



# Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

## Parish Staff

### Pastor

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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.

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**November 30, 2025**  
**First Sunday of Advent**

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# TODAY'S GOSPEL READING & Reflection

Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5  
Romans 13:11-14  
Matthew 24:37-44

Watch and Be Ready - the Day of the  
Lord's Coming Draws Near

Just as God provided a safe haven and place of refuge for Noah and his family in the ark which spared them from destruction (Genesis 7), the Lord provides for us today a place of refuge in the ark of his people - the body of Christ - who listen to his word and obey his voice. God made a covenant of peace with Noah and his descendants (Genesis 9:8-17). Noah's ark was a prophetic sign and beacon of hope which prefigured the new covenant of everlasting peace which the Lord Jesus would accomplish through his atoning death on the cross, resurrection, and outpouring of the Holy Spirit on his disciples.

Jesus came to fulfill all the promises of God, including the covenant of peace which God made with Noah. Jesus' first coming was a rescue mission to set us free from sin and condemnation and to give us new life in his Holy Spirit. Jesus died for our sins, rose to everlasting life, and is now seated in glory at the right hand of the Father in heaven. He now reigns over the heavens and the earth as the exalted Lord of creation. The Lord Jesus promised that he would return again in glory to complete the work of redemption which he began at his first coming.

God fulfills all his promises to us in Jesus, our merciful Savior, who will come again as our Judge and Vindicator.

## A Prayer of Devotion

*Lord Jesus, you have captured my heart for you. Make me strong in faith, steadfast in hope, and generous in love that I may seek to please you in all things and bring you glory and praise. Keep me ever watchful for the coming of your kingdom today and every day of my life*

## Today's Psalm

### *Psalm 122:1-9*

1 I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!"  
2 Our feet have been standing within your gates, O Jerusalem!  
3 Jerusalem, built as a city which is bound firmly together,  
4 to which the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the name of the LORD.  
5 There thrones for judgment were set, the thrones of the house of David.  
6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! "May they prosper who love you!"  
7 Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers!"  
8 For my brethren and companions' sake I will say, "Peace be within you!"  
9 For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

## Daily Readings

Sunday:	Isaiah 2:1-5 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:37-44
Monday:	Isaiah 4:2-6 Matthew 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Isaiah 11:1-10 Luke 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Isaiah 25:6-10a Matthew 15:29-37
Thursday:	Isaiah 26:1-6 Matthew 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Isaiah 29:17-24 Matthew 9:27-31
Saturday:	Isaiah 30:19-21, 23-26 Matthew 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

## Sick & Shut-In

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

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 November 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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### ***Kiwanis 28th Annual Toy Drive***

Donate a new unwrapped toy, gift card or cash donation to bring a smile to a child's face this Christmas!

#### **Drop-off Locations:**

Trinity Baptist Church  
Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church  
Sixth Avenue Baptist Church  
Greater Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church

All donations benefit Greater Birmingham Ministries

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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***

## NOVEMBER

### Birthdays & Anniversaries



Lizzie Arrington 11/1  
Daniel Bailey 11/27  
Kimberly Bell 11/19  
Jada Benjamin 11/5  
Veronica Boykin 11/1  
Rosalyn Burrell 11/20  
Regina DeLemus 11/2  
Mary Jackson 11/19  
Hernandez Johnson, Sr.  
11/2 Valerie Johnson 11/19  
Gwendolyn Lucius 11/29  
Defanie Mardis 11/9 Lisa Mason 11/16  
Blair McNary 11/13 DeAnna Minard 11/18  
Keturah Nolan 11/10 Anthony Outlin, Sr. 11/1  
Kierra Outlin 11/16 Phyllis Palmer 11/6  
Peggy Polk 11/2 Katie Riggins 11/14  
Daniel Robinson 11/7  
Kassander Robinson 11/11



*Tony & Emily Bell married on 11/26*  
*Elijah & Brenda Browder married on 11/21*  
*Jared & Kimberly Danks married on 11/24*  
*Arthur & Olivia Hill married on 11/14*  
*Ocie & Valerie White married on 11/22*

***May many blessings be upon you as you celebrate another year!***

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## OLF News & Updates

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

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

The next Parish Council Meeting  
will be Monday, December 1, 2025 at  
5:30pm.

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Fr. Paul Oberg  
St. Joseph's Seminary  
1200 Varum Street NE  
Washington, DC 20017

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## Men's Retreat

Saturday, December 6, 2025

Mass 8:30am

Retreat 9am

## St. Barnabas Catholic Church

All men 18+ are welcome to attend

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Saint Vincent de Paul

### Parishioners and Titusville residents:

St. Vincent de Paul is here to serve you. If you need assistance, please call us at 205-202-1730. Our hours are Monday and Tuesday, 10am—1pm.

## Save the Date:

# Advent Reflection Night

**Thursday, December 11, 2025 at 6pm**  
featuring Fr. Gerald Holloway as guest  
speaker. Theme: The Jubilee Year of  
Hope and Grace. All are welcome.

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