



Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

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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.



First Sunday of Advent

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Welcome to Our Lady of Fatima Parish

We welcome all our visitors. May your time with us be grace-filled and may the Lord Jesus Christ bless you and your loved ones.

What's Happening at OLF This Week?

Monday: Bible Buddies Group 12pm Vigil Mass Choir 5:30pm Adult Choir 5:30pm Apóstoles de la palabra 6pm
Spanish Bible Class 6pm Arco Iris 6pm Ultreya 7pm.

Tuesday: OCIA 6:30 pm

Wednesday: T.O.P.S Group 8:30am Rosary Group 9am OLF Book Group 9am Religious Ed K-6 6pm

Thursday Soup Kitchen 11am-1pm

Friday Children's Choir Practice 4-5pm La Busqueda 6pm

Saturday

Sunday Youth Group 6-8pm

Announcements:

- ◆ The group for parents and adults on Wednesday nights will be on pause for 12/4 and 12/11 to encourage everyone to attend the Novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe. We will resume on 12/18 to wrap up our series on the Sacraments.
 - ◆ No Youth Group this week (December 1st)-Next class will be December 8th
- ◆ The Gifts of Advent Retreat, hosted by Susie Johnston will be Saturday December 7th, 2024-Please call or go into the office to register
 - ◆ Food Sales after all masses December 8th! Pupusas, Menudo, Pozole (Pork Hominy Stew), all proceeds go to pay for Mariachi on December 12th

**The deadline for adding Announcements or Information to the Bulletin is Wednesday each week
Please email requests to Administrator@olf.church**

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Monday	7:00am	Eng Communion Service
Tues - Fri	7:00am	Eng. Mass
	7:30am	Rosary
Tue	7:00pm	Sp. Mass
Thurs	7:00pm	Sp. Mass

ADORATION:

Monday 7am - Friday 7pm Adoration Chapel
Thursday Holy Hour 6:00pm

RECONCILIATION:

Tuesday	5:30pm to 6:45pm	Church Confessional
Thursday	6:00—6:50pm	During Holy Hour
Saturday	3:30pm to 4:30pm	Chapel Confessional

WEEKEND SCHEDULE:

Saturday Vigil	5:00pm	Eng.
	7:00pm	Sp.
Sunday	8:30am	Eng.
	11:30am	Sp.

First Friday & Saturday:**

First Friday Mass	7:00pm	Sp.
First Saturday Rosary	6:30am	Bilingual
First Saturday Mass	7:00am	Bilingual

followed by 15 mins. Adoration—Confessions available

PRAYER REQUESTS

Rest of the Soul

Antoinette Wilcoxson, Manolo Pruneda, Bert Morales, Kristin Vedder, Lloyd Arbaugh, Adrian Baeza Escobedo, Margarita Hernandez, Joe Bernhart, Roberto DeLeon, Ramona Rodriguez, Pat Ramirez, Damien Rocha, Jesus Delgado, Rojelio Adame, Gloria Delgado, Tito Gonzalez, Sylbia Lopez, Enedina Garza, Brian Wilson, Yolanda Garcia, Rolando Adame, David Adame, Leonard Merdardo Delgado, Kim Hoiness, Angela Meza, Sebastian Baker, Adriel Miranda, Maria Hernandez, Marchell R Espinoza, Reyes De La Cruz, Diana Keller, Mitzy Cruz, James Nganga, Patricia Hutton, Lucy Gunn, Maria Cruz Rodriguez, Maria Luz Borjas, Helen Theis, Anthony Homer, Mitchell Thompson, Daniel Zarate, Zendaya Martinez, Leroy Gonzalez, Jessie Jimenez, Nickie Anderson, Lorna Paola Villanueva

Physical/Spiritual Health

Wililam McCormick, Jean Agbisit, Lorraine Medrano, Anita Huerta, Corinne Geblin, Gina Ruiz, Francisca Garcia, Fran Bill, Jill Murray, Sally Richards, Corina Miranda, Minga Rubio, Darlene Boechler, Gail Altenhofen, Diane Stevenson

Military:

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

*If you would like names added to the above lists,
Please contact the Parish Office.*

Letter From Father César



Dear Parish Family,

This weekend we begin a new journey, and we do it by preparing ourselves for the “*coming*” of Our Lord; that is the actual meaning for the word ***Advent***. As a community of believers, we will recall the promises made by God to our forefathers through the prophets: the promise of peace, the promise of justice, the promise of love. We begin this journey of ***Advent*** by ***actively waiting***, and ***joyfully hoping*** that with the celebration of the coming of Jesus at Christmas, our world will be reminded that those promises have already been fulfilled with the Birth of Jesus. **Jesus came already; he was born at Bethlehem more than two thousand years ago. Let us not forget that this is the focal point of our Christmas Celebrations.** Let us make this advent journey a great opportunity to prepare, mind and spirit, so He might come again into our hearts.

The very word “*advent*” has to do with this season prior to Christmas. It tells us that He is “*coming*”. All along the four weeks of Advent, Mother Church invites us to ***actively wait***, preparing ourselves to celebrate the first coming of Christ into our world at Christmas and draws our attention to the second coming of the Lord at the end of time.

There is a truth though, we do not like to wait, and since we do not like to wait, we find ways to fill up the empty feeling of waiting. Popular culture adores multi-tasking, fast pain relief, instant everything. College students emerge from class and immediately activate their cell phones, even when they are walking in a group of classmates. States pass laws prohibiting texting while driving. Minds and hearts of young and old are filled with urgent concerns.

Sadly, to admit, in most cases the Coming of the Kingdom is not one of these urgent concerns young and old currently have. Why worry about something that is not going to happen any time soon? Why, indeed? In Advent, God answers: “*Because it is the wise thing to do. It is the right way to live.*” So, through St. Luke in the Gospel for the 1st Sunday of Advent I encourage you to “*Be vigilant at all times and pray...*”

I know that for many of you, life is hectic, and you may have many scheduled activities to comply with. Nevertheless, I would like to invite you to the different celebrations we will be having, leading us to a wonderful Christmas time: we will start the Bilingual Novena of Rosaries (6:30pm) and Masses (7:00pm) in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe daily from December 3rd through the 12th, I am inviting you to sign up as a family for a day of the novena and we will offer the prayers of the day for your needs; Plan to also attend our retreat “*the gifts of Advent*” by Susie Johnston on December 7th; The Posadas will take place from Dec 16th through the 23rd; Take one the booklets with reflections for Advent in the foyer area; We will have the Advent Penance Service on December 20th 6pm.; all these to help us get into the *Spirit of the Holy Days.*

Deacons Paco, Mark, and Armando, and I are preparing wonderful liturgies to commemorate the Coming of our Lord Jesus more than 2000 years ago with the hope they will help us focus and prepare for the Coming of Jesus at the end of times. In the meantime, let us rejoice in His Coming to us *in Word and Sacrament to strengthen us in holiness* at every Eucharist we celebrate and when He goes undercover as one of our brothers and sisters.

Advent Greetings and Blessings,
Rev. César Vega-Mendoza
Pastor

Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man.

Luke 21:36

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 25

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

Gospel

Luke 21:25-28,34-36

Gospel Reflection

The 1st Sunday of Advent Year C marks the beginning of a new liturgical year and a time of preparation for the coming of Jesus. The readings for this Sunday call us to watchfulness, prayer, love, holiness, and trust in God's promises.

The 1st Sunday of Advent invites us to trust in God's promises. In the first reading, Jeremiah speaks about God's promise to bring forth a righteous branch from David's line. This branch represents Jesus, who brings justice and righteousness. This promise shows us that God is faithful and keeps His word. Jeremiah's message is a source of hope. Even in difficult times, we can trust that God is working for our good. His promises give us strength and courage. When we feel uncertain or afraid, we can remember that God has a plan for us, just as He did for the people in Jeremiah's time.

The theme of trusting in God's promises is also found in the Gospel reading. Jesus tells us to stand up and lift our heads because our redemption is near. This means we should not be afraid but trust that God will fulfill His promises. Jesus will return, and we need to be ready. As we begin Advent, let's focus on trusting in God's promises. Are we placing our hope in Him? Are we confident that He will guide us and fulfill His word? By trusting in God's promises, we can prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus and find peace in His faithfulness.

The 1st Sunday of Advent calls us to grow in love and holiness. In the second reading, Paul prays for the Thessalonians to increase in love and to live in holiness. This message is important as we begin Advent. We are called to love more and live better lives. Paul's prayer reminds us to focus on our relationships. Increasing in love means caring for others, helping those in need, and showing kindness. These actions reflect God's love in our lives. By loving more, we prepare our hearts for Jesus' coming. Living in holiness means following God's teachings. It means avoiding sin and striving to do what is right. Paul urges us to live in ways that please God. This can be challenging, but it is important for our spiritual growth. Holiness helps us to be ready for Jesus. As we start Advent, we are encouraged to examine our lives. Are we growing in love? Are we living in holiness?

By focusing on these themes, we can prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus and deepen our faith.

The 1st Sunday of Advent reminds us to be watchful and prayerful. Jesus warns about signs in the sun, moon, and stars. These signs can seem scary, but Jesus tells us not to be afraid. Instead, we should stand tall because our redemption is near. This teaches us to be ready for Jesus' return. Being watchful means staying alert and paying attention to how we live. We should avoid things that distract us from God. Instead, we should focus on prayer and good deeds. Jesus calls us to live in a way that pleases God. This makes us ready for His coming. Prayer is a key theme in the readings. Jesus urges us to pray for strength to face challenges. Prayer helps us stay connected to God and strong in our faith. It reminds us that we need God's help every day. By praying, we grow closer to Him and prepare our hearts for Jesus' return.

As we begin Advent, the 1st Sunday of Advent Year C encourages us to reflect on our lives. Are we living in a way that honors God? Are we watchful and prayerful? By focusing on these themes, we can prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus and grow in our faith.

The 1st Sunday of Advent invites us to prepare our hearts for Jesus' coming through trust, love, holiness, and vigilance. As we reflect on these themes, let us open our hearts to God's guidance and strive to live in a way that pleases Him. May this Advent season bring us closer to God and ready our hearts for the birth of Christ.

Prayer

Lord, help us to be watchful and prayerful, to grow in love and holiness, and to trust in Your promises. Guide us through this Advent season as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus. Amen.

Reflection Questions

- ◆ In what ways can I live a holier life that pleases God?
- ◆ How can I strengthen my prayer life during Advent?
- ◆ What does trusting in God's promises mean to me personally?
- ◆ What steps can I take to deepen my faith this Advent season?

FAMILY CONNECTION

In today's Gospel, Jesus warns his disciples against the fatigue that can emerge if one becomes consumed by the anxieties of daily life. Many families are too familiar with the kind of fatigue Jesus refers to here. We may be concerned about a family member's health, our job security, our children's education, or any number of other concerns. All these are important matters. Jesus does not promise an end to daily worries and fears, but he does teach his disciples that they will have the strength to withstand anxiety if they stay focused on him, remaining vigilant for his return and praying for strength to endure all tribulations. Through prayer, God helps us stay focused on that which is most important in our lives.

As you gather as a family, recall the tradition of making New Year's resolutions in preparation for the new calendar year. Observe that today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is the beginning of the new Church year. During the season of Advent, our Gospel readings ask us to consider what is most important to us as we prepare for Jesus' coming, at his birth and at the end of time. Read today's Gospel, Luke 21:25-28,34-36. Jesus describes signs that may disturb many people, but he says that these should not disturb his disciples. Why? (because these signs indicate that redemption is near) What does Jesus say that his disciples should do? (Be vigilant and pray for strength.) At this start of the new Church year, consider as a family what "Advent resolutions" your family might make to help you stay focused so that you will be prepared to receive the salvation we celebrate at Jesus' birth and anticipate at Jesus' second coming. Pray together for God's help in following through on these resolutions. Pray together today's psalm, Psalm 25.

PREPARES NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Prepares is in need of a bilingual volunteer to help with phone calls. It takes about an hour per month and we supply the numbers. If this is something you can do as a Friend of Prepares, please call:

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Jo 253-307-1574

Thank you and God bless your answer to help families with babies.

Attention: If you are planning a Quinceañera in 2025 please contact the office. The Quinceañera needs to attend a 6 week class before her Quinceañera day.

For questions or more information, contact:
Anita Reyna 509-361-9639

Religious Education News and Information

Virtus Training:
Grades Kinder-6th—Parents please return bottom portion of form by December 4th if you do not want your child to attend training.

YOUTH GROUP UPDATES!!!

ATTENTION ALL 9TH-12TH GRADERS!!!

Youth Group has gotten back in swing!

Come join us for our next **AMAZING** time on:

Sunday December 8th from 6-8pm in the Fatima Center!

Delicious food, ultimate games, and so much fun!! Don't miss it! Put it on your calendar TODAY!



P.S. A HUGE shout out to everyone who came and helped out on our first night back!

MASS INTENTIONS

Tues	3rd	7 am (En) 7 pm (Sp)	Fred Tucker (B), All Souls of Purgatory Bryan and Allyson Lopez (L), David Velasquez (B), Almas de Purgatorio
Wed	4th	7 am (En)	Fr Robert Caruso (L)
Thurs	5th	7 am (En)	Joseph Boechler (D)
Fri	6th	7 am (En) 7 pm (Sp)	Bob Tatum (L) Almas de Purgatorio
Sat	7th	7 am (Bilingual) 5 pm (En) 7 pm (Sp)	Deacon Mark Krcma (Spl), Souls of Purgatory Deacon Mark Krcma (Spl), Dave and Joann Campbell (D) Almas de Purgatorio

Remembrance Flowers



If you would like a *Flower Remembrance* in memory or honor of a loved one, please call the Parish Office.

Donation per arrangement:
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WEDNESDAY MORNING

BOOK CLUB

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NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



**6:30 pm Bilingual
Rosary**

Novena of Masses in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe

**7:00 pm Bilingual
Mass**

- Day 1 December 3rd God Chooses Poor and Despised People to Witness and Receive His Word**
Francisco Ortiz, Yadira & Rolando Velasquez, Jesus & Delma Gomez, Jose & Rosa Santillan,
Martha Santillan, Brenda Mesa, Jose Luis Valledures & Rafaela Ramirez, Jose Madrigal & Irene Sanchez,
Francisco & Maria Villanueva, José Villanueva
- Day 2 December 4th For a People Who Die; Mary Asks for a Living Temple**
Tina Garcia
- Day 3 December 5th God Helps Us Overcome Difficulties Responsibly**
Maria Perales, Paula Martinez, Sandra Martinez, Mari Vela, Ronnie Olson, Vanessa Olson, Terry Perales,
Mary Moncada, Trina Alfaro, Chris Koom
- Day 4 December 6th God Has Confidence in the Poor; The Powerful Distrust Him**
Jorge & Esther Avalos, Elizabeth & Marcelo Mendoza, Juanita Smouse, Cecelia Valencia, Angie Hernandez,
Raquel Martinez
- Day 5 December 7th God Wants Life For All His Children**
Familias de las Danzas, Imelda & Enrique Ponce
- Day 6 December 8th God's Signs Teach Us the Path We Have to Follow**
Lupita Garcia & Grupo Mariano
- Day 7 December 9th The Poor People are the Messenger of God**
Familia Vulladares & La Busqueda
- Day 8 December 10th Conversion Always Leads Us to Action**
- Day 9 December 11th The Vigil of Our Lady of Guadalupe**
Marichuy Clemente, Maggie Castro, Mickie Vela, Cesar Campos, Alma Campos
- Day 10 December 12th The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Makes Us Happy and Makes Us**
Miriam Lopez, Christian Romero, Josue & Aurea Salas Tepalé

If you or your family would like to add your family name to a day of the Novena, please contact the parish office. Thank you!

Abundance of Blessings Gala "The Numbers So Far"

Incomes	Expenses	Net
\$90,685.00	\$12,551.38	\$78,133.62

**SAVE THE DATE!!!
Saturday November 15th, 2025
Annual Abundance of Blessings Gala**

Our Lady of Fatima Financials at a glance

Operation Account-October Totals	
Total Regular Monthly Income	\$45,492.29
Total Regular Expenses	\$62,936.81
Net Gain/Loss	\$17,444.52
Building Fund Account-October Totals	
Total Income	\$36,272.84
Total Expenses	\$27,920.33
Net Gain/Loss	\$8,352.51

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