



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.

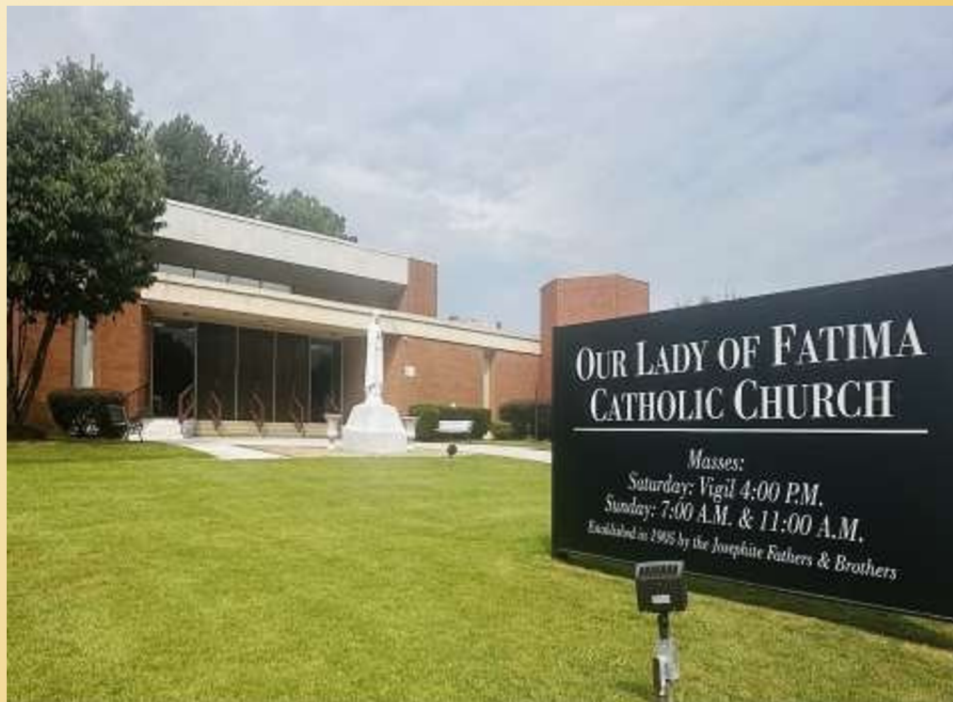
Funeral: Please contact the Rectory for Funeral Arrangements. Funerals are not permitted on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation.

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 3:30 P.M. to 3:55 P.M.
Sundays 6:30 A.M. to 6:55 A.M.
10:30 A.M. to 10:55 A.M.



October 4, 2026

27th 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 5:1-7
Philippians 4:6-9
Matthew 21:33-43

The Stone Which the Builders Rejected

The parable of the vineyard tells us of God's generosity and trust. The vineyard is well equipped with everything the tenants need. The owner went away and left the vineyard in the hands of the tenants. God, likewise trusts us enough to give us freedom to run life as we choose. This parable also tells us of God's patience and justice. Not once, but many times he forgives the tenants their debts. But while the tenants take advantage of the owner's patience, his judgment and justice prevail in the end.

Jesus foretold both his death on the cross and his ultimate triumph. He knew he would be rejected and put to death, but he also knew that would not be the end. After rejection would come glory - the glory of his resurrection from the grave and his ascension to the right hand of the Father in heaven.

The Lord blesses his people today with the gift of his kingdom and he promises that we will bear much fruit if we abide in him. He entrusts his gifts and grace to each of us and he gives us work to do in his vineyard - the body of Christ in our midst today. He promises that our labor for him will not be in vain if we persevere with faith to the end.

We can expect trials and even persecution. But in the end we will see triumph. Do you follow and serve the Lord Jesus with joyful hope and confidence in the victory he has won for you and the gift of abundant new life in the Holy Spirit?

A Prayer of Devotion

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits which you have given us - for all the pains and insults which you have borne for us. O most merciful redeemer, friend, and brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, for your own sake. (prayer of St. Richard of Chichester, 13th century)



Today's Psalm

Psalm 80:8-19

8 You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and plant it. 9 You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land. 10 The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches; 11 it sent out its branches to the sea, and its shoots to the River. 12 Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit? 13 The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it. 14 Turn again, O God of hosts! Look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine, 15 the stock which your right hand planted. 16 They have burned it with fire, they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of thy countenance! 17 But let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, the son of man whom you have made strong for yourself! 18 Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name! 19 Restore us, O LORD God of hosts! let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Daily Readings

Sunday: Isaiah 5:1-7
Philippians 4:6-9
Matthew 21:33-43

Monday Galatians 1:6-12
Luke 10:25-37

Tuesday: Galatians 1:13-24
Luke 10:38-42

Wednesday: Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14
Luke 11:1-4

Thursday: Galatians 3:1-5
Luke 11:5-13

Friday: Galatians 3:7-14
Luke 11:15-26

Saturday: Galatians 3:22-29
Luke 11:27-28

Sick & Shut-In

Yolanda Collins
Hazel Jackson
Ronald Greene

Douglas Robinson
Vascus Saunders
Allen Small

Stewardship Update

September 26th and 27th

Saturday 4:00 P.M.	\$ 381.00
Sunday 7:00 A.M.	\$ 433.44
Sunday 11:00 A.M.	\$2,054.00
Church Improvements	\$ 29.00
Mailed In	\$ 750.00
Other: PSR Bracelet Fundraiser	240.00
<i>Total:</i>	<i>\$ 4,127.44</i>
Online Giving	\$ 624.61
Income for the Week	\$ 4,512.05
(Budget needed for the week)	\$(7,125.75)
Over/Under the Week's Budget	\$ (2,613.70)

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Courtney Andrews 10/28
Denise Bell 10/30
Jacqueline Coutee 10/14
James Craig 10/24
Josetta Craig 10/9
Carolyn Crawford 10/5
Matthew Edosomwan 10/19
Lela Flood 10/26
Kathryn Hill 10/01
Darcy Prince 10/13
Nathaniel Mays 10/23
Kevion Rogers 10/10
Dwight Russell 10/30
Darrell Sims 10/07
Juanita Webb 10/6
Tyuan White 10/18



John & Claire Benjamin married October 25th
Darron & Cassandra Hunter married October 12th
Nelson & Minnie White married October 7th

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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:
November 6, 2026

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The Poor of Jesus Christ

For the month of October the Friars are
requesting donations of cereal bars, chips,
and mustard. 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

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. During the month of October, you are encouraged to pray the Rosary daily. The Ladies Sodality invites everyone to join us in praying the Rosary each Sunday in October before Mass at 10:15 a.m.

Parish School of Religion
Sundays 9:30am - 10:45am.

OLF Bible Study
Wednesdays 11am to 12noon.
All are welcome to attend!

Everything Pumpkin Youth Event
October 25, 2026
After 11 a.m. Mass
Food, Music, Fun, Games, and more
Sign up sheets in the vestibule.
Please donate

There will not be a 4pm Mass on Saturday, October 17, 2026 as the National Black Catholic Men's Conference will have Mass at 6pm here at Our Lady of Fatima.

Magnificat Breakfast will be held at St. Elias Maronite Parish Hall on Saturday October 24, 2026 from 9:30am – 12:30pm. More information is provided in the vestibule.

Altar Servers and Ushers Fall Raffle
October 25, 2026
Tickets are being sold at each Mass
4pm: Deborah Palmer
7am: Tracy Craig
11am: Dwight Russell
1st Prize - HP Laptop
2nd Prize - 32 inch TV
\$5 for two tickets

PSR and Children's Ministry
Bracelet Fundraiser
\$10 Cash or Check

In honor of St. Francis of Assisi (Patron Saint of Animals), there will be a pet blessing on Tuesday, October 6, 2026. Deacon Doug welcomes everyone to join him at Red Mountain Animal Clinic at 2148 Green Springs Hwy from 9am – 3pm.

The 2027 Confirmation Class is having a Warm Winter Drive for our first community service project. We are asking our parish community to support us by donating items to be distributed to the homeless population here in Birmingham. We are requesting hats, gloves, socks, hothands, and warm blankets. Please place your donations in the box in the vestibule. We appreciate your support.