



# Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

**Pastor:** Father César Vega-Mendoza    Pastor@olf.church  
**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.



## **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

### **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.

#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday,-Friday 9am to 5:00pm

**Phone:** 509-765-6729

**Website:** olf.church

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Moses Lake, WA

**Address:** 200 N. Dale Road – Moses Lake, WA 98837

## What's Happening at OLF This Week?

**Monday:** Posada 6pm Bible Buddies Group 12pm Vigil Mass Choir 5:30pm Adult Choir 5:30pm  
Apóstoles de la Palabra 6pm Spanish Bible Class 6pm

**Tuesday:** **New Years Eve Dance 8pm**

**Wednesday:** **New Years Day-Office Closed**

**Thursday** Soup Kitchen 11am-1pm

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

**Saturday**

**Sunday** RE 7th-12th grade Youth Group 6-8pm

### Announcements:

- ◆ *The parish Office will be closed Wednesday January 1st to celebrate New Years Day*
- ◆ *The Morning Masses on the 31st of December, and the 2nd-4th of January will be at 8 am instead of 7 am*

## *Holy-Day Mass Schedule*

### *New Years Eve*

*S. Holy Mary Mother of God  
7 pm Bilingual*

### *New Years Day*

*S. Holy Mary Mother of God  
9 am English  
11:30 am Spanish*

### 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	7:30am	Bilingual
First Saturday Mass	8:00am	Bilingual
<i>followed by 15 minutes of reflection</i>		

### PRAYER REQUESTS

#### Rest of the Soul

Robert Gonzalez Jr., 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

Dolores Carvalho, Lucy Messer, William 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

## Letter From Father César



Dear Parish Family,

What an uplifting and inspiring way to celebrate The Nativity of Our Lord and Savior, by coming together as one family and being part of the beautiful liturgies for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. This was my first Christmas with you as your pastor and I was happy and overwhelmed to see your participation at all the Masses for the Holy Day. I hope you had also a wonderful Christmas Celebration with your loved ones.

I want to thank you very, very much for your generosity in all aspects in the life of Our Lady of Fatima Parish. Those who helped to enhance the beauty of the Celebrations in decorating the church for the different liturgies and for Christmas, in participating in the choir, serving at Mass, etc., thank you very much for the gifts of your Time, your Talent, and why not your Treasure; thank you also to all those who donated gifts to the Box of Joy, the initiative by Cross Catholic Outreach. I also would like to thank you for the Christmas greetings and gifts you brought or sent to me and to the staff; to all those who made a special financial gift to the parish and who also supported Catholic Charities with donations. Again, thank you, very much. May Our Good God reward you for your generosity throughout the New Year.

*“Time flies!!!”* we say, and we are now confronted with *new beginnings*, a brand-new year right in front of us, the gift of time from our Creator for us to use. We begin the New Year by celebrating Our Lady Mary as Mother of God. Mary will accompany us throughout this new year, she will encourage us to do precisely what the Gospel says she did; *“...Mary treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart.”* (Lk 2;19)

As we begin this New Year with many expectations, and I am sure, many resolutions, let us consider that line in the Gospel. Let us see how God would challenge us to *treasure* His action in our world throughout 2025. Let us ponder in our hearts His will for us, let us make that our main resolution for the New Year, so that like Mary, having reflected on God’s plan for her, we would be prompted to respond as she did, with a firm and resolute *“let it be done to me according to your word.”*(Lk 1;38b)

On behalf of Deacons Paco, Armando and Mark, all my staff, and myself, I would like to thank you for your love, appreciation and generosity throughout this 2024 coming to an end. My prayer for you and your loved ones, for the New Year, comes from the first reading for the Solemnity of Holy Mary Mother God; May *“The LORD bless you and keep you! The LORD let his face shine upon you and be gracious to you! The LORD look upon you kindly and give you peace!”* (Nm 6;24-26)

Have a Blessed New Year,  
Rev. César Vega-Mendoza  
Pastor



# Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?

Luke 2:49

## SCRIPTURE READINGS:

**First Reading**

Sirach 3:2-6,12-14

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 128

**Second Reading**

Colossians 3:12-21

**Gospel**

Luke 2:41-52

## Gospel Reflection

The Feast of the Holy Family offers us a chance to reflect on the values that strengthen our families. By looking at the examples of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, we learn about respect, love, and finding our place in God's family. These reflections help us understand how to live these virtues in our daily lives and grow closer to God.

### **Respect for Parents**

The Feast of the Holy Family calls us to honor and respect our parents. Sirach 3:2-6 emphasizes this duty, showing how it strengthens family bonds and reflects God's commandment. Respecting our parents means valuing their wisdom and guidance. It helps build a strong family foundation. Jesus set an example of obedience to His earthly parents, Mary and Joseph. In Luke 2:51, Jesus is shown returning to Nazareth and being obedient to them. This act of obedience highlights the importance of understanding and respecting our parents' role in our lives. It builds trust and mutual respect within the family.

When we respect our parents, we follow God's commandment and create a loving home environment. This respect helps us learn patience, kindness, and humility. We are reminded that honoring our parents is a vital part of living a holy and fulfilling life. By following Jesus' example, we strengthen our families and grow closer to God.

### **Love and Unity**

The Feast of the Holy Family teaches us about love and unity within the family. Colossians 3:14 speaks of love as the bond of perfection. Love is what holds a family together and fosters unity. It helps family members support each other through good times and bad. In a loving family, each member feels valued and understood. This love creates a strong sense of unity and belonging. It helps families overcome difficulties and grow stronger together. The Feast of the Holy Family encourages us to practice this kind of love in our own families.

By focusing on love, we can create a peaceful and joyful home. Love helps us forgive and move past conflicts. It encourages us to be patient and kind. The Feast of the Holy Family reminds us that love is the foundation of a happy and united family. Following this example, we can build a strong family that reflects God's love to the world.

### **Finding Our Place in God's Family**

In the time of Jesus, family was not just the people you lived with. It included the extended family, like the "House of David." The head of the house made important decisions for everyone. Loyalty was very important, and even people who were not related by blood could become family through a covenant relationship.

The Feast of the Holy Family reminds us of our place in God's family. Jesus, Mary, and Joseph show us the importance of family bonds. Jesus grew in wisdom by understanding His place in His Father's house. He was curious, asked questions, and studied. This helped Him understand that He was the beloved and obedient Son of God. We are also called to find our place in God's family. It might not always be what we want, but through prayer and discernment, we can understand God's will for us. The Feast of the Holy Family Year C teaches us to be like Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. We should respect and love each other, and seek to know our roles in God's plan.

The Feast of the Holy Family Year C provides valuable lessons on how to live in our families and find our place in God's family. By respecting our parents, fostering love and unity, and seeking our roles in God's plan, we can build strong, faithful families. These reflections guide us in living out these virtues every day, helping us grow closer to God and each other.

## Prayer

*Lord, help us to honor and respect our parents. Guide us to love and unite our families. Show us our place in Your family. Amen.*

## Reflection Questions

- What can you learn from Jesus' obedience to Mary and Joseph?
  - How does love create unity in your family?
- ◆ What are some ways you can practice forgiveness in your family?
  - ◆ What role does patience play in your family life?

## FAMILY CONNECTION

Today's Gospel describes a time of anxiety in the life of Jesus' family. We can imagine their panic and worry as they discovered that Jesus was not with the caravan returning to Nazareth. The Holy Family journeyed with family members and friends because traveling alone was dangerous. When they found Jesus at the Temple, Jesus spoke like a typical adolescent, unsympathetic to his parents' concern. Yet his words teach an important lesson about reducing anxiety in our family life. In essence, Jesus says, "If you had remembered who I am, you would have known where to find me." In their panic, Mary and Joseph had forgotten what had been told to them before Jesus' birth, that their son was the Son of God. Knowing a person well helps reduce our anxieties for them because we can better predict how they will behave, and we know their capacity to handle the challenges life might present to them.

As you gather as a family, have fun playing the game "How well do you know me?" Take turns trying to stump one another by asking family members questions about yourself, such as "What is my favorite memory of a family vacation?" "Given a choice, what dinner menu would I pick?" "If I could travel anywhere in the world, where would I go?" One member of the family might prepare and read the questions aloud as each person writes down the answers. Family members then take turns guessing the answers, playing this game as a quiz show. Observe that one thing about families is that we learn to know each other well.

## 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:

Rosalie 509-431-4364  
Jo 253-307-1574

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

## Parents Group During Religious Education:

Group will reconvene January 15th, 2025 at 6pm during Religious Education classes.

For information or questions, please call Hilary at 480-740-4082

## Religious Education News and Information

- Kinder-6th Grade will be on winter break until January 15th
- Confirmation Classes (7th-12th Grade) will resume January 5th.

**If you have not done so already, please sign up for Remind texts for your Confirmation student:  
Text the number 810-10 and put in the following code:  
1st year-@OLFCNF26  
2nd Year-@OLFCN25**



## YOUTH GROUP UPDATES!!!

Our next Youth Group will be December 29th, 6-8pm  
Be there or be square!  
All Kids Grades 9-12 welcome!!!

Follow us on Instagram:  
OLF\_Youth\_Group\_Rocks



# MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	28th	5 pm (En) 7 pm (Sp)	Karen Wilson (L) Jose Villanueva Orobio (D)
Sun	29th	11:30 am (Sp)	Brianna G Villanueva (B), Familias de OLF
Tues	31st	8 am (En)	Terri Martin (B)
Wed	1st	9 am (En)	Souls of Purgatory
Thurs	2nd	7 pm (Sp)	Almas de Purgatorio

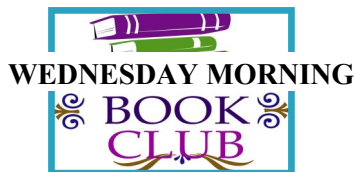
## Remembrance Flowers

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

Donation per arrangement:  
Large \$70.00; Medium \$50; Small \$30

## Eucharistic Ministry to the Homebound & Nursing Homes

If anyone knows of a parishioner or someone who is homebound or in one of the local nursing homes who would like to receive Holy Communion, please call Carrie Tatum 509-989-6591



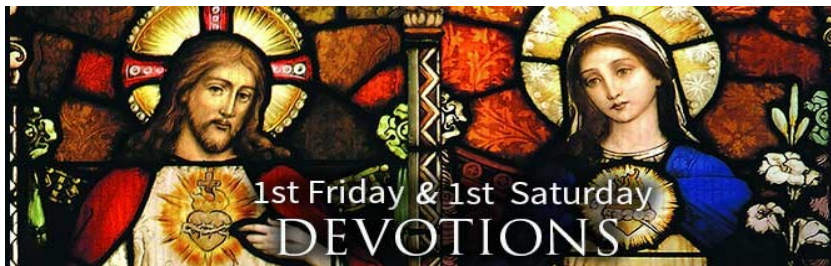
We invite everyone to join us on Wednesday mornings at 9 am in the Fatima Center as we gather for prayer and discussion of the latest book we are reading. For information, call Dee at 509-750-6728



You are invited to become a Brother Knight!  
Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism  
Serve as our core values  
Meeting's at 7:00pm 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays  
St. John of the Cross Room - Fatima Center  
Contact Grand Knight, Rolando Gonzales at 509-717-8800

## Be a part of the Bible Buddies Bible encounter group!

We meet on Mondays from 12 to 1:15 pm in the Fatima Center  
Our focus? To open our Bibles to read and discuss the upcoming Sunday's Mass readings.  
Informal, fun and light hearted  
Bring a lunch if you want.  
All are welcome!  
For info: call/text Debbie 509-989-4211



## January 3rd is 1st Friday

First Friday Mass 7:00 am (En)  
7:00pm (Sp)

## January 4th is First Saturday

First Saturday Rosary 7:30 am (Bilingual)  
First Saturday Mass 8:00am (Bilingual)\*



**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

## SEXUAL ABUSE HOTLINE

If you have been abused or victimized by a member of the Catholic clergy, please believe in the possibility for hope, help and healing.  
We encourage you to come forward and speak out. The Yakima Diocese has a sexual abuse hotline for those who wish to report some incident concerning that issue as regards to a bishop, priest, deacon or diocesan employee or volunteer. Our diocese provides a private/confidential phone line for those wishing to report incidents of sexual abuse regarding clergy, diocesan or church employees or volunteers  
1-888-276-4490.



*New Years Eve*

*Dance Dec 31*

*Fatima Center*

*200 N Dale Rd*

*Time 8-1*

*\$30 per couple*

*\$20 person*



*Must be 21 or Older*



**ITS BACK!**

Our Next Bunco Night will be Friday January 31st, 2025!

\$30 per person-dinner will be provided. Bring your friends and enjoy a fun night of games, food, and drinks!

**Abundance of Blessings Gala  
"The Numbers So Far"**

Incomes	Expenses	Net
\$92,765.00	\$13,165.60	\$79,599.40

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

**Our Lady of Fatima  
Financials at a glance**

Operation Account-November Totals	
Total Regular Monthly Income	\$48,851.62
Total Regular Expenses	\$63,683.14
<b>Net Gain/Loss</b>	<b>\$14,831.52</b>
Building Fund Account-October Totals	
Total Income	\$106,657.00
Total Expenses	\$45,085.10
Net Gain/Loss	\$61,571.90

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