



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.

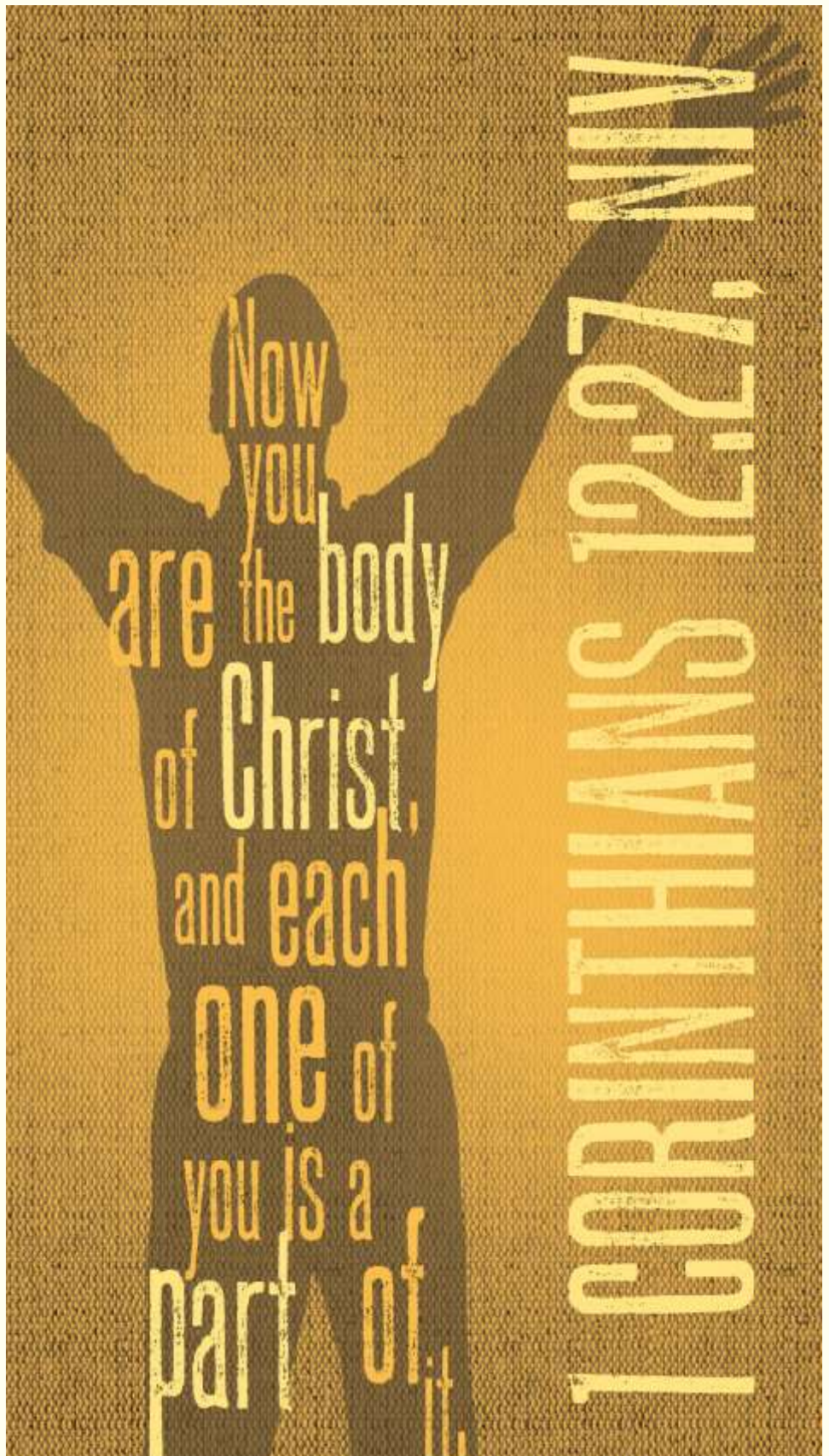
Confessions:

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.

September 29, 2024 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Unity Mass



TODAY'S GOSPEL READING & Reflection

Scripture: Mark 9:38-43,45, 47-48

Any One Who Does a Mighty Work in My Name

Was Jesus exaggerating when he urged his followers to use drastic measures to avoid evil and its harmful consequences? Jesus set before his disciples the one supreme goal in life that is worth any sacrifice, and that goal is God himself and his will for our lives which leads to everlasting peace and happiness. Just as a doctor might remove a limb or some part of the body in order to preserve the life of the whole body, so we must be ready to part with anything that causes us to sin and which leads to spiritual death.

Jesus warns his disciples of the terrible responsibility that they must set no stumbling block in the way of another, that is, not give offense or bad example that might lead another to sin. The Jews held that it was an unforgivable sin to teach another to sin. If we teach another to sin, he or she in turn may teach still another, until a train of sin is set in motion with no foreseeable end. The young in faith are especially vulnerable to the bad example of those who should be passing on the faith. Do you set a good example for others to follow, especially the young? ?

A Prayer of Devotion

Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may radiate the joy of the Gospel to others. May your light and truth shine through me that others may find new life and joy in you, and freedom from sin and oppression. – Amen

Weekly Quote

Our Lord Jesus Christ says: I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These also I must lead, and they will hear my voice, and there will be one flock, one shepherd,"

-John 10:16

Today's Psalm

Psalm 49:1-10

- 1 Hear this, all peoples! Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,
- 2 both low and high, rich and poor together!
- 3 My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.
- 4 I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle to the music of the lyre.
- 5 Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me,
- 6 men who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches?
- 7 Truly no man can ransom himself, or give to God the price of his life,
- 8 for the ransom of his life is costly, and can never suffice,
- 9 that he should continue to live on for ever, and never see the Pit.
- 10 Yes, he shall see that even the wise die, the fool and the stupid alike must perish and leave their wealth to others.

Daily Readings

- Sunday: Numbers 11:25-29
James 5:1-6
Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48
- Monday: Job 1:6-22
Luke 9:46-50
- Tuesday: Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23
Luke 9:51-56
- Wednesday: Job 9:1-12, 14-16
Matthew 18:1-5, 10
- Thursday: Job 19:21-27
Luke 10:1-12
- Friday: Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5
Luke 9:10:13-16
- Saturday: Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17
Luke 10:17-24

Sick & Shut-In

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| Yolanda Collins | Elizabeth Harris |
| Ronald Greene | Douglas Robinson |
| Hazel Jackson | Vascus Saunders |
| Allen Small | Robert Tankersley |
| Juanita Webb | |

Stewardship Update

September 21st & 22nd

Saturday 4:00 P.M.	\$ 734.00
Sunday 7:00 A.M.	\$ 560.00
Sunday 11:00 A.M.	\$2,441.00
Mailed In	\$1,150.00
Church Improvements	\$ 375.00
Security Fund	\$ 190.00
Extra Items	\$ 300.00

Total: \$5,750.00

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



Amber Anderson 9/13
 Omari Emil Bayles 9/4
 Rafael Brathwaite 9/17
 Calvalene Burnett 9/20
 Natalie Brown- Kelly 9/9
 Annie Bryant 9/25
 Rosa Craig 9/2
 Rosalind Crowder 9/9
 Valencia Curry 9/21
 Nathaniel Henderson 9/3
 Arthur Hill 9/10
 Jeremy Hilson 9/20
 Martin Hinton 9/3
 Fannie Hasberry 9/18
 Anthony Johnson, Jr. 9/10
 Mamie Johnson 9/20
 Paige Juzang 9/29
 Natalie Meeks 9/14
 Wilma Norris 9/6
 Edward Russell 9/23
 Darrah Sims 9/12
 Barbara Sizemore 9/18
 Allen Small 9/30
 Pat Simpson 9/21



Brent & Dawn Patterson *married on September 27th*
 David & Nefertari Brown *married on September 11th*
 James & Erica Prewitt *married on September 12th*
 Charley & Dora Robinson *married on September 28th*
 Larry & Lisa Cooper *married on September 4th*
 Anthony & Melva Johnson *September 25th*

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:

October 4, 2024

OLF News & Updates

- There will be no 1st Sunday Breakfast in October.
- Please remember to return your 2025 pledge cards and donations for the Annual Appeal of Catholic Charities. Donations can be sent directly to the Diocese of Birmingham or paid through Our Lady of Fatima Parish.
- We have a new statue of Our Lady of Fatima in the church's vestibule. We are grateful to the following donors:

Keith & Vernica Boykin
Nathan & Bettye Kelly
Pamala Jacobs
Brent & Dawn Patterson
Darcy & Carol Prince
Ruth Wallace
Keith & Halisha White

May God bless and reward them abundantly.

- Please offer prayers for all of those affected by the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. May God bless them all.



