



# 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.



## The Epiphany of the Lord

**January 4, 2026**

## 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: Isaiah 60:1-6  
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6  
Matthew 2:1-12

They Fell down and Worshiped Jesus

John the Evangelist states that when Jesus came into the world the world knew him not and his own people received him not (John 1:10-11). Jesus was born in obscurity. Only the lowly shepherds recognized him at his birth. Some wise men also found their way to Bethlehem to pay homage to the newborn King of Israel. God led them by means of an extraordinary star across the desert to the little town of Bethlehem where Jesus was born. When they found the newborn King they humbly worshiped him and gave him gifts fitting for a king.

Faith is an entirely free gift that God makes to us. It is through the help of the Holy Spirit, who moves the heart and opens the eyes of the mind, that we are able to understand, accept, and believe the truth which God has revealed to us through his Son, Jesus Christ. In faith, the human will and intellect cooperate with grace.

To know and to encounter Jesus Christ is to know God personally. In the encounter of the wise men with Jesus we see the plan of God to give his only Son as King and Savior, not just for the Jewish people but for all the nations as well. The Lord Jesus came that both Jew and Gentile might find true and lasting peace with God. Do you bring the light of Jesus Christ to those you meet through the witness of your life and testimony?



## A Prayer of Devotion

*Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for bringing salvation to all the nations. May the gospel of salvation be proclaimed to every nation today and to every person on the face of the earth. Help me to be a good witness of the joy of the gospel to all I meet.*

## Today's Psalm

**Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13**

- 1 Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to the royal son!
- 2 May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice!
- 7 In his days may righteousness flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more!
- 8 May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth!
- 10 May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!
- 11 May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!
- 12 For he delivers the needy when he calls, the poor and him who has no helper.
- 13 He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

## Daily Readings

Sunday:	Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12
Monday:	1 John 3:22-4:6 Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 John 4:7-10 Mark 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 John 4:11-18 Mark 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 John 4:19-5:4 Luke 4:14-22
Friday:	1 John 5:5-13 Luke 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 John 5:14-21 John 3:22-30

## Sick & Shut-In

Yolanda Collins Hazel Jackson Juanita Webb Vascus Saunders Allen Small	Douglas Robinson Elizabeth Harris Ronald Greene Robert Tankersley
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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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### **It's that time of the year!**

End of the year statements will be made available in the coming weeks! If you would like to receive a statement of your giving, please email the Church office at [olj@josephite.com](mailto:olj@josephite.com) with your name, envelope number, and the mode in which you would like to receive your statement (email versus mail).



### Birthdays & Anniversaries

*Valencia Andrews 1/3  
Marcus Bell 1/11  
Sharon Bell 1/13  
John Benjamin 1/31  
Angela Bolling 1/30  
Carol Bradley 1/3  
Andrea Colston 1/4  
Iris Davis 1/9  
Elizabeth Harris 1/27  
Robyn Houston 1/8  
Mildred Hunter 1/1  
Brantley Jones 1/7 Brevyn Jones 1/6  
Jacob Kangah 1/29 Nathan Kelly 1/30  
Adrian Mason 1/11 Adrian Polk 1/4  
Cameron Nixon 1/10 Brent Patterson 1/25  
Darcy J. Prince 1/19 Shane Sims 1/12  
Shuanya Shepherd 1/26 Arthur Williams 1/1  
Karen Williams 1/21*

*Happy Birthday to this month's  
honorees. May God continue to watch  
over you.*

### **First Friday Devotion**

On the 1st Friday of every month, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 8:00 A.M. until 12:00 Noon. Everyone is invited to participate in the Adoration of the Holy Eucharist.

Upcoming Devotion Date:  
**February 6, 2026**

### **Ash Wednesday Program**

February 18, 2026 is **Ash Wednesday**.

7:00 A.M. Mass/Ashes  
12:00 Noon Ash Service  
6:00 P.M. Mass/Ashes

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## OLF News & Updates

Parish School of Religion will resume  
Sunday, January 11, 2026 from 9:30am to  
10:45am.

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

## 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.

# Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, January 10, 2026 @ 10am  
Cathedral of St. Paul, Life Center  
2120 3rd Avenue North, Birmingham  
Tickets \$30  
To purchase, contact the office of  
Black Catholic Ministry at 205-838-8313 or  
[jwatts@bhmdiocese.org](mailto:jwatts@bhmdiocese.org)

## The Poor of Jesus Christ

For the month of January, the Friars are requesting donations of socks, gloves, and handwarmers. The donation box is located in the vestibule.

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

The Friars will be out of town through January 20, 2026 and will resume ministry on February 3, 2026.

Before dropping off donations please text  
205-960-3999

Please pick up your Poinsettias this weekend. Any poinsettias left after today will be considered a donation to the church.

## NOTES: