



# 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.



## **The Epiphany of the Lord**

### **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?

<b>Monday:</b>	Bible Buddies Group 12pm	Vigil Mass Choir 5:30pm	Adult Choir 5:30pm
	Apóstoles de la Palabra 6pm	Spanish Bible Class 6pm	
<b>Tuesday:</b>	OCIA 6-8pm		
<b>Wednesday:</b>	TOPS Group 8:30am	Rosary Group 9am	OLF Book Group 9am
<b>Thursday</b>	Soup Kitchen 11am-1pm	OCIA 6-8pm	
<b>Friday</b>	Children's Choir Practice 4-5pm	La Busqueda 6pm	
<b>Saturday</b>			
<b>Sunday</b>	RE 7th-12th grade	Youth Group 6-8pm	

### Announcements:

**“Come let us adore him”—The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring adoration on January 5th at 4pm, open to all who would like to join!**

- ◆ This weekend will be the 2nd collection for the building fund
- ◆ Evangelization Retreat will be February 20th-23rd
- ◆ Bunco is back January 31st!

**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	7:30am	Bilingual
First Saturday Mass	8:00am	Bilingual
followed by 15 minutes of reflection		

### 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

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

## Letter From Father César



Dear Parish Family,

This past November Bishop Joseph Tyson wrote to you requesting your generous support for the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) here in the Diocese of Yakima. As a marvelous example of charity, many in our parish have responded generously to this appeal.

I am writing to you to thank you if you already made this year's commitment or to encourage you to make a financial pledge to this important appeal. Please know that I have already made my pledge. I do so because I know the importance of our support for our Church here in Central Washington.

As you know, our parish actively promotes the concept of stewardship as a vital part of Christian life and discipleship. Briefly, one could define stewardship as offering back to God and to the Church a just portion of what God has given to us. Our annual contribution to the diocese through the ACA is the partial fulfillment of our role as good stewards of all that God has given us. From the 10% of our total tithing, the ACA represents the 1% of that.

The work of the church throughout the Diocese of Yakima depends on our generosity to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Your participation in the ACA is a valued means of support for many diocesan ministries and services including: Support of our retired priests, Catholic Campus Ministry at Central Washington University, Diocesan support to the religious formation of children, youth, and adults, social justice and respect life programs. In addition, the promotion of vocations to the priesthood, seminarian education, the support of the Permanent Diaconate as well as the Office of Canonical Concerns (*Marriage Tribunal*) also receives needed funding through your active support of the ACA. Your ACA contribution will help to maintain these essential services.

Your ACA pledge assists Bishop Tyson in his ministry as the shepherd of the approximately 79,000 Catholic faithful of Central Washington. Most of these ministries and services are simply beyond the ability of the parishes to be able to offer on their own, especially in the case of small to medium sized parishes.

I strongly encourage every family in our parish to offer a portion of their treasure as a gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal. So far only 67 out of 1,500 registered families have made their pledge, which represents only the 4.4% participation. It is my dream to achieve 100% participation at Our Lady of Fatima, no matter the size of your contribution, I ask that you please respond and be part of this effort to assist our diocese in its annual appeal, upon which it depends year in and year out to meet its budget. Please note that the diocese will return to the local parish all funds donated in excess of our parish goal which is \$86,353.00 for this year.

On behalf of Bishop Tyson, I thank you so much for your prayerful consideration of and participation in this appeal. May our Lord abundantly bless you and your loved ones in this New Year.

Greetings and Blessings  
Rev. Cesar Vega-Mendoza  
Pastor

*See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory*

Isaiah 60:1

### SCRIPTURE READINGS:

**First Reading**

Isaiah 60:1-6

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 72

**Second Reading**

Ephesians 3:2-3A,5-6

**Gospel**

Matthew 2:1-12

### Gospel Reflection

The Feast of the Epiphany is a celebration of light and revelation. It marks the visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus, highlighting that His coming is for all nations. Through reflections on Isaiah's prophecy, Paul's letter to the Ephesians, and the Gospel of Matthew, we explore how Jesus' light shines for all, guiding and inviting us to follow Him.

#### **The Light That Shines for All**

The Feast of the Epiphany is a celebration of light. Isaiah's prophecy speaks of a great light shining upon Jerusalem. This light attracts nations and kings. It shows the presence of God and marks the beginning of a new time. This prophecy points to the coming of Jesus, the Messiah. He is the light for all people. Isaiah mentions gifts of gold and frankincense. These gifts are the same as those the Magi brought to Jesus. This connection ties the Old Testament to the New Testament. It shows how the prophecies are fulfilled in Jesus. The gifts of the Magi honor Jesus as king and God. The Epiphany is not just about an event long ago. It reminds us that Jesus' mission is for everyone. He came for all nations and all people. The light of Jesus shines on us today, guiding us and showing us the way. This light invites us to follow Jesus and to share His light with others.

#### **A Universal Invitation**

In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul talks about a mystery revealed to him. This mystery is that Gentiles are co-heirs with Jews, sharing in the same promises through Jesus. This reading fits well with the Feast of the Epiphany. It shows that the salvation Jesus brings is for everyone. In the past, there were strong divisions between Jews and Gentiles. Paul's message was radical because it broke down these barriers. He explained that in Jesus, all people are welcome. This is the same message we see in the Epiphany, where the Magi, who were not Jews, came to worship Jesus. Their visit shows that Jesus came for all nations. The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates this inclusive message. It reminds us that Jesus' grace is for everyone, no matter their background. The light of Jesus shines on all people, inviting us to be part of God's family. We are called to live out this message of unity and share the good news with others.

#### **The Magi and the Humble King**

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of the Magi visiting Jesus. This is more than a story about wise men bringing gifts. It shows that Jesus is the Messiah for all people. The star guiding the Magi symbolizes God's light leading all nations to Jesus. This light is different from the power of King Herod. Herod is powerful and fearful. Jesus, though a baby, shows a different kind of kingship. He is humble and vulnerable, yet He changes the world. Matthew's account highlights that Jesus' mission is for everyone, not just for the Jews. Some think Matthew added details to show this point. But even without proof against it, this story is important in our faith. It shows that from the start, Jesus' life was marked by signs for all people, beyond Israel.

The contrast between Jesus and Herod is clear. Herod hears of a new king and reacts with violence. He orders the killing of male children to protect his power. Jesus, as a baby, is innocent and helpless. Yet, He represents a new kind of authority. This story sets the stage for Jesus' ministry, which challenges traditional views of power.

Jesus' kingship is marked by humility and love. He does not come with force but with gentleness. The Magi, wise and powerful in their own right, bow down to this humble king. This act shows that true wisdom recognizes the value of humility and love. The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates this revelation. It shows us that God's kingdom is different from earthly kingdoms. In God's kingdom, the humble are lifted up, and true power is found in love and service. Jesus came for all people, and His light shines on everyone.

As we reflect on the Epiphany, we are reminded to follow the example of the Magi. We are called to seek Jesus, recognize His light, and honor Him as our king. Let us embrace the humility and love that Jesus shows us and share His light with the world. As we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, we are reminded that Jesus' light shines for everyone. His humble kingship calls us to live with love and service. Let us follow the example of the Magi, seeking Jesus and sharing His light with the world.

### Prayer

*Lord Jesus, light of the world, guide us to You. Help us to see Your light in our lives. May we follow Your example of humility and love. Teach us to share Your light with others, showing them the way to Your truth and grace. Amen.*

### Reflection Questions

- How does the Feast of the Epiphany highlight the universality of Jesus' mission?
  - What significance do the gifts of the Magi have in honoring Jesus?
  - How does Isaiah's prophecy connect to the coming of Jesus?



## FAMILY CONNECTION

The tradition of giving gifts at Christmas is thought by some to be rooted in the gift giving of the Magi. In many cultures, gifts are not exchanged at Christmas, but rather on the feast of the Epiphany. Whenever you exchange your Christmas gifts, take some time to reflect on this tradition of gift giving at Christmas. Think of the best gift you have received. What was it? What made it special? Was it the gift itself, the thought that went into it, or the person who gave it to you?

Read today's Gospel, Matthew 2:1-12. The gifts of the Magi—gold, frankincense, and myrrh—have come to be understood as symbols of Christ's royalty, divinity, and eventual suffering and death. They are special because in giving them, the Magi acknowledge who Jesus was to be: our Savior. We pray that we will acknowledge Jesus as Savior in all that we do and say. Conclude by singing together "We Three Kings."

**Looking for fun ways to connect with your kids and help them find fun and joy in being Catholic?**

Check out the Catholic Kids Bulletin! This is a weekly bulletin designed to engage children and teach them about each week's readings. Located on the Religious Education Table!

### 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!!!

Join us January 12th for an **AMAZING TIME!**  
6-8pm in the Fatima Center

Follow us on Instagram:  
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## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sat</b>	<b>4th</b>	7 am (Bi) 5 pm (En)	Bob Tatum (L) Freeman Tucker (L)
<b>Sun</b>	<b>5th</b>	8:30 am (En) 11:30 am (Sp)	Rori Preston (L), Families of OLF Familias de OLF
<b>Tues</b>	<b>7th</b>	7 am (En)	George Ghiglia (D)
<b>Wed</b>	<b>8th</b>	7 am (En)	Celia Guzman (L)
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>9th</b>	7 am (En) 7 pm (SP)	All souls of Purgatory Almas de Purgatorio, Porfirio Perales (L)
<b>Fri</b>	<b>10th</b>	7 am (En)	Porfirio Perales (L)

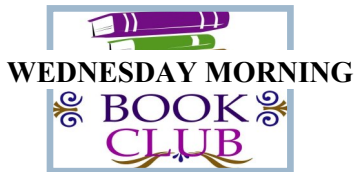
### *Remembrance Flowers*

**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 and 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

If you would like an announcement printed in the weekly bulletin, or would like to have your business advertised, please email your request to [Administrator@OLF.church](mailto:Administrator@OLF.church)



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**Our Lady of Fatima Parish**



**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.



**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!

**Upcoming Mens Retreat**  
 January 18th from 9am-2pm  
 Lunch will be provided!  
 More info to follow in next weeks bulletin!



**SAVE THE DATE!**

The annual **Evangelization retreat** will be **February 20th-23rd, 2025** in the **Fatima Center**.

To all past Retreatants, the planning for the retreat is beginning.  
 If you are interested in joining the retreat team, please call Prelita at 509-431-4561

**The Fatima Center is available to rent for Parties and Events!**

If you are interested in renting the center, please contact the parish office to inquire about available dates.

Rental Prices are as follows:

- Refundable Cleaning Deposit: \$500  
 Due at time of rental reservation
- All Day Prices
  - Hall: \$800
  - Hall and Kitchen: \$1000
- Hourly Prices:
  - Hall: \$100
  - Hall and Kitchen: \$150
  - Classrooms: \$100

If you are planning on having alcohol at your event you must book 2 months ahead of the event date.  
 A liquor permit and Security team are required for events where there will be alcohol served!  
 We also require an insurance policy for the event date to ensure that the Fatima Center is covered in case of major damages or issues!

**Abundance of Blessings Gala  
 Final Numbers**

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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