



Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

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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.



Parish Mission Statement

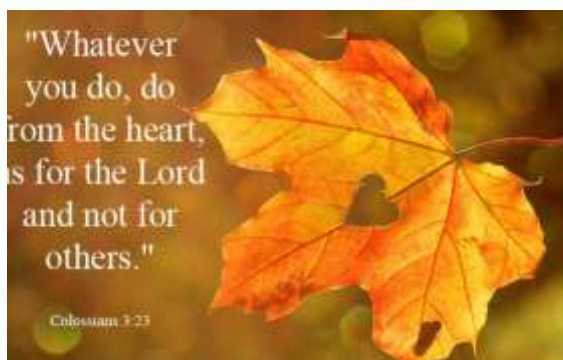
Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church is committed to proclaiming our belief in the Message and Mission of Jesus Christ. Also, the members are committed to sharing our time, talent, and treasure through Sacramental, Educational and Pastoral ministry, Service to those in need and working for Social Justice.

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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.

October 26, 2025
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



TODAY'S GOSPEL READING & Reflection

Scripture: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

God, Be Merciful to Me A Sinner!

How can we know if our prayer is pleasing to God or not? The prophet Hosea, who spoke in God's name, said: "I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice" (Hosea 6:6). The prayers and sacrifices we make to God mean nothing to him if they do not spring from a heart of love for God and for one's neighbor. How can we expect God to hear our prayers if we do not approach him with humility and with a contrite heart that seeks mercy and forgiveness? We stand in constant need of God's grace and help. That is why Scripture tells us that "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble" (James 4:6; Proverbs 3:34).

Jesus reinforced this warning with a vivid story of two people at prayer. Why did the Lord accept one person's prayer and reject the other's prayer? Luke gives us a hint: despising one's neighbor closes the door to God's heart. Expressing disdain and contempt for others is more than being mean-minded. It springs from the assumption that one is qualified to sit in the seat of judgment and to publicly shame those who do not conform to our standards and religious practices. Jesus' story caused offense to the religious-minded Pharisees who regarded "tax collectors" as unworthy of God's grace and favor. How could Jesus put down a "religious person" and raise up a "public sinner"?

Jesus' parable speaks about the nature of prayer and our relationship with God. The Pharisee, who represented those who take pride in their religious practices, exalted himself at the expense of others. Absorbed with his own sense of self-satisfaction, his boastful prayer was centered on his good religious practices rather than on God's goodness, grace, and pardon. Rather than humbling himself before God and asking for God's mercy, this man praised himself while despising those he thought less worthy. The tax collector, who represented those despised by religious-minded people, humbled himself before God and begged for mercy. His prayer was heard by God because he had true sorrow for his sins. He sought God with humility rather than with pride. God cannot hear us if we boast in ourselves and despise others. Do you humbly seek God's mercy and do you show mercy to others, especially those you find difficult to love and to forgive?

Today's Psalm

Psalm 34:2-3, 17—19, 22

2 My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and be glad.

3 O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

17 When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles.

18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.

19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

22 The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Daily Readings

Sunday: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

Monday: Romans 8:12-17
Luke 13:10-17

Tuesday: Ephesians 2:19-22
Luke 6:12-16

Wednesday: Romans 8:26-30
Luke 13:22-30

Thursday: Romans 8:31b-39
Luke 13:31-35

Friday: Romans 9:1-5
Luke 14:1-6

Saturday: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
1 John 3:1-3

Sick & Shut-In

Yolanda Collins
Hazel Jackson
Juanita Webb
Vascus Saunders
Allen Small

Douglas Robinson
Elizabeth Harris
Ronald Greene
Robert Tankersley

Stewardship Update

October 18th and 19th

Saturday 4:00 P.M.	\$1,351.00
Sunday 7:00 A.M.	\$ 638.00
Sunday 11:00 A.M.	\$2,019.00
Mailed In	\$ 520.00
Church Improvements	\$ 260.00
Josephites	\$ 90.00
Second Collection:	
World Mission Sunday	\$ 111.00
Total: \$ 4,989.00	

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Courtney Andrews 10/28
Denise Bell 10/30
Jacqueline Coutee 10/14
James Craig 10/24
Josetta Craig 10/9
Carolyn Crawford 10/5
Matthew Edosomwan 10/19
Lela Flood 10/26
Kathryn Hill 10/01 Darcy Prince 10/13
Nathaniel Mays 10/23 Kevion Rogers 10/10
Dwight Russell 10/30 Darrell Sims 10/07
Tyuan White 10/18 Juanita Webb 10/6

Happy Birthday !!!!!!!



*John & Claire Benjamin married October 25th
Darron & Cassandra Hunter married October 12th
Nelson & Minnie White married October 7th*

***May many blessings be upon you as you
celebrate another year. Happy Birthday &
Anniversary to this month's honorees.***

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Looking for a convenient way to
donate to
Our Lady of Fatima Parish?

Text "Give" to
205-793-5505

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The Poor of Jesus Christ

For the month of October the Friars are requesting donations of bottled water and Country time powdered lemonade mix. The donation box is located in the vestibule.

The Friars are seeking volunteers on Tuesdays at 6pm and Saturdays at 2pm to prepare sandwiches and organize clothing.
All are welcome!

If you would like to mail in monetary donations to the Friars, please send to:

Friars Poor of Jesus Christ
44 16th Ave South
Birmingham, AL 35205

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***All announcements must be turned in to the
church office by Thursdays at Noon.
Announcements will be printed upon
approval by Fr. Keke***

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OLF News & Updates

2025—2027 Parish Council

President—Tony Bell, Jr.

Vice President— Dr. Gregory Payne

Secretary—David Brown

Mass Representatives:

4pm Saturday:

Gary Cauthen & Patricia Simpson

7am Sunday:

Dexter LeBlanc & Rennie Jones

11am Sunday:

Peggy Polk & Veronica Boykin

We will have our Parish Council Installation Ceremony on Sunday, November 2nd, 2025, after 11am Mass

Congratulations and thank you to all that participated in this year's parish council election.

All Souls Day

Sunday, November 2, 2025

We encourage you to put the names of those you want remembered in the white basket under the altar before or after Mass.

Parish School of Religion is Sundays from 9:30am to 10:45am.

OLF Bible Study is Wednesdays from 11am—12noon. All are welcome!

First Friday Healing Mass

& Benediction

November 7, 2025

7am—12noon

On the 1st Friday of every month, those who are sick will be anointed after the morning Mass. Also, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed after 7am Mass until 12:00 Noon. Everyone is invited to participate in the Adoration of the Holy Eucharist.

The Adoration Sodality of the Poor Clares of Perpetual Adoration at the Shrine of the Most Blessed

Sacrament in Hanceville, AL is a prayer group for laity, priests and religious brothers and sisters to spiritually join in the nuns' mission of adoring Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Members commit to an hour of Eucharistic Adoration of a monthly, weekly, or daily basis at a Monstrance or Tabernacle of their own choice. Members are not obligated to set aside a devotional hour in addition to their already established hour, nor are they required to travel to the Shrine for their adoration hour. Learn more about becoming a member at: iadorethee.com

Saint Vincent de Paul

Donations to Saint Vincent de Paul can be made anytime via cash or check payable to "SVdP OLF Conference" and placed in the donation box in the vestibule. If you need assistance, please reach out to the Call Center at 205-202-1730.

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