



# Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

## Parish Staff

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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.



**October 5, 2025**

**Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## 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: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4  
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14  
Luke 17:5-10

### Lord, I Increase Our Faith!

How strong is your faith in God and how can you grow in it? Faith is not something vague, uncertain, undefinable, or something which requires a leap of the imagination or worse, some kind of blind allegiance. It is quite the opposite. Faith is a response of trust and belief in what is reliable, truthful, certain, and real. To have faith is to believe and trust in someone or something. We believe in the power of electricity even though we can't visibly see it with the naked eye. We know we can tap into that power and use it to do things we could not do by our own human power. Faith in God works in a similar way.

When God reveals himself to us he gives us the "assurance" and "conviction" that his power and presence and glory is just as real, and even more real, than our experience of the natural physical world around us (Hebrews 11:1-3). Things around us change, but God never changes. He is constant, ever true to his word, and always faithful to his promises (Psalm 145:13, Hebrews 10:23). That is why we can have the greatest assurance of his unconditional love for us and why we can hope with utter conviction that he will give us everything he has promised. Jesus is God's visible proof that his word is reliable and true - his love is unfailing and unconditional - and his power is immeasurably great and unlimited.

What did Jesus mean when he said to his disciples that our faith can move trees and mountains as well (Matthew 17:20; Mark 11:23)? The term "mountain remover" was used for someone who could solve great problems and difficulties. Don't we often encounter challenges and difficulties which seem beyond our power to handle? What appears impossible to human power is possible to those who believe in God's power. Faith is a gift freely given by God to help us know God personally, to understand his truth, and to live in the power of his love. God expects more from us than we can simply do by ourselves. That is why Jesus gives us the gift and power of the Holy Spirit who helps us to grow strong in faith, persevere in hope, and endure in love.

Faith in God is the key for removing obstacles and difficulties which keep us from doing his will. We belong to God and our lives are no longer our own. Our joy and privilege is to follow the Lord Jesus and to serve in the power of his love and goodness. The Lord Jesus is ever ready to work in and through us.

## Today's Psalm

### *Psalm 95:1-2,6-9*

1 O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!  
2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!  
6 O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!  
7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would hearken to his voice!  
8 Harden not your hearts, as at Meribah, as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,  
9 when your fathers tested me, and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

### Daily Readings

Sunday: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4  
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14  
Luke 17:5-10

Monday: Jonah 1:1-2:1-2, 11  
Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jonah 3:1-10  
Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jonah 4:1-11  
Luke 11:1-4

Thursday: Malachi 3:13-20b  
Luke 11:5-13

Friday: Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2  
Luke 11:15-26

Saturday: Joel 4:12-21  
Luke 11:27-28

### Sick & Shut-In

Yolanda Collins  
Hazel Jackson  
Juanita Webb  
Vascus Saunders  
Allen Small

Douglas Robinson  
Elizabeth Harris  
Ronald Greene  
Robert Tankersley

## Stewardship Update

**September 27th and 28th**

<b>Saturday 4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>\$ 521.00</b>
<b>Sunday 7:00 A.M.</b>	<b>\$ 694.00</b>
<b>Sunday 11:00 A.M.</b>	<b>\$1,291.00</b>
<b>Mailed In</b>	<b>\$ 600.00</b>
<b>Church Improvements</b>	<b>\$ 199.00</b>
<b>Josephites</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

**Total: \$ 3,305.00**

**Online (September 2025) \$2,814.29**

## 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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## The Poor of Jesus Christ

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

The Friars need 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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Looking for a convenient way to  
donate to Our Lady of Fatima Parish  
Text "Give" to  
205-793-5505

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Parish School of Religion is seeking teachers who are willing to serve our children and youth Sundays from 9:30am to 10:45am. If you are interested, please see Veronica Boykin after 11am Mass.

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The Knights of Peter Claver &  
Ladies Auxiliary Zone IV

**Casino Trip to Philadelphia, Mississippi**

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

8am to 8:30pm

Cost is \$40

The Bus will leave from Saint Peter the  
Apostle Catholic Church promptly at 8am

2061 Patton Chapel Rd, Hoover, AL

Call Phillip 205-823-8454 to reserve your  
spot

# Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

## **OLF News & Updates**

2025 Biennial  
Parish Council Election  
Our Lady of Fatima Parish Council election  
will take place the weekend of October 18th  
and 19th.

*As a reminder, please do not water the  
plants in the Church or in the Parish Hall.*

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

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

Catholic Charities Commitment  
All registered families should receive a pre-  
printed pledge card and return envelope in  
the mail. Please prayerfully consider making  
and fulfilling a pledge.

**Other ways to make and fulfill pledge:**  
[Catholiccharitiesbhm.org/give-now](https://Catholiccharitiesbhm.org/give-now)

Call 205-838-8309

Text “Giving” to 205-883-0023

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.

Everything Pumpkin Youth Event  
**Sunday, October 19, 2025**  
After 11am Mass  
Food, Drinks, Crafts, and Fun!

**Donation sign-up sheet is in the vestibule.**

Please place donations in the drop box by  
10/12/25 or bring to the Parish Hall on  
Saturday 10/18/25 between 10am—2pm.

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. Thank you for  
your support!

If you need assistance, please reach out to  
the Call Center at 205-202-1730. Calls are  
accepted Monday and Tuesday from 10am—  
1pm. Feel free to leave a voicemail if you  
call outside of the office hours.

Keith and Halisha would like to express their  
gratitude for the love shown to them at their  
baby shower last Sunday. A very special  
“Thank you!” to the coordinators and all  
who assisted. We pray that God richly bless-  
es you all for your kindness (Psalm 115:14).



**The 120th Anniversary Unity Mass will be  
October 12, 2025.**

**Please note: The Church and Parish Hall  
floors will be cleaned in preparation for  
the 120th Celebration. Please refrain from  
accessing the Parish Hall this week (10/6-  
10/11). Thank you for your cooperation.**