



### Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

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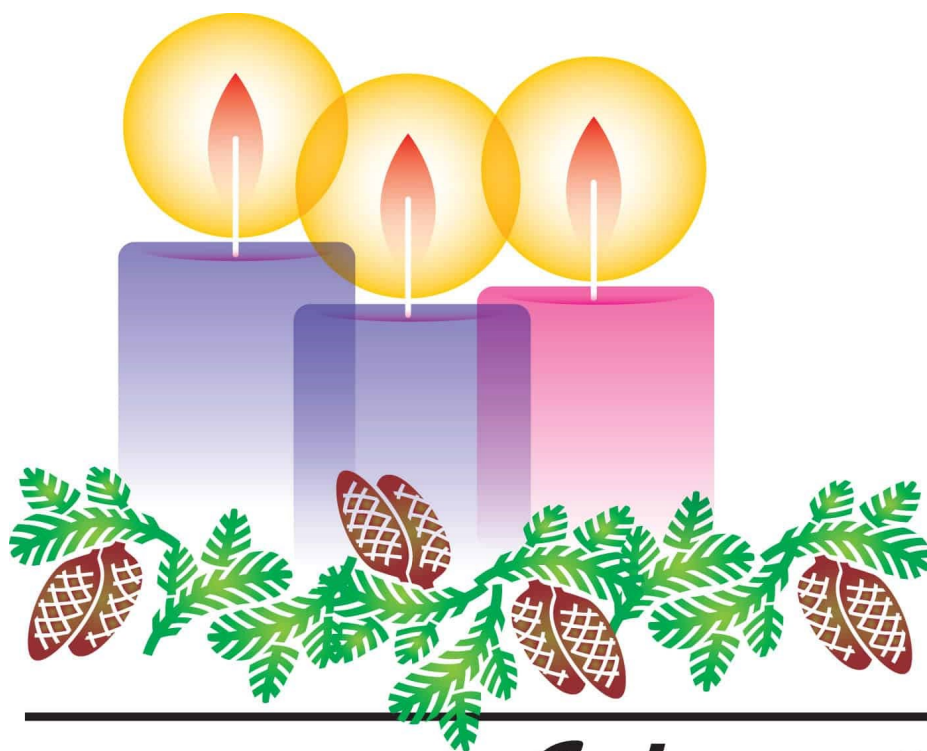
Deacons: Mark Krcma, Armando Escamilla, Frank (Paco) Martinez

#### MISSION STATEMENT

We the Catholic community of Our Lady of Fatima united by faith, are called by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit to evangelize and assist in the faith formation of all.

We are committed to encourage, affirm and call forth everyone into participation by providing opportunity for ministry.

We seek to deepen our personal relationship with Jesus Christ Our Savior and provide an environment in which all have an opportunity for a greater sense of communion, family and community.



## THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

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### Welcome to Our Church

Our Lady of Fatima Parish welcomes all our visitors. May your time with us be grace-filled and may the Lord Jesus Christ bless you and your loved ones.

## REGULAR LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### Weekday Masses:

**8:00 am Monday—Communion Service** (English)  
7:30 am Mon.-Fri. Rosary  
8:00 am: Tue - Thur . (English)  
7:00 pm Thurs. (Spanish)  
7:00 am Fri (English)

### First Friday / Saturday:\*\*

First Friday Mass 6:00 pm  
First Saturday Rosary 7:30am  
First Saturday Mass 8:00am

### ADORATION:

Monday—Friday  
Adoration Chapel

### RECONCILIATION:

Tuesday 6pm to 7:50pm  
Saturday 4pm to 5pm

### WEEKEND SCHEDULE:

5:30pm - Saturday Vigil English  
7:30pm - Saturday Vigil Spanish  
8:30am - Sunday English (*Live Streamed*)  
11:30am - Sunday Spanish (*Live Streamed*)



## PRAYER REQUESTS

### Rest of the Soul

Andre Gonzalez, Kathryn Rodriguez, Maria Rosario Santillan Nurunjo, Scott Michael Duvall, Rolando Ramirez, Yolanda Garcia, Antonia Gonzales, Donna Sporleder, Rudy Dabalos, Esther Cruz, Hector Hernandez, Bertha Hernandez, Patricia Teitzel, Jean Draxton, Joe Agbisit, Janie Ruiz, Juan Carlos Garcia, Paul Sartin, Victor Rocha, Jeanette Egeland Russell, Bill Engler, Bill German, Juanita Ottestad, Yolanda Cavazos, Rolando Adame, David Adame, Leonard Merdardo Delgado,

### Physical/Spiritual Health

Lucy Messer, Lorraine Medrano, Anita Huerta, Corinne Geblin, Gina Ruiz, Francisca Garcia, Fran Bill, Jill Murray, Sally Richards, Corina Miranda, Minga Rubio, Darlene Boechler, Gail Altenhofen, Mary Martinez, Diane Stevenson

### Military:

Shane Herup, James Herron, Christopher E. Uvalle, David Martinez, Paul E. Hanover, John Herup, JC Hernández, Charlie Schoen, Bettany Noregas,

**Sunday, December 24 Christmas Vigil Mass Times: 6:00 pm English & 9:00 pm Spanish**

**Christmas Day - Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord: 8:30 am English & 11:30 am Spanish**

## WEEKDAY MASS INTENTIONS

*(Mass schedule is subject to change)*

Tue	Dec 19	8:00 am English	Susie Enloe (Deceased)
Wed.	Dec 20	8:00 am English	Mary Lou Roberge (Birthday)
Thur	Dec 21	8:00 am English	Larry Enloe (Deceased)
		7:00 pm Spanish	Grupo Apostales de la Palabra
Fri.	Dec 22	7:00 am English	Souls in Purgatory

## What's Happening at OLF This Week?

Mon. Dec 18	Vigil Mass Choir 5:30 pm - Adult Choir 5:30pm - Ultreya 6:45 pm - Apostoles de la palabra 6-8 pm Spanish Bible Class 6 pm - Arco Iris 6 pm La Posada 6:30 pm Fatima Center
Tues. Dec 19	OICA 6 pm <b>Pre-School Christmas Program 6:30 St. Michael's Room</b> , La Posada 6:30 pm
Wed. Dec 20	OLF Book Group 9:00 am—Grupo Mariano, 6:00pm, Library La Posada 6:30 pm
Thur. Dec 21	Soup Kitchen 11 am-1 pm - Spanish Choir 6:30 OCIA 6 pm La Posada <b>7:00 pm</b> Fatima Center
Fri. Dec 22	La Posada 6:30 pm Fatima Center
Sat. Dec 23	La Posada 6:30 pm Fatima Center

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 61:1-2A, 10-11

**Responsorial Psalm:** Luke 1

**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

**Gospel:** John 1:6-8, 19-28

## Gospel Reflection

The readings for the 3rd Sunday in Advent (Gaudete Sunday) encourage us to rejoice because our salvation is near. The first reading foreshadows the coming of the Messiah, the Anointed One. The psalm is the Magnificat - "My soul rejoices in my God." The second reading encourages us to rejoice, pray, and give thanks. And in the gospel John the Baptist tells the priests that he is not the Christ, but that the Messiah is coming.

In the Gospel, we encounter John the Baptist, a pivotal figure who came to testify to the light. This light is not just a physical entity but a profound metaphor for the clarity and vision that Jesus Christ brings into our lives. When we embrace Christ, our perception of the world undergoes a remarkable transformation. This divine light illuminates our path, revealing truths that were once shrouded in darkness. With Christ as our guiding light, we navigate life's journey with greater clarity, avoiding obstacles that once tripped us up. Our understanding of the world, our relationships, and our purpose becomes clearer under this heavenly light.

John's role in this narrative is crucial yet humbling. He understood that he was not the light; he was merely its witness and bearer. His mission was to transmit this light to others, not to claim it as his own. In this, John exemplifies a profound humility that we are called to emulate.

The light of God that we may carry within us, that brightens the lives of those around us, is not of our own making. It is a divine gift, passing through us like rays through a windowpane. Our task is not to boast of this light as if it were our own achievement, but to humbly acknowledge its true source and purpose. We become conduits of this heavenly light, tasked with spreading it without claiming ownership.

This Gospel passage invites us to reflect on our role in bearing the light of Christ. Like John, we are called to be humble messengers, illuminating the world with the light we have received. This light enables us to see the beauty and truth in God's creation, to discern our path more clearly, and to help illuminate the way for others. It is a reminder that in following Christ, we not only walk in light but also become bearers of that light to the world. Our journey, therefore, becomes a testament to the transformative power of Christ's light, guiding us and others towards the path of truth, clarity, and ultimate fulfillment.

- In the Gospel of John, John the Baptist plays a crucial role as a witness to the light of Christ. How can you embody the humility and dedication of John the Baptist in your own life as a Christian?
- How do you interpret the concept of being a bearer of Christ's light in your community? How have you witnessed or how can you witness Christ's light in everyday interactions.
- Reflect on a moment when Christ's light brought clarity or understanding to a situation in your life. How did this illumination transform your approach or attitude?



Combined Parish  
*Advent  
Reconciliation  
Service*

Monday, Dec. 18, 6 PM:	Royal City
Tuesday, Dec. 19, 6 PM:	Moses Lake
Wednesday, Dec. 20, 6 PM:	Quincy
Thursday, Dec. 21, 6 PM:	Mattawa
Friday, Dec. 22, 6 PM:	Ephrata



**Pre-School  
Christmas Program**

Tuesday Dec. 19th

6:30 pm  
Fatima Center St. Michael's  
Room

Come enjoy a delightful evening of song and dance in celebration of Christmas with our pre-school kids.

**Las Posadas** The community celebration of the Posadas takes place on each of the nine nights leading up to Christmas, from **December 16 to 24th**.

**Please join in this beautiful Christmas tradition**

Sunday (12/17), Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 6:30 pm in Fatima Center  
Thursday Mass at 6:00 pm; Posada at 7:00 pm in Fatima Center  
Friday Posada 6:30 pm in Fatima Center  
Saturday Posada at 6:30 pm in Fatima Center Mass at 7:30 pm in the Church  
Sunday (12/24) Rosary at 8:30 pm Mass at 9:00 pm in the Church

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**Vigil Mass**

6:00 pm English

9:00 pm Spanish

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

8:30 am English

11:30 am Spanish

**CHRISTMAS  
MASS  
SCHEDULE**

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Weekend Donations	\$ 8,103.00		
On-Line Giving (Vanco)	\$ 835.00		
<b>Total Received</b>	<b>\$ 8,938 .00</b>		
<b>OTHER DONATIONS RECEIVED</b>			
St. Vincents	\$ 77 .00		
Soup Kitchen	\$ 10.00		
Haiti Godchild	\$ 175 .00		
Re Meal Donations	\$ 635.00		
Christmas	\$ 4,016.00		
Immaculate Conception	\$ 1,275.00		
Our Lady of Guadalupe	\$ 1,253.00		
<b>FATIMA CENTER BUILDING FUND</b>			
Pledges Received current week (envelopes/mail)	\$ 1,540.00		
Pledges Received On-line (Vanco)	\$ 865.00		
Misc. Donations	\$ 95.00		
<b>Parish Loan Debt For Fatima Center</b>	<b>Orig. Amt. \$2,600,000.00      Remaining Bal: \$2,368,566.80</b>		
Monthly Payment (Next Pmt. Due 1-15-24)	\$ 28,274.94		
Interest Paid to Date	\$ 137,491.43		
Principle Paid to Date	\$ 231,433.20		
<b>2023 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL (ACA)</b>			
Parish goal for 2023	\$77,814.00	Amt. Pledged	Amt. Paid
As of October 31, 2023		\$ 77,792.00	\$ 76,734.00
2nd Collection Nov. 4-5		\$ 3,220.00	\$ 79,954.00

**HELP IS NEEDED TO**



**The Arts and Environment Ministry** is asking for help with decorating the church for Christmas. If you can help, please come on **Thursday, December 21 at 9:00 a.m.**

Come join in the fun of helping to make our church beautiful for Christmas. **Thanks for helping!**

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** The 2023 Christmas Collection for **Catholic Charities**—a worthwhile cause whose support is encouraged here in the Diocese of Yakima, will be taken in our parish on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Thank you for supporting the work of Catholic Charities. As a guide to respecting the intent of where your donations are actually going, remember that **loose cash** and all **loose checks, even if they are made out to the parish** will be given to Catholic Charities **unless noted otherwise on the memo line of the check.** Donations using parish offering envelopes or Building Fund envelopes will be designated for the parish as always, while a Catholic Charities envelope will be interpreted as an offering intended for Catholic Charities. Notes in or on the envelope can also clarify donor intent. Thank you for helping us identify the intended recipient of your offerings at Christmas.



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