



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.

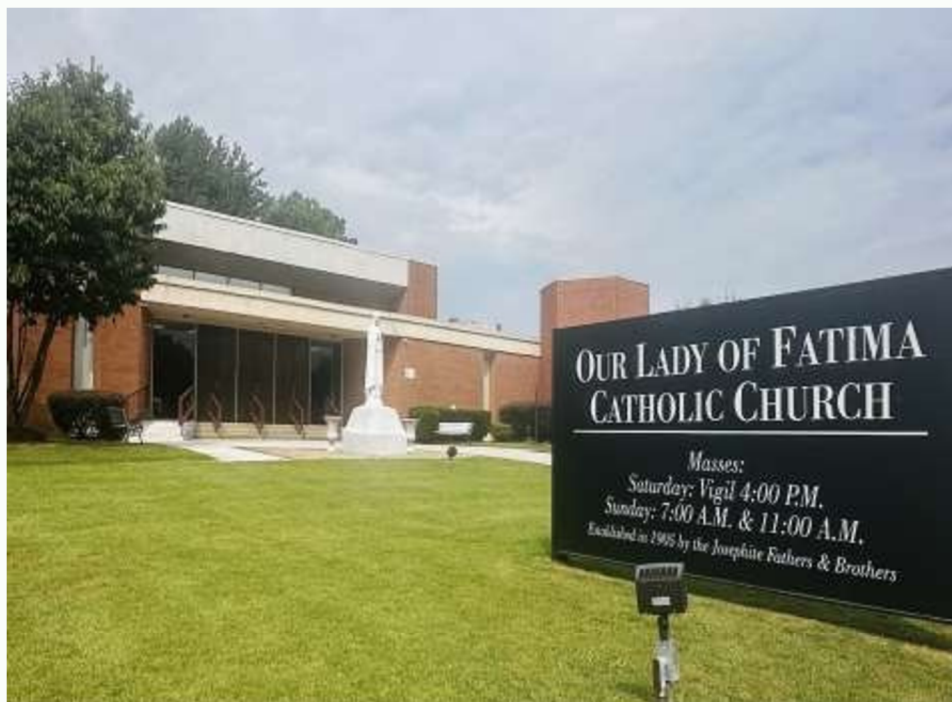
Funeral: Please contact the Rectory for Funeral Arrangements. Funerals are not permitted on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation.

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.

Confession:

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 26, 2026

17th 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: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 13:44-52

The Surpassing Treasure of God's Kingdom

What do you treasure the most and how do you keep it from being lost or stolen? God offers his kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy (Romans 14:17) as incomparable treasure at a price we can afford! We can't pay the full price for the life which God gives us; but when we exchange our life for the life which God offers, we receive a treasure beyond compare.

When we discover the kingdom of God we receive the greatest possible treasure - the Lord himself. Treasure has a special connection to the heart, the place of desire and longing, the place of will and focus. The thing we most set our heart on is our highest treasure. Is the Lord the treasure and delight of your heart?

The Lord calls us to treasure all of his word - all of his commandments, promises, precepts, and teaching (Psalm 119:14,72,127,162). Do you promise to keep all of God's commands? The Lord gives strength, blessing, and joy to those who treasure all of his word.

A Prayer of Devotion

Lord Jesus, may your word take deep root in my heart and transform my way of thinking, discerning, and acting. May your Spirit open my ears to hear and understand the word of God in the Scriptures that I may revere and treasure both the Old and the New Testaments which God has prepared for all who desire to enter his kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy. Help me to be a diligent student and faithful disciple of your word.



Today's Psalm

Psalm 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

57 The LORD is my portion; I promise to keep your words.

72 The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

76 Let your steadfast love be ready to comfort me according to your promise to your servant.

77 Let your mercy come to me, that I may live; for your law is my delight.

127 Therefore I love your commandments above gold, above fine gold.

128 Therefore I direct my steps by all your precepts; I hate every false way.

129 Your testimonies are wonderful; therefore my soul keeps them.

130 The unfolding of your words gives light; it imparts understanding to the simple.

Daily Readings

Sunday: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 13:44-52

Monday: Jeremiah 13:1-11
Matthew 13:31-35

Tuesday: Jeremiah 14:17-22
Matthew 13:36-43

Wednesday: Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21
John 11:19-27

Thursday: Jeremiah 18:1-6
Matthew 13:47-53

Friday: Jeremiah 26:1-9
Matthew 13:54-58

Saturday: Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24
Matthew 14:1-12

Sick & Shut-In

Yolanda Collins
Hazel Jackson
Ronald Greene

Douglas Robinson
Vascus Saunders
Allen Small

Stewardship Update

July 18th and 19th

Saturday 4:00 P.M.	\$1,359.00
Sunday 7:00 A.M.	\$1,003.00
Sunday 11:00 A.M.	\$1,238.00
Church Improvements	\$ 20.00
Mailed In	\$ 980.00
Other	\$ 0.00
<i>Total:</i>	\$ 4,600.00
Online Giving	\$ 0
Income for the Week	\$ 4,600.00
(Budget needed for the week)	\$(7,125.75)
Over/Under the Week's Budget	\$(2,525.75)

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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There will be a second collection next
weekend, August 1st and 2nd, 2026, for the
Seminarian Fund Appeal, which directly
supports the 19 seminarians who are being
formed to become priests of the Diocese of
Birmingham. Prayerfully consider giving to
the Seminarian Education Fund Appeal!

*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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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.

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.

OLF Senior Stars fun, fellowship & crafting. Please join us August 6, 2026, at 11am – 1pm as we laugh, learn and have fun. The sign-up sheet is in the vestibule. There will be a small fee for supplies. Contact Bertha Randall at 205-202-5143 for more information.

Treasures in Heaven

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
Luke 12:34 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 12:32-34 (NIV).



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E K E P H A R K Z B E Q V G I
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R O L P W O W J T U B C R T E
P G K L F L R I Z H W X H T M
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T E S A O X C A H S A L D B U
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PURSES	DESTROYS	FATHER	POSSESSIONS	HEAVEN
PLEASED	WEAR	KINGDOM	LUKE	FLOCK
EXHAUSTED	MOTH	HEART	AFRAID	SELL
POOR	TREASURE	THIEF	LITTLE	GIVE