



# 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.**

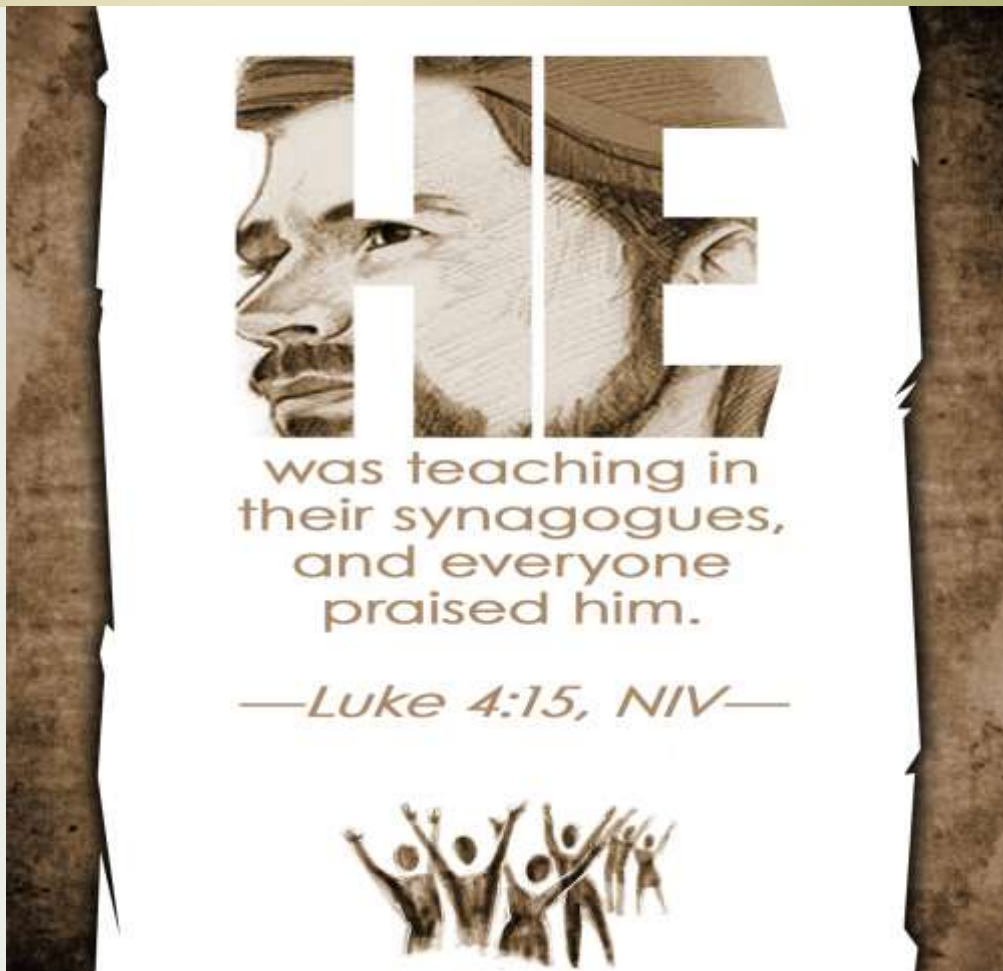
**Baptism:** Parents desiring Baptism for their children are encouraged to contact the Rectory to arrange for the required preparation class for parents and Godparents

**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.

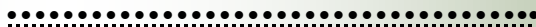
**Confessions:**  
Saturdays 3:00 P.M. to 3:45 P.M.  
Sundays 6:00 A.M. to 6:45 A.M.  
10:00 A.M. to 10:45 A.M.



## *3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time* *January 26, 2025*

### **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: Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-22

## Jesus Returned in the Power of the Spirit

Luke tells us that Jesus was about 30 years of age when he began his public ministry. Right after Jesus was baptized by John and anointed by the Spirit at the River Jordan, he spent 40 days in the wilderness to devote himself to prayer and fasting. At the end of this period of spiritual preparation and testing, Luke tells us that Jesus "returned in the power of the Spirit to his own land of Galilee." Jesus chose to begin his public ministry in Galilee first, rather than in Jerusalem, the holy city and temple of God.

Jesus chose to publicly announce his mission in the synagogue at Nazareth. The people there were familiar with Jesus since it was his custom to regularly attend the weekly Sabbath service. Jesus challenged them to believe the word God had spoken through the prophets and the word he now speaks in God's name through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Lord Jesus speaks this same word to each of us today - he comes to bring us healing and restoration, pardon and freedom from the oppression of sin, despair, hopelessness, and destruction. Do you believe his word with expectant faith and trust, or with doubt and indifference? The Lord will not refuse to pour out his Spirit on all who trust in him. Ask the Lord Jesus to renew in you the joy of the Gospel and the freedom to live each day with trusting faith, joyful hope, and fervent love.

### A Prayer of Devotion

*Lord Jesus, you are the fulfillment of all our hopes and dreams. Through the gift of your Holy Spirit you bring us truth, freedom, and abundant life. Fill me with the joy of the Gospel and inflame my heart with a burning love for you and a deep thirst for your word. – Amen*

## Today's Psalm

*Psalm 19:8-10, 14*

8 the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

9 the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever; the ordinances of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

### Daily Readings

Sunday: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10  
I Corinthians 12:12-30.  
Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-22

Monday: Hebrews 9:15, 24-28  
Mark 3:22-30

Tuesday: Hebrews 10:1-10  
Mark 3:31-35

Wednesday: Hebrews 10:11-18  
Mark 4:1-20

Thursday: Hebrews 10:19-25  
Mark 4:21-25

Friday: Hebrews 10:32-39  
Mark 4:26-34

Saturday: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19  
Mark 4:35-41

### 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.*



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## Help Us Help Our Neighbors



Donations to Saint Vincent de Paul can be made anytime via cash or checks payable to "SVdP OLF Conference" and placed in the donation box in the vestibule. Thank you for your support!

**The SVdP OLF Conference will meet this weekend, Sunday, January 26th at 12:30 pm in the Family Life Center. All Vincentians are encouraged to attend.**

## CHURCH Anniversary PREPARATIONS

***Our Lady of Fatima's 120th Anniversary will be held in October 2025. Various celebratory activities will include a Reunion Talent Show on Saturday, October 11th, that will be held at the UAB Alys Stephens Center, Morris K. Sirote Theatre.***

All ages – little kids, teenagers, young adults and older - are invited to participate. There will be something for everyone – all ages! Sign-up sheets are also in the lobby for those wishing to participate. Auditions for solo performances will be announced soon.

Acts will include performances by fraternities, & sororities. If anyone is a member of the Divine Nine, please contact Carol Prince (205-540-5993), **as we want to recognize Fatima's Greek members.**

Plans are also underway to contact and invite past participants in previous productions. A list of past participants is located in the lobby. Please indicate, on the list, if you can contact that participant. Plans are to include all past & current participants for the finale.

# 120 Years!!



The adult choir will have a Valentine's sale of homemade goods following each mass on February 15th and 16th.

Included in the bake sale will be cupcakes, brownies, cakes, pies, candies, treats, shakes and much more!!! Questions should be directed to Teresa Mauldin at 205-601-9545.