



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.

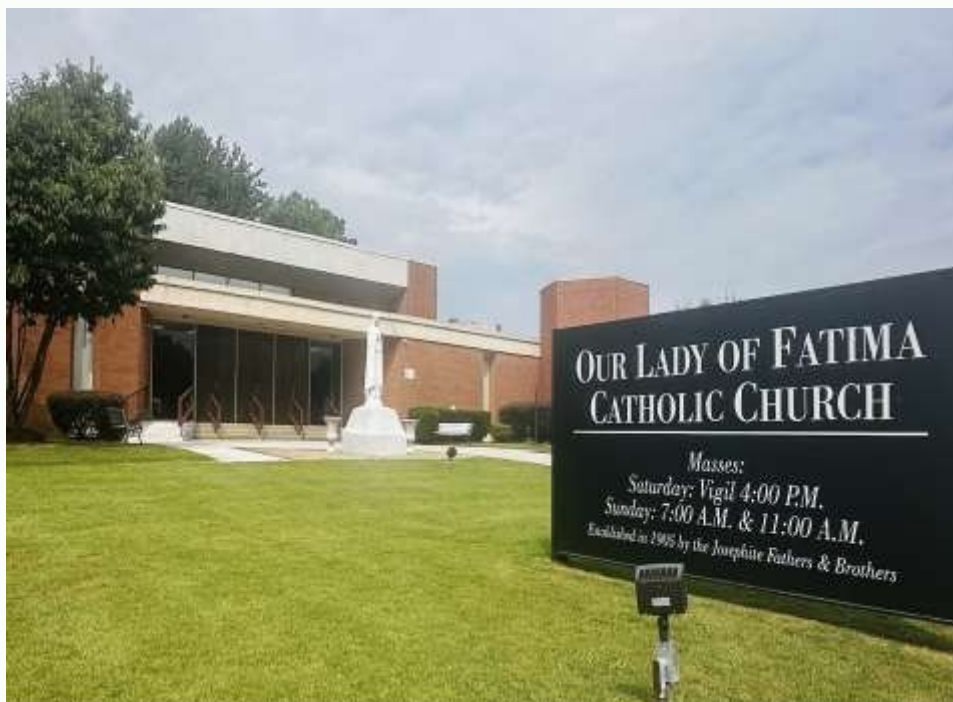
Funeral: Please contact the Rectory for Funeral Arrangements. Funerals are not permitted on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation.

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.



August 16, 2026

20th 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 56:1, 6-7
Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
Matthew 15:21-28

Great Is Your Faith! Be It Done for You as You Desire

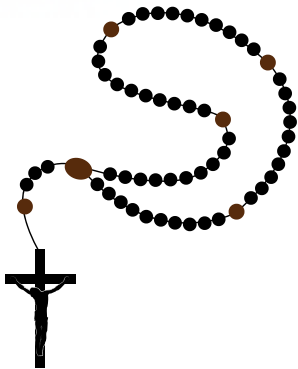
Do you ever feel "put-off" or ignored by the Lord? Matthew 15:21 describes the only occasion in which Jesus ministered outside of Jewish territory. A Gentile woman, a foreigner who was not a member of the Jewish people, puts Jesus on the spot by pleading for his help. At first Jesus seemed to pay no attention to her, and this made his disciples feel embarrassed. Jesus does this to test the woman to awaken faith in her.

Seek the Lord Jesus with expectant faith!

Jesus praises a Gentile woman for her faith and for her love. She made the misery of her child her own and she was willing to suffer rebuff in order to obtain healing for her loved one. She also had indomitable persistence. Her faith grew in contact with the person of Jesus. She began with a request and she ended on her knees in worshipful prayer to the living God. No one who ever sought Jesus with earnest faith - whether Jew or Gentile - was refused his help. Do you seek the Lord Jesus with expectant faith?

A Prayer of Devotion

*Lord Jesus, your love and mercy knows no bounds.
May I trust you always and pursue you with
indomitable persistence as this woman did. Increase
my faith in your saving power and deliver me from all
evil and harm.*



Today's Psalm

Psalm 67:1-7

1 May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, [Selah]
2 that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.
3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!
4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. [Selah]
5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!
6 The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.
7 God has blessed us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

Daily Readings

Sunday: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7
Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
Matthew 15:21-28

Monday: Ezekiel 24:15-23
Matthew 19:16-22

Tuesday: Ezekiel 28:1-10
Matthew 19:23-30

Wednesday: Ezekiel 34:1-11
Matthew 20:1-16

Thursday: Ezekiel 36:23-28
Matthew 22:1-14

Friday: Ezekiel 37:1-14
Matthew 22:34-40

Saturday: Ezekiel 43:1-7ab
Matthew 23:1-12

Sick & Shut-In

Yolanda Collins
Hazel Jackson
Ronald Greene

Douglas Robinson
Vascus Saunders
Allen Small

Stewardship Update

August 8th and 9th

Saturday 4:00 P.M.	\$ 955.00
Sunday 7:00 A.M.	\$1,565.00
Sunday 11:00 A.M.	\$3,402.05
Church Improvements	\$ 125.00
Mailed In	\$ 770.00
Other	0.00
Total:	\$ 6,817.05
Online Giving	\$ 1,055.83
Income for the Week	\$ 7,872.88
(Budget needed for the week)	\$(7,125.75)
Over/Under the Week's Budget	\$ 747.13

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Patricia Anderson 8/9
Jocelyn Bayles 8/20
Keith Boykin 8/26
Aletha Brathwaite 8/20
Carolyn Brown 8/8
Melvin Brown 8/10
Lewis Burks 8/30
Brandon Thurston Rollins-Cole 8/21
Brandon Cleveland 8/8 Jared Danks 8/30
Katherine Danks 8/6 Charles Dorsey 8/19
Travaris Ephraim 8/23 Susan Ford 8/9
Shelia Glover 8/2 Shakir Hasan 8/26
Liam Hilson 8/22 Cassandra Hunter 8/24
Lanettia Johnson 8/25 Joseph Juzang 8/4
Amarielle Mason 8/13 Melanie McNary 8/10
DeAndrea Minard 8/13 Theta Rollins 8/23
Craig Samuel, Jr. 8/28 John Simpson 8/3
Deborah Stennett 8/25
Debra Collins-Woods 8/31 Aubree Wright 8/17



Bennie & Valencia Andrews **married August 13th**
Michael and Gwendolyn Bell **married August 20th**
Michael & Denise Bell **married on August 24th**
Norm & Carnetta Davis **married on August 19th**
Wilbur & Dolores Johnson **married on August 31st**
Willie & Carmen McCall **married on August 25th**
Le Moyne & Briana Wright **married on August 31st**

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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:
September 4, 2026

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The Poor of Jesus Christ

For the month of August 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 make a monetary
donation to the Friars, please take it to their
house or mail 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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News & Updates

Parish School of Religion is back in session Sundays 9:30am - 10:45am.

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, September 13th.

The Magnificat Breakfast will be held on Saturday, August 29

from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at St. Elias Maronite Church in the Parish Hall. The deadline to purchase tickets is August 23, 2026. Please see the flyer posted in the vestibule for more information.

The Birmingham Alumni Chapter of Xavier University of Louisiana will hold its thirtieth Jazz Brunch and Silent Auction Scholarship Fundraiser at the Harbert Center on September 19, 2026 from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Our band this year is Top Secret and their band director is Sean Pezant. Tickets are \$60 and can be purchased from Rudy Lewis, Tiffany Andry or Jackie Coutee.

Never Give Up

Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." Matthew 15:28 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 15:21-28 (NIV)



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X I T D A U G H T E R Z T D G

1. A _____ woman came to Jesus and asked him for help.
2. The woman begged Jesus to have _____ on her.
3. The woman told Jesus that her daughter was possessed by a _____.
4. The _____ asked Jesus to send the woman away.
5. Jesus said, "I was sent only to the lost _____ of Israel."
6. The woman continued to _____, "Lord, help me."
7. He replied, "It is not right to take the children's food and toss it to their _____."
8. "Even the dogs eat _____ that fall from the master's table" the woman answered.
9. Jesus saw that the woman had great _____.
10. Because the woman had great faith, Jesus _____ her daughter.

Matthew 15:21-28 (NIV)

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HEALED	DAUGHTER	SHEEP	FALL	MERCY
GREAT	CRYING	DOGS	LOST	JESUS
DEMON	HELP	TABLE	ISRAEL	WOMAN
EAT	FAITH	CRUMBS	SUFFERING	KNELT