



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.

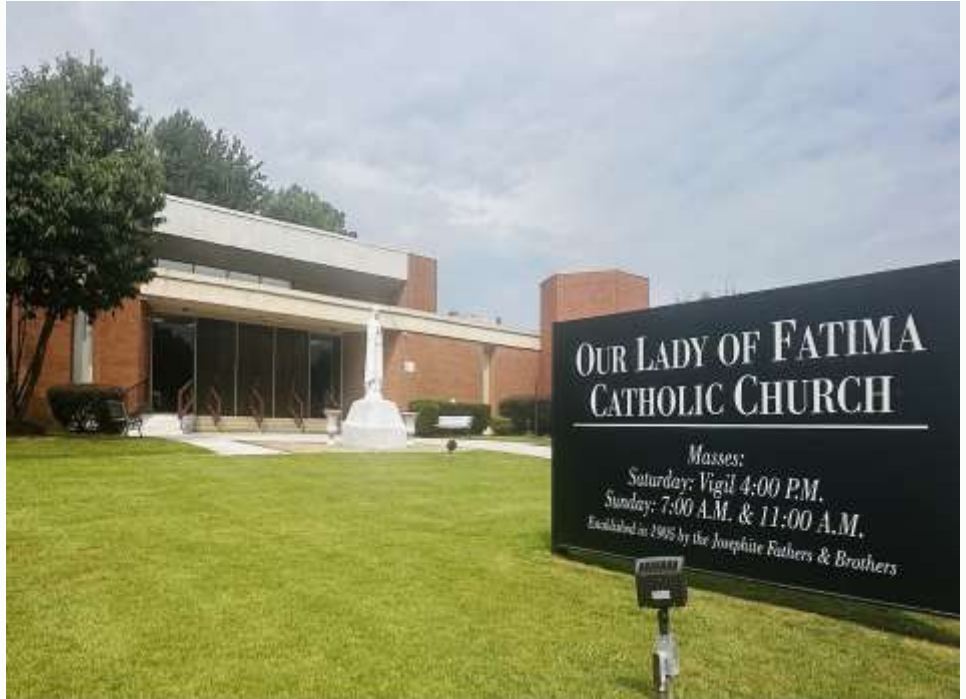
Anointing of the Sick: If you or a family member is Sick or Shut-in, please inform the Rectory so that we may arrange to bring the Sacraments to your home, hospital or nursing home.

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 19, 2026 16th 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: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43

The Righteous Will Shine like the Sun in
the Kingdom of Their Father

What can malicious weed-sowing tell us about the kingdom of God (Matthew 13:25)? The image Jesus uses in this parable is a common everyday example of planting, harvesting, and sorting the good fruit from the bad. Weeds can spoil and even kill a good harvest if they are not separated and destroyed at the proper time. Uprooting them too early, though, can destroy the good plants in the process.

Just as nature teaches us patience, so God's patience also teaches us to guard the seed of his word which he has planted in our hearts and to beware of the destructive force of sin and evil that can destroy it.

Good and evil are sown in our hearts like tiny seeds which germinate, and in due time yield a harvest of good or bad fruit. In the day of judgment each will reap what he or she has sown in this life. Those who sow good will shine in the kingdom of their Father. They will radiate with the beauty, joy, and fullness of God's love. Do you allow the love of Christ to rule in your heart and in your actions?

A Prayer of Devotion

Lord Jesus, let your word take root in my heart and may your all-consuming love transform my life that I may sow what is good, worthy, and pleasing to you.



Today's Psalm

Psalm 86:5-6,9-10,15-16

5 For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.

6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer; hearken to my cry of supplication.

9 All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

10 For you are great and do wondrous things, you alone are God.

15 But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

16 Turn to me and take pity on me; give your strength to your servant, and save the son of your handmaid.

Daily Readings

Sunday: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19
Romans 8:26-27
Matthew 13:24-43

Monday: Micah 6:1-4, 6-8
Matthew 12:38-42

Tuesday: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20
Matthew 12:46-50

Wednesday: Song of Songs 3:1-4b
John 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday: Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13
Matthew 13:10-17

Friday: Jeremiah 3:14-17
Matthew 13:18-23

Saturday: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15
Matthew 20:20-28

Sick & Shut-In

Yolanda Collins
Hazel Jackson
Ronald Greene

Douglas Robinson
Vascus Saunders
Allen Small

Stewardship Update

July 11th and 12th

Saturday 4:00 P.M.	\$ 2,051.00
Sunday 7:00 A.M.	\$ 816.00
Sunday 11:00 A.M.	\$ 1,801.00
Church Improvements	\$ 55.00
Mailed In	\$ 585.00
Other	\$ 0.00
<i>Total:</i>	\$ 5,308.00
Online Giving	\$ 708.89
Income for the Week	\$ 6,061.89
<u>(Budget needed for the week)</u>	<u>\$(7,125.75)</u>
Over/Under the Week's Budget	\$-1,108.86

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.

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.



NOTES:

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