



Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

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Sacraments

Mass:

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.

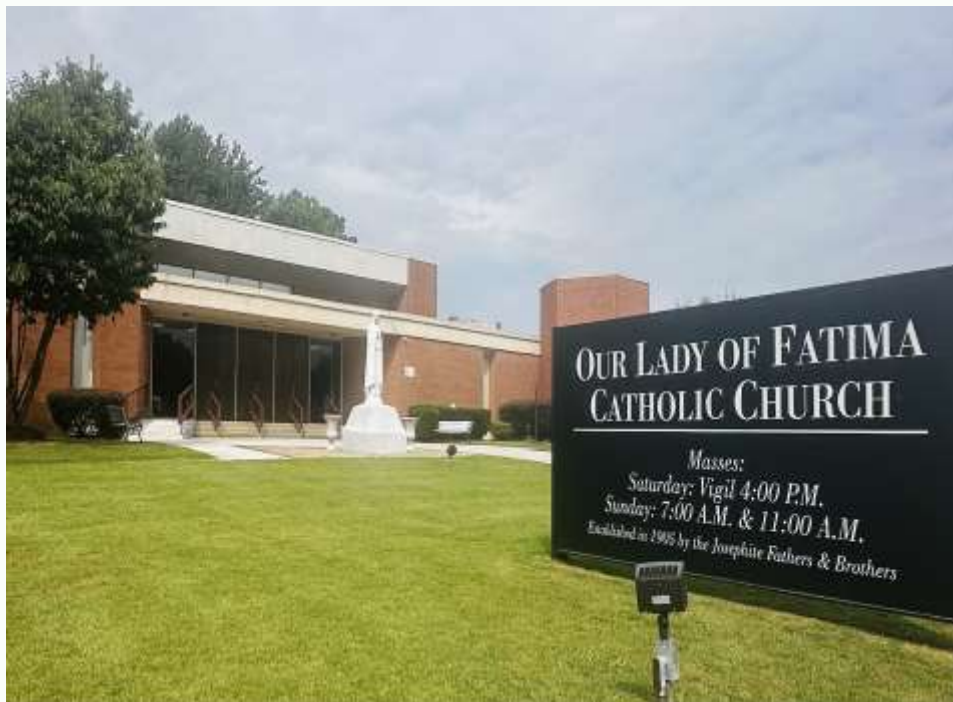
Anointing of the Sick: If you or a family member is Sick or Shut-in, please inform the Rectory so that we may arrange to bring the Sacraments to your home, hospital or nursing home.

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.



July 12, 2026 15th 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: Isaiah 55:10-11
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23

Why Do You Speak to Them in Parables?

What is the best and easiest way to help people understand God's kingdom? Jesus used the ordinary everyday illustrations of life and nature to point to another order of reality - hidden, yet visible to those who had "eyes to see" and "ears to hear."

Jesus told his disciples that not everyone would understand his parables. God can only reveal the secrets of his kingdom - that which is hidden to the spiritually blind - to those who hunger for God and humbly submit to his truth.

What can make us ineffective or unresponsive to God's word? Preoccupation with other things can distract us from what is truly important and worthwhile. And letting our hearts and minds be consumed with material things can easily weigh us down and draw us away from the heavenly treasure that lasts for eternity. God's word can only take root in a receptive heart which is docile and ready to hear what God has to say.

God is always ready to speak to each of us and to give us understanding of his word. Are you hungry for his word? And do you allow anything to keep you from submitting to God's word with joy and trusting obedience?

A Prayer of Devotion

Lord Jesus, faith in your word is the way to wisdom, and to ponder your divine plan is to grow in the truth. Open my eyes to your deeds, and my ears to the sound of your call, that I may understand your will for my life and live according to it.



Today's Psalm

Psalm 65:9-13

9 You visit the earth and water it, you greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; you provid their grain, for so you have prepared it.
10 You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.
11 You crown the year with your bounty; the tracks of your chariot drip with fatness.
12 The pastures of the wilderness drip, the hills gird themselves with joy,
13 the meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.

Daily Readings

Sunday: Isaiah 55:10-11
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23

Monday: Isaiah 1:10-17
Matthew 10:34-11:1

Tuesday: Isaiah 7:1-9
Matthew 11:20-24

Wednesday: Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16
Matthew 11:25-27

Thursday: Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19
Matthew 11:28-30

Friday: Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8
Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday: Micah 2:1-5
Matthew 12:14-21

Sick & Shut-In

Yolanda Collins
Hazel Jackson
Ronald Greene

Douglas Robinson
Vascus Saunders
Allen Small

Stewardship Update

July 4th and 5th

Saturday 4:00 P.M.	\$ 510.00
Sunday 7:00 A.M.	\$ 3,188.70
Sunday 11:00 A.M.	\$ 1,682.00
Church Improvements	\$ 115.00
Mailed In	\$ 100.00
Other	\$ 0.00

Total: \$ 5,595.70

Online Giving \$ 1,758.40

Income for the Week \$ 7,354.10

(Budget needed for the week) \$(7,125.75)

Over/Under the Week's Budget \$ 228.35

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Wesley Bell 7/11

Debbie Burks 7/5

Caleb Brown 7/3

Elijah Browder 7/14

Makayla Bolling 7/20

Kelvin Bickerstaff 7/4

Anaya Bickerstaff 7/4

Marleaneryan Cleaveland 7/28

Pernell Cunningham 7/13

Doug Coutee 7/23 Dorothy Dorsey 7/12

Erma Hinton 7/12 Debra Hilson 7/27

Christian Jackson 7/27 Beverly Jones 7/12

Dana-Rose Nakande: 7/18 Daniel Nakande: 7/7

Navid-Edra Nakande: 7/8 J. Akele Parnell 7/25

Carol Prince 7/26 Deborah Palmer 7/9 Alice

Ramsey 7/26 Monica Sankey 7/2

Reva Saunders 7/8



Mr. & Mrs. Ronald Jenkins **married on** 7/11

Blair & Melanie McNary **married on** 7/3

Dwight & Phyllis Russell **married on** 7/7

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

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

Text "Give" to
205-793-5505

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First Friday Devotion

On the 1st Friday of every month, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 8:00 A.M. until 10A.M. Everyone is invited to participate in the Adoration of the Holy Eucharist.

Upcoming Devotion Date:

August 7, 2026

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The Poor of Jesus Christ

For the month of July the Friars are requesting donations of powdered lemonade and 12oz or 16oz plastic cups. 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

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

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OLF News & Updates

Parish School of Religion is on summer break and will resume August 9, 2026. Please sign up for the 2026/2027 session in the vestibule.

We are seeking volunteers to teach. Please sign up on the sheet in the vestibule.

OLF Bible Study is on summer break
and will resume Wednesday, September 16,
2026 11am to 12noon.

Everyone is invited to join THE **LADIES SODALITY** in praying the Rosary each second Sunday of the month at 10:15 a.m. before Mass.

We look forward to praying with you on
Sunday, August 9th.

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Please do not park in the driveway in front of the Parish Hall Family Life Center.

The intended use is for emergencies and deliveries. Parking in the driveway prevents vehicles from exiting the parking lot.

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The Catholic Charismatic Renewal of Birmingham will be held on July 24 and 25, 2026 at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church. The conference theme is “Psalm 111: A Personal Walk with Jesus, Daily Union with God in Difficult Times.” More information is posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

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