



Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

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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.



May 4, 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: John 21:1-19

Do You Love the Risen Lord
Jesus above All Else?

In His third appearance to the apostles, Jesus prepared a breakfast for them and ate with them. Peter's prompt response to draw near to the Lord and eat breakfast with him stands in sharp contrast to his previous denial and distancing himself from his Master during the night of Jesus' arrest and trial. Why did Jesus question Peter's love and loyalty three times in front of the other disciples? Now Peter, full of remorse and humility, unequivocally stated that he loved his Lord and Master and was willing to serve him whatever it might cost.

The Lord Jesus calls each one of us to draw near to him as our merciful Healer and Savior. He invites us to choose him as our Lord and to love him above all else. God's abundant grace is a free and unmerited gift, far beyond what we deserve or could possibly hope to obtain through our own means. We can never outmatch God in generosity and goodness. He loved us first and our love for him is a response to his exceeding grace and mercy.

Ask the Lord Jesus to rekindle your love for him and to transform your life through the power and action of the Holy Spirit who dwells within you.

A Prayer of Devotion

Lord Jesus, inflame my heart with your merciful love and remove everything that is unkind, ungrateful, unloving and unholy, and that is not in accord with your will. May I always seek to love you above all else and follow you wherever you wish to lead me..

—Amen

Today's Psalm

Psalm 30:1-5, 10-12

1 I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up, and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

2 O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

3 O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

4 Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

5 For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

10 Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be my helper!"

11 You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and girded me with gladness,

12 that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you for ever.

Daily Readings

Sunday: Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19

Monday: Acts 6:8-15
John 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a
John 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8
John 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40
John 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20
John 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-49
John 6:60-69

Sick & Shut-In

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



May the light of Christ guide you as you take your *First Holy Communion*. May your heart be filled with His grace and love.

Communicants

Evelyn Gwyneth Payne

daughter of Gregory and Brittany Payne

Matthew Julian Bell

son of Marcus and Kimberly Bell

Navid-Edra Nakande

son of Daniel and Fiona Nakande

The Feast of Our Lady of Fatima, the Patron Saint of our parish, is on Tuesday, May 13th. Everyone is invited to attend the Mass at 7:00 A.M.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Margarette Beavers 5/25

Trey Bell 5/2

Brenda Browder 5/26

Garry Cauthen 5/26

Tracy Craig 5/23

Darrell Curry 5/7

Alfreda Kincaid 5/4

Dolores Johnson 5/24

Kenneth Johnson 5/9

Sophia Juzang 5/24

Deacon Douglas Moorer 5/05 Gregory Payne 5/24

Juan Perkins 5/30 Louise Purdue 5/18

Sybil Sims 5/2 Adam Thrash 5/2 Valerie White 5/25

Ocie White 5/24



Marcus & Kimberly Bell married on May 22nd

Aaron & Sharon Bryant married on May 5th

Melvin & Natalie Brown married on May 20th

Charles & Dorothy Dorsey married on May 3rd

Gregory & Deanna Minnard married on May 20th

Gregory & Brittany Payne married on May 23rd

Douglas & Tyuan White married on May 2nd

Stewardship Update

April 20th & 21st

Saturday 4:00 P.M.	\$ 582.00
Sunday 7:00 A.M.	\$1,081.00
Sunday 11:00 A.M.	\$3,800.00
Mailed In	\$ 900.00
Church Improvements	\$ 850.00
Second Collection	\$ 378.00

Total: \$7,591.00

OLF News & Updates

- All Easter lilies in the vestibule are available for distribution to parishioners.
- The month of May is the month of the Holy Rosary. Every person or group is expected to pray the Rosary DAILY with devotion.
- The youth will be hosting a Mother's Day Car Wash on Saturday, May 10, 2025 10:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. The cost of the wash is \$20.00. Please support our youth in this endeavor. Contact Dwight Russell or Veronica Boykin for more information.
- The Sodality Ladies are hosting a Mother's Day Breakfast 8:00 AM until 10:30 AM and Mother's Day Celebration at the 11:00 A.M. Mass. If you plan to attend the breakfast, please sign up on the list in the vestibule.
- We are recruiting new Lectors for all Masses, specifically, 7am and 11am Mass. Please be prayerful about whether God is calling you to this ministry. Please contact Melanie McNary, Ministry Leader, at 205-908-4885.
- The formation class for the permanent Diaconate is set to begin in the Birmingham Diocese. The inquiry phase will begin on August 16, 2025. Interested candidates between the ages of 31 & 54 are requested to register online from now until July 7, 2025.

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CHURCH Anniversary PREPARATIONS

Pledge Cards & Ad requests are still being accepted! Please see one of the following committee representatives!

- 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 first introductory rehearsal for the 120th Anniversary Talent Show Explosion is scheduled for **Sunday, May 16, 2025 at 1:00 P.M.** All costumes will be ordered on this day. If anyone is interested in participating, please contact Carol Prince at 205-540-5993.



HEALTH FAIR

The 120th Year Anniversary Committee in connection with UAB HEERSINK School of Medicine's Live HealthSmart Alabama Preventive Medicine will sponsor a Wellness Health Fair on Thursday, May 22nd 11:00 A.M. until 3:00 P.M. in the Parish Family Life Center. Make plans to attend and or share this very important message with your family, friends, neighbors and others. All services are absolutely FREE!

St. Vincent de Paul Society (SVdP) News

Greetings Fellow Parishioners, in this Sunday's Gospel, the disciples in their struggle finally recognize Jesus and proclaim "It is the Lord!" ***Have you considered answering the call to "help the poor recognize the Lord in their life" by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul?*** Interested in learning more about how you can answer the call: contact Valerie Johnson at (205) 937-2099 or text Lance Chretien at (205) 422-5335.

ALL VINCENTIANS -- the next meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 8, 2025 at 5:30 P.M.** in the Family Life Center.

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!

Breakfast on the Beach

Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. John 21:12 (NIV)

Based on John 21:1-14



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WATER	FISH	NET	PETER	SHORE
BREAKFAST	SEA	BREAD	FULL	JESUS