



# 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 Rector to arrange for the required preparation class for parents and Godparents

**Funeral:** Please contact the Rector 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 Rector so that we may arrange to bring the Sacraments to your home, hospital or nursing home.

**Marriage:** For Marriage Arrangements, please contact the Rector 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.



## *Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time* February 9, 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 rector.

# TODAY'S GOSPEL READING & Reflection

Scripture: Luke 4:1-13

## Jesus Fasted Forty Days and Was Tempted by the Devil

Luke tells us that at the end of Jesus' forty days in the wilderness one visitor came out to tempt him. Luke describes this tempter as the devil. Why did Satan tempt Jesus at the end of his lengthy period of fasting? Satan knew that Jesus was embarking on an important spiritual mission for the kingdom of God. Perhaps Satan saw an opportunity to strike while Jesus appeared more vulnerable in his physically and emotionally weakened condition due to his prolonged fasting and inner struggle over his particular call and mission. Satan undoubtedly thought he could persuade Jesus to choose his own path rather than the path his Father had chosen - a path that required self-renunciation, humility, and obedience to his Father's will. Jesus had to struggle with temptation, especially the temptation to choose his own way and to push aside the way his Father wanted him to go. This is the fundamental temptation which confronts each one of us as well. My way or God's way, my will or God's will.

What lesson can we learn from Jesus' temptation in the wilderness? How can we hope to fight temptation and overcome sin in our own personal lives? The Lord Jesus is ever ready to pour out his Spirit upon us that we may have the courage we need to repent of our sins and to turn away from them. God wants us to "fight the good fight of the faith" with the strength and help which comes from the Holy Spirit. Do you seek God's wisdom and guidance for overcoming sin and avoiding the near occasions of sin?

### A Prayer of Devotion

*Lord Jesus, your word is life and joy for me. Fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may have the strength and courage to embrace your will in all things and to renounce whatever is contrary to it.  
- Amen*

## Today's Psalm

*Psalm 91:1-2, 10-15*

1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High,  
who abides in the shadow of the Almighty,

2 will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress;  
my God, in whom I trust."

10 no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near  
your tent.

11 For he will give his angels charge of you to  
guard you in all your ways.

12 On their hands they will bear you up, lest you  
dash your foot against a stone.

13 You will tread on the lion and the adder, the  
young lion and the serpent you will trample under  
foot.

14 Because he cleaves to me in love, I will deliver  
him; I will protect him, because he knows my name.

15 When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be  
with him in trouble, I will rescue him and honor  
him.

### Daily Readings

Sunday: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-81  
I Corinthians 15:1-11  
Luke 5:1-11

Monday: Genesis 1:1-19  
Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday: Genesis 1:20—2:4a  
Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday: Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17  
Mark 7:14-23

Thursday: Genesis 2:18-25  
Mark 7:24-30

Friday: Genesis 3:1-8  
Mark 7:31-37

Saturday: Genesis 3:9-24  
Mark 8:1-10

### Sick & Shut-In

Yolanda Collins

Ronald Greene

Hazel Jackson

Allen Small

Elizabeth Harris

Douglas Robinson

Vascus Saunders

Robert Tankersley

Juanita Webb

## Stewardship Update

*February 1st & 2nd*

Saturday 4:00 P.M.	\$3,098.00
Sunday 7:00 A.M.	\$1,156.00
Sunday 11:00 A.M.	\$2,704.00
Mailed In	\$1,285.00
Church Improvements	\$ 645.00
<b>Total: \$8,888.00</b>	

### **It's that time of the year!**

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



Joycelyn Bayles 2/12  
Tommie Bayles 2/18  
Tyler Cannon 2/3  
Kyle Hall 2/2  
Wilhelmenia Harris 2/29  
Richetta Holston 2/9  
Wilbur Johnson 2/26  
Anita McCord 2/10  
Jetuan Murrell 2/1  
Dora Robinson 2/24 Kimberly Rogers 2/21  
Phyllis Russell 2/12 Aurie Savage 2/23  
Marian Summers 2/23 Monica Taylor 2/23  
Betty Trummer 2/18 Kimberly Twymon 2/29



Rafael & Aletha Brathwaite **married on 02/06**  
Douglass & Jacqueline Coutee **married on 02/14**

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*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

- Black History Month
- Valentine's Day, February 14th
- Bake Sale, February 15th & 16th
- Presidents Day, February 17th

## Stations of the Cross

*(Begins Friday, March 7th)*

Signup sheets for Stations of the Cross are available in the vestibule. If you are interested in serving as a Reader, Cross Bearer, or Candle Bearer please signup on the designated page. Thank you for your willingness to serve!

**\*\*\*If you choose to serve as either Cross Bearer or Candle Bearer, wearing the robe is OPTIONAL.**

We are happy to announce our Confirmation Candidates who will be confirmed on Saturday, February 22, 2025 at St. Mark the Evangelist:

### **William Anthony Bell, II**

*Sponsored by Dwight Russell*

### **Kalia Kimare Welch**

*Sponsored by Marisa Curtis Simmons*

### **Aubree Scarlette Byrce-Wright**

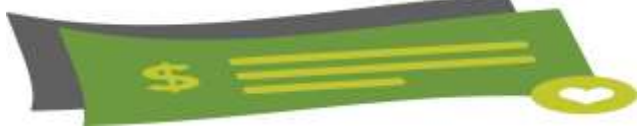
*Sponsored by Halisha White*

## OLF News & Updates

- After Mass, Lectors are asked to please pick up copies of their workbook in the sacristy.
- The Bible Study group has finished reading Acts of the Apostles. Next Wednesday, we will begin studying The Letter of St. Paul to the Romans. All members are expected to be present and new members are invited.
- The youth and young adult Lenten Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, March 15th 9:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. We will view the blockbuster hit "The Forge" followed by an open panel discussion. Lunch will be provided.  
Please RSVP with Mrs. Veronica Boykin:  
205.222.4439

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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 next meeting of the SVdP OLF Conference will be held VIRTUALLY on Thursday, February 13th at 5:30 pm.** A link to join the meeting was forwarded to all members on January 30th and will be re-sent this week along with the agenda. We look forward to you joining us on the Call.

## CHURCH Anniversary PREPARATIONS

Parishioners, please return your pledge cards as soon as possible. You may place your card in an envelope with "anniversary" written on it and place it the collection basket. You can also place your Ad requests in the collection basket. Committee members for each Mass are also available to accept pledges and ad requests.

4:00 P.M. Mass- Pam Jacobs  
7:00 A.M. Mass- Lela Flood  
11:00 A.M. Mass- Rosalyn Crowder  
Sybil Sims  
Juanita Harris

**\*\*The deadline to fulfill your pledge is July 31, 2025**

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***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.

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.

# 120 Years!!

