

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

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Office Hours
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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.



Epiphany of the Lord January 5, 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: Matthew 2:1-12

They Fell Down and Worshiped Jesus



In their thirst for knowledge of God, the wise men from the East willingly left everything in pursuit of that quest. In their diligent search, they were led to the source of true knowledge - to Jesus Christ, the Light and Wisdom of God. When they found the newborn King, they humbly worshiped him and gave him gifts fitting for a king.

The Lord of the universe who revealed the star of Bethlehem to the Gentiles of the East so they could come and worship Jesus. To know and to encounter Jesus Christ is to know God personally. In the encounter of the wise men with Jesus, we see the plan of God to give his only Son as King and Savior, not just for the Jewish people but for all the nations as well.

The Lord Jesus came that both Jew and Gentile might find true and lasting peace with God. Let us pray today that Jew and Gentile alike will find the Lord and Savior on their journey of life. Do you bring the light of Jesus Christ to those you meet through the witness of your life and testimony?

A Prayer of Devotion

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for bringing salvation to all the nations. May the gospel of salvation be proclaimed to every nation today and to every person on the face of the earth. Help me to be a good witness of the joy of the gospel to all I meet. - Amen

Today's Psalm

Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13

1 Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son!

2 May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice!

7 In his days may righteousness flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more!

8 May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth!

10 May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!

11 May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!

12 For he delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper.

13 He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

Daily Readings

Sunday: Isaiah 60:1-6
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
Matthew 2:1-12

Monday: I John 3:22—4:6
Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: I John 4:7-10
Mark 6:34-44

Wednesday: I John 4:11-18
Mark 6:45-52

Thursday: I John 4:19—5:4
Luke 4:14-22

Friday: I John 5:5-13
Luke 5:12-16

Saturday: I John 5:14-21
John 3:22-30

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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Stewardship Update

December 25th 28th & 29th

Christmas	\$4,739.00
Saturday 4:00 P.M.	\$ 731.00
Sunday 7:00 A.M.	\$ 440.00
Sunday 11:00 A.M.	\$1,392.00
Mailed In	\$ 928.00
Church Improvements	\$ 908.00
Extra Items	\$ 200.00

Total: \$9,338.00

It's that time of the year!

End of the year statements will be made available in the coming weeks! If you would like to receive a statement of your giving, please call or email the Church Rectory your name, envelope number, and the mode in which you would like to receive your statement.

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Valencia Andrews 1/3

Marcus Bell 1/11

Sharon Bell 1/13

John Benjamin 1/31

Angela Bolling 1/30

Carol Bradley 1/3

Andrea Colston 1/4

Iris Davis 1/9

Elizabeth Harris 1/27

Mildred Hunter 1/1

Robyn Houston 1/8

Brantley Jones 1/7 Brevyn Jones 1/6

Jacob Kangah 1/29 Nathan Kelly 1/30

Adrian Mason 1/11 Adrian Polk 1/4

Cameron Nixon 1/10 Brent Patterson 1/25

Darcy J. Prince 1/19 Shane Sims 1/12

Shuanya Shepherd 1/26 Arthur Williams 1/1

Karen Williams 1/21

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

Special Dates

- New Year's Day, January 1st
- Epiphany, January 6th
- Baptism of the Lord, January 12th
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day, January 20th

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
January 18-25, 2025

OLF News & Updates

- The Parish Calendar has been published. Please check to see if what you sent has been included.

*If your item is marked "x" please move it to another day because it has clashed with another event.

*If you still have an item to be included, please send it in writing to the secretary.

- The Jubilee Year 2025 Schedule is posted on the bulletin board. Please view it to know which one is yours.

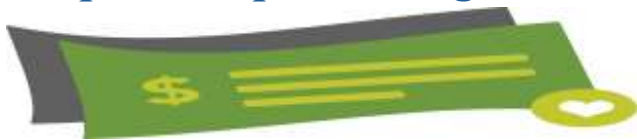
- If you purchased poinsettias, please pick up your selection from the flowers in the vestibule. After this weekend, any flowers that remain may be taken by anyone.

- Please pick up a copy of the 2025 Josephite Calander located in the vestibule. You may also pick up copies for your loved ones.

- Our 120 Year Anniversary Committee will meet on Saturday, January 11, 2025 2:30 P.M.-3:45 PM. All members are encouraged to attend.

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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!

St. Vincent de Paul, Our Lady of Fatima Conference meeting will be held VIRTUALLY on Thursday, January 9th at 5:30 pm. A link to join the meeting was forwarded to all members on December 29th and will be re-sent this week along with the agenda. We look forward to you joining us.

From the Diocese

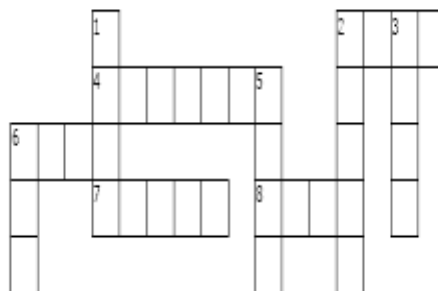
- ◆ Bishop Raica will celebrate the Respect Life Mass at the Cathedral of St. Paul at 9:00 A.M., on January 18, 2025. Following Mass, a prayer vigil and witness for life will take place at 10:45 A.M. in front of the Planned Parenthood location in Birmingham, 1019 1st Avenue, North. For more information, please visit: birminghammarchforlife.com.

*Dear God, at the start of this new year, and the Epiphany season, shine your light on my path.
Amen.*



The Visit of the Magi

On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.
Matthew 2:11 (NIV)



ACROSS

- The wise men who visited Jesus and Mary and Joseph shortly after Jesus was born
- A substance that is burned to produce a sweet smell
- Presents which are given without cost to the one receiving them
- A twinkling point of light in the night sky

DOWN

- A male ruler of a country
- A sticky substance with a strong smell which is used in making perfume
- A valuable, shiny, yellow metal used to make coins and jewellery
- The direction which is opposite to west
- To kneel or bend the head or body forward as a show of respect

MAGI	BOW	STAR	GOLD	KING
GIFTS	EAST	BORN	MYRRH	INCENSE