



# 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.



## October 27, 2024 Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **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.

# TODAY'S GOSPEL READING & Reflection

Scripture: Mark 10:46-52

## What Do You Want Me to Do for You?

When a crowd tried to silence the blind man, he overpowered them with his emotional outburst and thus caught the attention of Jesus. This incident reveals something important about how God interacts with us.

The blind man was determined to get Jesus' attention and he was persistent in the face of opposition. Jesus could have ignored or rebuffed him because he was disturbing his conversation and his audience. Jesus showed that acting was more important than talking. This man was in desperate need and Jesus was ready to respond to his need, not only to empathize with his suffering, but to relieve it as well.

Why did Jesus put a question to Bartimaeus - "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus wanted to draw out of him a personal response of faith and trust in his power to heal and make whole. Jesus commends Bartimaeus for recognizing who he is with the eyes of faith and grants him physical sight as well. Do you recognize the Lord Jesus with "eyes of faith" as your merciful Lord and healer? Ask the Lord Jesus to strengthen your faith that you may draw near to him and receive his grace and mercy.

### A Prayer of Devotion

*Lord Jesus, may I never fail to recognize my need for your grace and mercy. Strengthen my faith and trust in you that I may seek your presence daily and listen to your word with a readiness to follow you who are my All. – Amen*

### Weekly Quote

*"God has delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins,"*  
-Colossians 1:13-14

## Today's Psalm

*Psalm 126:1-6*

1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

3 The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.

4 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the water-courses in the Negeb!

5 May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy!

6 He that goes forth weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

### Daily Readings

Sunday: Jeremiah 31:7-9  
Hebrews 5:1-6  
Mark 10:46-52

Monday: Ephesians 2:19-22  
Luke 6:12-16

Tuesday: Ephesians 5:21-33  
Luke 13:18-21

Wednesday: Ephesians 6:1-9  
Luke 13:22-30

Thursday: Ephesians 6:10-20  
Luke 13:31-35

Friday: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14  
I John 3:1-3  
Matthew 5:1-12a

Saturday: *All Souls Day*

### Sick & Shut-In

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

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

## Stewardship Update

October 12th & 13th

Saturday 4:00 P.M.	\$1,263.00
Sunday 7:00 A.M.	\$ 505.00
Sunday 11:00 A.M.	\$2,640.00
Mailed In	\$ 575.00
Second Collection	\$ 406.35
Church Improvements	\$ 105.00
Security Fund	\$ 55.00
Extra Items	\$ 250.00

**Total: \$5,799.35**

**The paid security that we have at weekend Masses has been CANCELED!!! We can no longer afford this amenity.**

## Birthdays & Anniversaries



Courtney Andrews 10/28	Denise Bell 10/30
Jacqueline Coutee 10/14	James Craig 10/24
Josetta Craig 10/9	Matthew Edosomwan 10/19
Lela Flood 10/26	Kathryn Hill 10/01
Joie Medley 10/02	Darcy Prince 10/13
Nathaniel Mays 10/23	Kevion Rogers 10/10
Dwight Russell 10/30	Darrell Sims 10/07
Tyuan White 10/18	Juanita Webb 10/6



*John & Claire Benjamin married October 25th*  
*Darron & Cassandra Hunter married October 12th*  
*Nelson & Minnie White married October 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



October Devotion ends on 10/31/2024 with Holy Rosary and Benediction at 6:00 P.M.

All members are invited to attend.

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Solemnity of All Saints  
 November 1, 2024  
 7:00 A.M. & 6:00 P.M.

This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Also, on this day we shall observe our 1st Friday Devotion by anointing the sick and adoring the Holy Eucharist.

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All Souls  
 November 2, 2024  
 7:00 A.M.

**The Knights of St. Peter Claver will have Mass at 11:30 A.M.** and we will have our normal Saturday Vigil at 4:00 P.M.

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## OLF News & Updates

- 7:00 A.M. Mass will be having Coffee Shop in the place of 1st Sunday Breakfast on every first Sunday of the month. If anyone wishes to contribute, please do so.
- We are grateful Mrs. Veronica Boykin and the members of the Children's Activity Committee for organizing the "Trunk or Treat." May God bless and reward them all!
- St. Vincent de Paul OLF Conference Meeting will be held TODAY (Sunday) at 12:30 P.M. in the Family Life Center



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Can you imagine what it must be like to be blind and never see the beauty of things such as beautiful flowers? The gift of sight is one of the most precious of all of God's gifts.

There is a story in the Bible of a man named Bartimaeus. He had never seen the beauty of a bouquet of flowers, because Bartimaeus was blind.

One day as he sat begging beside the road, he heard the sound of a large crowd of people coming his way. He asked someone what was happening and they told him that Jesus was passing by. Bartimaeus had heard of Jesus and about how he had healed many who were blind. He began to call out to Jesus. Others in the crowd tried to get Bartimaeus to be quiet, but he would not be silent.

Jesus heard the voice of Bartimaeus calling out to him and he stopped and asked, "What do you want me to do for you?"

"Teacher, I want to see!" said Bartimaeus.

"Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." The Bible tells us that immediately, Bartimaeus received his sight.

## Blind Bartimaeus

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." Mark 10:51 (NIV)

Words are taken from Mark 10:46-52 (NIV).



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Jericho	city	begging	cheer	faith
Jesus	blind	shout	jumped	healed
disciples	Bartimaeus	mercy	feet	sight
crowd	roadside	quiet	Rabbi	followed