



Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

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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.



April 13, 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.

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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 19:28-40

Blessed Is the King Who Comes in the Name of the Lord

Jesus enters Jerusalem in meekness and humility, as the Messianic King who offers victory and peace to his people. That victory and peace would be secured in the cross and resurrection which would soon take place at the time of Passover.

Jesus Christ came to bring us the kingdom of God. He is the true King who offers peace, joy, and everlasting life for those who accept his kingship. Does the King of glory find a welcome entry in your heart and home? Do your walls echo with the praise of his glory?

A Prayer of Devotion

Lord Jesus, be the King and Ruler of my heart, mind, life, and home. May my life reflect your meekness and humility that you may be honored as the King of glory!

—Amen

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.

Today's Psalm

Psalm 24:3-10

3 Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?

4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false, and does not swear deceitfully.

5 He will receive blessing from the LORD, and vindication from the God of his salvation.

6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek the face of the God of Jacob. [Selah]

7 Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

8 Who is the King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

9 Lift up your heads, O gates! and be lifted up, O ancient doors! that the King of glory may come in.

10 Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory! [Selah].

Daily Readings

Sunday: Luke 19:28-40
Isaiah 50:4-7
Philippians 2:6-11
Luke 22:14—23:56

Monday: Isaiah 42:1-7
John 12:1-11

Tuesday: Isaiah 49:1-6
John 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Isaiah 50:4-9a
Matthew 26:14-25

Thursday: Revelation 1:5-8
Luke 4:16-21
Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14
I Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-15

Friday: Isaiah 52:13—53:12
Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
John 18:1—19:42

Saturday: Genesis 1:1—2:2
Genesis 22:1-18
Exodus 14:15-15:1
Isaiah 54:5-14

Stewardship Update

April 5th & 6th

Saturday 4:00 P.M.	\$2,612.00
Sunday 7:00 A.M.	\$1,180.00
Sunday 11:00 A.M.	\$ 874.00
Mailed In	\$ 625.00
Church Improvements	\$ 280.00
Parish Hall Rental	\$ 600.00
Flowers	\$ 45.00
Titusville AA	\$ 120.00

Total: \$5,736.00

Birthdays & Anniversaries



April
BIRTHDAYS

Tommy Bayles 4/16

John Bolling 4/9

Michael Bell, Jr. 4/20

Willie Carter 4/11

Yolanda Collins-Johnson 4/21

Aliyah Curry 4/1 Mildred Danks 4/11

Deborah Foy 4/30 Joseph Hounkpe 4/3

Bernard Jefferson 4/8 Tanecia Johnson 4/14

Vernon Johnson 4/13 Victor Jackson 4/12

Brittany Lee 4/1 Maya Leonard 4/30

Della Nakande 4/04 Susan Nolan 4/27

Terrie Outlin 4/5 Gabrielle Prince 4/3

Erica Pruitt 4/12 Mary Shepherd 4/5

Deborah Washington 4/1

Darlene Washington 4/21 Ledger White 4/18



April
ANNIVERSARIES

Adrian & Peggy Polk married on 04/26

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

- **Stations of the Cross**
On Good Friday, April 18th, Stations of the Cross will begin at 5:00 P.M. followed by the Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 6:00 P.M.
- **Parish Council Meeting**
Tuesday, April 15, 2025 5:30 P.M.
- **Good Friday Fish Fry**
Friday, April 18, 2025 11:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.

OLF News & Updates

- Join us for a fun-filled Easter Egg Hunt immediately following the 11:00 AM Mass on Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025! Children of all ages are invited to bring their Easter baskets and search for colorful eggs filled with surprises. *To help make this event special, we're collecting individually wrapped candies and plastic eggs—please drop off donations in the collection box in the vestibule by Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025.* Let's come together to spread Easter joy and celebrate this special day as a community. Thank you for your support!
- The Combined Choir will have its final rehearsal on April 14th at 6:00 P.M. in preparation for Easter Sunday.
- Chrism Mass will be held on Tuesday, April 15th at St. Paul Cathedral at 10:30 A.M. Please endeavor to attend.
- There will be NO Bible Study on April 16th & 23rd. It will resume on Wednesday, April 30, 2025
- The doors of the Church & Parish Hall have been repaired. To God be the Glory

Holy Week Schedule

Sunday, April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday Mass

Vigil-4:00 P.M.

Sunday- 7:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

April 17, 2025 6:00 P.M.

Holy Thursday Mass

Washing of feet will take place during Mass. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin after Mass and will last until 9:00 P.M.

Friday, April 18, 2025

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross 5:00 P.M.
Celebration of the Lord's Passion
6:00 P.M.

Saturday, April 19, 2025

Holy Saturday

Mass begins at 8:00 P.M.

Sunday, April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday Mass

7:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M

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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**

The 120th Year Anniversary Committee is planning an "I LOVE MY CHURCH DAY" Unity Mass & Picnic on **Sunday, June 29, 2025**. We are accepting T-shirt orders for the picnic **April 5th—April 30th** .

Adult sizes \$15 Youth sizes \$12. Please order your T-shirt as soon as possible. Order forms are available from your Mass committee members, which are listed above.

Help Us Help Our Neighbor

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!

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FISH FRY *** GOOD FRIDAY
DINNERS & SANDWICHES

April 18, 2025

11:00 AM - 5:00PM

****DINE IN or CARRY OUT****

CATFISH OR WHITING FISH DINNER
(includes two sides, bread, & dessert)

Sides: green beans, macaroni & cheese, coleslaw, corn on the cob

SANDWICH - no sides

DONATION:

CATFISH DINNER —\$15.00

WHITING DINNER—\$14.00

CATFISH SANDWICH— \$10.00

WHITING SANDWICH— \$ 8.00

Tickets may be purchased from choir members present at ANY MASS or Darcy Prince.

Christian Symbol



PALM BRANCH — When Jesus entered Jerusalem days before his death, crowds welcomed him by waving palm branches, common symbols of victory and rejoicing. Churches still use them to remember that occasion, knowing that Jesus' crucifixion was the ultimate triumph over sin and death. As early as Leviticus 23:40, God commanded Israel to use palms in a festival of rejoicing. In Revelation 7:9-10, Christian martyrs carry palm branches as they praise the Lamb before God's throne.