



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.



Second Sunday of Advent

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

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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 **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE** Soup Kitchen 11am-1pm

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

Saturday

Sunday

Announcements:

- ◆ **Novena to Our Lady of Guadalupe daily 12/3-12/12/2024-See schedule on last page of Bulletin**
- ◆ 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 12/15 or 12/22, classes will resume Sunday 12/29

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

Lucy Messer, Wililam McCormick, Jean Agbisit, Lorraine Medrano, Anita Huerta, Corinne Gebelin, 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,

We are halfway through the novena of Rosaries and Masses in Honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe. I came across this article that can enlighten us in our devotion and honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary:

The "worship" of Mary?

There are some who think that Catholics "worship" Mary. Is that true? First, it must be said that Catholics do not worship the Virgin Mary. The cult that we profess to her is not worship, since this corresponds only to God. Catholics venerate Holy Mary, because she is the woman whom God chose to be the Mother of Christ. In other words, Mary is not just any person, she is the Mother of God himself.

Mary is Blessed because she was chosen by God to carry the Savior in her womb, and that is why Catholics have called her this way for "all generations." The respect and veneration that we Catholics profess to the Blessed Virgin therefore has solid biblical foundations.

1. From the Divine Plan: God commands us to praise Mary. The angel Gabriel sent by God greeted Mary with these words: "Rejoice, full of grace, the Lord is with you" (Lk 1:28). God the Father wanted to associate Mary with the realization of his Plan of Reconciliation. This is how Mary is associated with the work of her Son, the Lord Jesus. It is not a mere whim or exaggeration to recognize Mary's divine motherhood. The mystery of Mary is intimately linked to the mystery of her Son. In her "everything is related to Christ", subordinated to Him. Mary does not have a divine nature and all her gifts come to her through the merits of her Son, and she is still a unique woman, with unique gifts for a very particular mission in history.

Mary's cooperation in the work of Reconciliation. In order to be the Mother of the Savior, Mary was endowed by God with gifts commensurate with her important mission; she is the "Full of Grace." Without this unique grace, Mary would not have been able to respond to such a great call. She is Immaculate, free from all original sin, by virtue of the merits of her Son (LG 53).

The Gospel accounts present the virginal conception as a divine work that surpasses all human understanding and possibility (*Catechism of the Catholic Church n. 497*). Mary is, therefore, a very special woman, gifted by God to be the Mother of the Redeemer, the Mother of God.

2. The testimony of the Scriptures: The Gospels present her to us as an active collaborator in the mission of her Son. In Bethlehem she gives birth to Jesus, presents him to the shepherds, to the Magi and in the Temple; she lives with him for thirty years in Nazareth; she intercedes in Cana; she suffers at the foot of the cross; she prays in the Upper Room. Therefore, to set Mary aside, to separate her from Christ, is not what revelation teaches. If the Magi adored Jesus in the arms of Mary, is it idolatry to imitate their example?

3. In the life of the Church: The Church presents Mary to us as Advocate, Helper, Succour, Mediatrix. "But all this must be understood in such a way that it does not detract from or add anything to the dignity and efficacy of Christ, the only Mediator" (*St. Ambrose*). The moon shines because it reflects the light of the sun. The light of the moon neither detracts from nor adds anything to the light of the sun, but rather manifests its splendor. In the same way, Mary's mediation depends on that of Christ, the only Mediator.

The cult of Mary is based on these prophetic words: "All generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done wonders in me" (Lk 1:48-49). She will be called blessed, not because her nature is divine, but because of the wonders that the Almighty has done in her. Just as Mary presented the Savior to the shepherds, the King to the Magi, so that they might adore him, offer him gifts and rejoice in the joy of his coming, so the worship of the Mother makes the Son better known, loved, glorified and, at the same time, makes his commandments better fulfilled. Mary never seeks to diminish the glory of her own Son; quite the contrary, and this is how the Church has understood it since the first centuries, when the disciples prayed to the Lord in the Upper Room in the company of the Virgin Mother (Acts 1:14).

The one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus

Philippians 1:6

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

First Reading
Second Reading

Baruch 5:1-9
Philippians 1:4-6,8-11

Responsorial Psalm
Gospel

Psalm 126
Luke 3:1-6

Gospel Reflection

The 2nd Sunday of Advent calls us to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ. Through the readings, we are invited to reflect on themes of joyful return, partnership in the gospel, and clearing the path for Jesus. These reflections guide us in our spiritual journey, encouraging us to remove obstacles, grow in faith, and support one another.

Returning to Joy and Hope

The first reading from the book of Baruch speaks of a joyful return to God. Baruch invites the people to take off their garments of sorrow and put on the beauty of God's glory. This symbolizes a transformation from despair to hope. It reminds us that God is always ready to restore us, no matter how far we have strayed. Baruch speaks of God leading His people back with mercy and justice. This journey back to God is not just a physical return but a spiritual one. As we prepare for the coming of Christ, we are called to examine our hearts and return to God with joy and trust. This theme of restoration is central to the 2nd Sunday of Advent, emphasizing that Advent is a time for spiritual renewal and hope.

God promises to make the path smooth and fill the valleys, making the journey easier. This imagery shows that God removes the obstacles that hinder our return to Him. As we reflect on this reading, we can be encouraged that no matter the mountains or valleys in our lives, God is ready to help us overcome them. The 2nd Sunday of Advent reminds us of God's faithfulness and His desire to bring us back to Him in joy and hope.

Joyful Partnership in the Gospel

The 2nd Sunday of Advent offers a message of joyful partnership from Paul's letter to the Philippians. Paul begins by thanking God for the Philippians' faith and their partnership in spreading the gospel. This gratitude is a reminder of the joy that comes from working together in faith. It shows that our journey towards God is not meant to be walked alone but with the support and encouragement of others. Paul expresses confidence that God, who began a good work in the Philippians, will bring it to completion. This assurance can comfort us, reminding us that God is always at work in our lives. Even when we face challenges, we can trust that God is guiding us and helping us grow in faith. This theme is essential for the 2nd Sunday of Advent, as we reflect on how we can allow God's work to continue in our hearts.

Paul's prayer for the Philippians is that their love may abound more and more, filled with knowledge and insight. As we prepare for Christ's coming, we too should pray for growth in love and understanding. This prayer encourages us to deepen our relationships with others and with God. We are called to be active partners in the gospel, supporting one another and growing in faith and love.

Clearing the Path for Christ

This week we are invited to prepare our hearts for Jesus. In the Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to make our paths straight, which means removing anything that stands between us and God. We all face different challenges, such as pride or comfort, which can hinder our spiritual journey. This Advent, we are called to address these obstacles and make room for the Lord. John the Baptist's message was compelling because people were overwhelmed by the difficulties of their time. He offered them hope by announcing that change was coming and they needed to be ready. This preparation wasn't passive; it required active effort. John's call to baptism was a call to leave behind old habits and prepare for something new. It was about transforming their hearts and lives to welcome Jesus.

As Christians, we share in the prophetic mission through our baptism. John the Baptist proclaimed God's work, and we are also called to reveal God through our lives. Our actions and words should reflect our faith and help others encounter Jesus. However, to do this effectively, we must first confront and overcome our own obstacles. This Sunday reminds us that by actively preparing our hearts and lives, we can better guide others towards Christ.

The reflections for the 2nd Sunday of Advent Year C encourage us to prepare for Christ's coming with joyful hearts, mutual support, and clear paths. Each reading brings a unique perspective, reminding us of God's faithfulness, the importance of community, and the need for personal transformation. As we journey through Advent, let these reflections inspire us to grow in faith and love, drawing closer to God and each other.

Advent Prayer

God our Father help us keep watch and strengthen our faith as we wait for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wake us up and fund us ready to serve and praise Him. Amen.

Reflection Questions

- How can you help others in their spiritual journey?
- ◆ What does it mean to you to "put on the beauty of God's glory"?
 - In what ways can you reflect God's work in your daily life?
- ◆ What mountains or valleys are you facing, and how can you overcome them?

FAMILY CONNECTION

During the season of Advent, we choose to add many activities to our family's schedule to prepare for our celebration of Christmas. John the Baptist reminds us that our repentance is another way in which we can prepare for the Lord's coming and our celebration of Christmas. Parish communities often offer a communal celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Advent season. Your family might choose to participate in the communal celebration of the sacrament, or you might seek out this sacrament on an individual basis.

Read together today's Gospel, Luke 3:1-6. Talk about how John the Baptist called upon the people to prepare the way of the Lord through repentance. Together as a family, prepare a simple reconciliation service in preparation for Christmas. Gather in a prayerful space, perhaps around the family Advent wreath. Read again from today's Gospel, Luke 3:1-6. Invite each family member to pray silently, asking God to forgive his or her sins. Pray together the Act of Contrition. Then celebrate God's forgiveness by sharing the sign of peace with one another.

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

DeColores!

You are invited to the next **Utreya in English on Monday, December 16th**, at 7pm at the Fatima Center in Moses Lake. Please come join us during this Advent season!

Past, present and future Cursillistas are all welcome!

Religious Education News and Information

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

INVITES YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN THE

Christmas Posada

DECEMBER 18



6:00
PM



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES ARE CANCELED WITH THE NORMAL ACTIVITIES IN THE CLASSROOMS SO THAT THE STUDENTS ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR PARENTS AND FAMILY PARTICIPATE IN THE CHRISTMAS POSADA THERE WILL BE NO TEACHER SUPERVISING DO NOT FORGET TO FILL OUT THE ENVELOPES SO THAT IT COUNTS AS ATTENDANCE



**OUR LADY OF FATIMA
YOUTH GROUP
MEETS THIS SUNDAY
DECEMBER 8TH**

6-8 PM

IN THE FATIMA CENTER

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AMAZING FUN
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MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	8th	8:30 am (En) 11:30 am (Sp)	Arch Bishop Jerome ListECKi (L), Andrew Werelich (L), Families of OLF Familia Lopez/Fuentes, Familias de OLF
Tues	10th	7 am (En)	Cheryl Walker (B), Michelle Bingham (L), Donald George Bauerschmidt (D)
Wed	11th	7 am (En)	Ana & John Guilherme (A), Bree Lantis (B)
Thurs	12th	7 am (En) 7 pm (Sp)	Jack O'Shea (B), Phil Walker (B) Derek & Amber Friehe

Remembrance Flowers



The Floral Arrangements
this week are dedicated In
Memory of:

Manuel Ponce



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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
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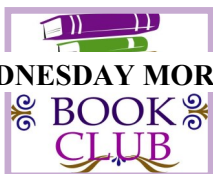


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The Knights of Columbus meet every 1st and 3rd Thursday at 7 pm in the Fatima Center.

Come see what the Knights are about. If you would like to know more, please call Grand Knight,
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WEDNESDAY MORNING

BOOK CLUB

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

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SUNDAY, DEC. 15TH, 2024 AT 3:30 P.M.

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200 N. Dale Road - Moses Lake

Admission is free but there will be a free-will offering taken at each performance.

Cookies Needed! If you would like to donate, please bring them to the parish on the day of the Cantata.

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 Valledares & 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, Maricela Robles, Marlene Borges, Carmen Garcia, Martha Ramos, Alicia Oronia, Rosie Badillo, Carla Meza
- 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, Carmelo Arceo, Ernesto Ayala, Gerardo Gonzalez
- Day 4 December 6th** **God Has Confidence in the Poor; The Powerful Distrust Him**
Jorge & Esthela Avalos, Elizabeth & Marcelo Mendoza, Juanita Smouse, Cecelia Valencia, Angie Hernandez, Raquel Martinez, Garcia Family, Geneva Ambris
- Day 5 December 7th** **God Wants Life For All His Children**
Familias de las Danzas, Imelda & Enrique Ponce, Herculano & Elvia Oronia
- Day 6 December 8th** **God's Signs Teach Us the Path We Have to Follow**
Lupita Garcia & Grupo Mariano, Marlene Vazques, Socorro Torres, Christina Rivera, Maria Perez
- Day 7 December 9th** **The Poor People are the Messenger of God**
Familia Villadares & La Busqueda
- Day 8 December 10th** **Conversion Always Leads Us to Action**
Nate & Annie Anderson, Celia Guzman, Terry Perales, Rosanne Homer, Siobhan Nichols, Delores Segura, Abarca Esquivel, Barragan Ramirez, Abarca Zamudio, Lopez, Miranda Salgado, Roja Ayala
- Day 9 December 11th** **The Vigil of Our Lady of Guadalupe**
Marichuy Clemente, Maggie Castro, Mickie Vela, Cesar Campos, Alma Campos, Lety Oronia
- Day 10 December 12th** **The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Makes Us Happy and Makes Us One Community**
Miriam Lopez, Christian Romero, Josue & Aurea Salas Tepalé, Familia Pimentel, Monica Roblesm, Familia Aguirre Gutierrez, Jesus Mendoza, Karina Marcos

Abundance of Blessings Gala "The Numbers So Far"

Incomes	Expenses	Net
\$91,445.00	\$13,072.06	\$78,372.94

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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