no formal training by a scholar or teacher. They also despised him because of his undistinguished family background. Jesus could do no mighty works in their midst because they were closed-minded and unbelieving towards him.

The word "gospel" literally means "good news". Isaiah had prophesied that the Messiah would come in the power of the Holy Spirit to bring freedom to the afflicted who suffered from physical, mental, or spiritual oppression. Jesus came to set people free - not only from their physical, mental, and spiritual infirmities - but also from the worst affliction of all - the tyranny of slavery to sin, Satan, and the fear of losing one's life. God's power alone can save us from hopelessness, dejection, and emptiness of life. The Gospel of salvation is "good news" for everyone who will receive it. Do you know the joy and freedom of the Gospel??

A Prayer of Devotion

Lord Jesus, you are the fulfillment of all our hopes and desires. Your Spirit brings grace, truth, freedom, and abundant life. Set my heart on fire with your love and truth. – Amen

Weekly Quote

For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. For the scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame."

-Romans 10:10-11

Today's Psalm

Psalm 123:1-4

To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

2 Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the Lord our God, till he have mercy upon us.

3 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.

4 Too long our soul has been sated with the scorn of those who are at ease, the contempt of the proud.

Daily Readings

Sunday: Ezekiel 2:2-5
II Corinthians 12:7-10
Mark 6:1-6a

Monday: Hosea 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22
Matthew 9:18-26

Tuesday: Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13
Matthew 9:32-38

Wednesday: Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12
Matthew 10:1-7

Thursday: Hosea 11:1-4, 8-9
Matthew 10:7-15

Friday: Hosea 14:2-10
Matthew 10:16-23

Saturday: Isaiah 6:1-8
Matthew 10:24-33

Sick & Shut-In

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| Liz Arrington, | Joycelyn Bayles |
| Genevive Burks | Yolanda Collins |
| Elizabeth Harris | Rodrick Hilson |
| Ronald Greene | Hazel Jackson |
| Vascaus Saunders | Allen Small |
| Robert Tankersley | |

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On the 1st Friday of every month, those that are sick will be anointed after the morning Mass.

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I'd like to thank my Fatima family for all the prayers, text messages, phone calls, & get well cards while I recovered from knee surgery. I am truly blessed and grateful to be a part of this awesome parish. —Eddie Russell

Stewardship Update

June 29th & 30th

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| Saturday 4:00 P.M. | \$1,415.00 |
| Sunday 7:00 A.M. | \$1,410.69 |
| Sunday 11:00 A.M. | \$1,148.00 |
| Mailed In | \$ 458.00 |
| Church Improvements | \$ 344.00 |
| Security Fund | \$ 146.00 |

Total: \$4,921.69

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



JULY
BIRTHDAYS

Wesley Bell 7/11
Debbie Burks 7/5
Caleb Brown 7/3
Elijah Browder 7/14
Makayla Bolling 7/20
Kelvin Bickerstaff 7/4
Anaya Bickerstaff 7/1
Marleaneryan Cleveland 7/28
Pernell Cunningham 7/13, Doug Coutee 7/23
Dorothy Dorsey 7/12 Erma Hinton 7/12
Debra Hilson 7/27 Christian Jackson 7/27
Beverly Jones 7/12 Alyssa Parnell 7/17
J. Akele Parnell 7/25 Carol Prince 7/26
Deborah Palmer 7/9 Alice Ramsey 7/26
Nona Relf 7/6 Reva Saunders 7/8
Monica Sankey 7/2 Robert Tankersley 7/29



JULY
ANNIVERSARIES

Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Jenkins *married on July 11th*
Blair & Melanie McNary *married on July 3rd*
Dwight & Phyllis Russell *married on July 7th*

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

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:

August 2, 2024

OLF News & Updates

- The SVdP OLF Conference will hold their next meeting on Thursday, July 11th at 5:00 P.M. in the Family Life Center. This is an important meeting since we anticipate "serving our neighbor" beginning the week of July 15th. All Vincentians and interested Parishioners are invited to attend.
- The Sodality Ladies invite you to an afternoon tea on Sunday, August 25th beginning at 1:00 P.M. in the Parish Hall. There will be door prizes, a fashion show, light refreshments, and much more!!!!
Adult tickets: \$10.00
Youth (Ages 7-14) \$5.00
TICKETS AVAILABLE BEGINNING SUNDAY, JULY 14, 2024
- Our Altar Servers will be hosting a car wash fundraiser on Saturday, July 13th. Please see the flyer on the bulletin board in the vestibule for additional info.

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Birmingham Conference will be held in the Family Life Center at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, beginning at 5:00 P.M. on July 26th and at 8:00 A.M. on July 27th. The conference theme is "Unity in the Body of Christ."

For additional information, review the brochure posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

Children's Worship Bulletin

A Prophet Without Honor

Jesus said to them, "Only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor." Mark 6:4 (NIV)

Based on Mark 6:1-6 (NIV)



Today, in our Gospel reading, Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, "Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?" And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house." He was amazed at their lack of faith.

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How can you grow in faith in Jesus?

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