



# 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.



## **The Baptism 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	Spanish Bible Class 6pm
	Apóstoles de la Palabra 6pm			
<b>Tuesday:</b>	OCIA 6-8pm			
<b>Wednesday:</b>	TOPS Group 8:30am	Rosary Group 9am	OLF Book Group 9am	Religious Ed K-6 6-7:30pm
<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>	Men's Retreat 9am-2pm			
<b>Sunday</b>	RE 7th-12th grade	Youth Group 6-8pm		

### Announcements:

- ◆ Men's Retreat January 18th 9am-2pm, lunch will be provided
  - ◆ Evangelization Retreat will be February 20th-23rd
    - ◆ Bunco is back January 31st!
  - ◆ English Ultreya Monday January 20th 7pm in the Fatima Center
- ◆ The office will be closed Monday January 20th in honor of Martin Luther King Jr Day
- ◆ **Tuesday January 14th we need volunteers to come help remove the Christmas decorations from the church and Fatima Center**
  - ◆ **Father Cesar will be gone from January 13-24. Communion services on weekdays.**
    - ◆ **No confessions January 14th, 16th, 21st, or 23rd .**

### 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 minutes of reflection		

### PRAYER REQUESTS

#### Repose of the Soul

Jorge Negrete, Bill Herup, 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

“Time to Plan”

Diocesan Annual Catholic Appeal ACA 2025

1%



Dear Parish Family,

I want to thank you for the many generous gifts of *time, talent* and *treasure* that you share with Our Lady of Fatima Parish throughout the year. We are very blessed that so many parishioners respond to the needs our faith community, not only in our parish, but as well as at the Diocesan level and in the outreach we do to so many charitable organizations we help throughout the year through our 10% tithing.

Since few of us Catholics have ever challenged ourselves with this kind of giving, we may ask ourselves, how do I handle so many asks? One of the ideas was to invite everyone to consider the **5% to parish, 4% to the charities** of your choice, and the other **1% to the Diocese through the ACA**. It just seemed that this type of plan would help to relieve all the guilt that we experience from having to be confronted with so many “asks”.

With that as a context it is that time of the year where Mother Church invites to *Plan our giving’ for* the next year and in a very particular way this weekend to the different ministries funded by the Diocesan Offices through the Annual Catholic Appeal. This appeal is the **once a year** opportunity we have to support the Ministry of Our Bishop in Central Washington.

There are few who take up this opportunity to trust God with their lives and their livelihood to this extent of tithing. Probably you may say, is Father asking for money again? Actually no, we already donate to our Diocese. This is just a tool and reminder that we are at that time of the year and Mother Church encourages us to renew our annual commitment for those who already participate in previous years. And for those who have not, I would really encourage you be part of this effort.

You might have received already in the mail the envelope from Bishop regarding the Annual Catholic Appeal, and perhaps responded to it already. I thank you for your continual support. If you have not received it, or are doing it for the first time, you will find envelopes in the pews. Please prayerfully consider tithing the 1% for Our Diocese.

Remember that God asks different people to share in different ways, and it is up to us to respond as He asks us individually.

Thank you all for taking the Time to Plan your stewardship to our Diocese through the 2025 ACA.

Greetings and Blessings  
Fr. Cesar Vega-Mendoza  
Pastor

# *You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.*

*Luke 3:22*

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

**First Reading**

Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7

**Responsorial Psalm**

Psalm 29

**Second Reading**

Acts 10:30-38

**Gospel**

Luke 3:15-16,21-22

## **Gospel Reflection**

In the Baptism of the Lord, we reflect on the special event of Jesus' baptism. Jesus, though sinless, chose to be baptized by John the Baptist, who called people to repent. On the Baptism of the Lord Year C, we reflect on the baptism of Jesus. This event reveals Jesus' humility, marks the start of his mission, and shows the Trinity. By looking at Jesus' baptism, we can understand more about our own baptism and the call to serve and love others.

### **A Sign of Love and Humility**

Why did Jesus, who had no need to repent, decide to be baptized? One reason is that Jesus wanted to show his support and understanding for us. He wanted to share in our humanity and weaknesses. By being baptized, Jesus stood with those who were seeking forgiveness and a new start. He showed that he was not distant from us but very close, sharing in our struggles. Another reason is that Jesus' baptism was a way to begin his mission. It was a public sign that he was ready to do God's work. The heavens opened, and the Holy Spirit came down like a dove. A voice from heaven said, "You are my beloved Son; with you, I am well pleased." This showed that Jesus was chosen by God for a special purpose.

Through Jesus' baptism, we see how much God loves us. Jesus showed that he is with us in our joys and our difficulties. He came to save us and to show us the way to God. By being baptized, Jesus showed that he was one of us, sharing in everything we go through.

### **A Call to Serve and Love**

This weekend, we remember the day Jesus was baptized. This event marked the beginning of his important work. When Jesus came out of the water, he prayed, making it clear that this was a special moment in his life. The Holy Spirit came down on him like a dove. This is similar to how the Spirit empowered the disciples at Pentecost for their mission. Jesus' baptism prepared him to spread the good news, heal broken hearts, and set people free. He was ready to do God's work and to show God's love to everyone. Jesus cared for people like a shepherd cares for sheep. He was gentle, kind, and always ready to help those in need.

When we think about Jesus' baptism, we should also think about our own baptism. Our baptism prepares us to share in the work of Jesus. We are called to care for one another, to help those in need, to show mercy and love, and to guide others toward God's goodness. Baptism makes us part of God's family and gives us a mission to share God's love with others. Just as Jesus was empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are also given the strength to do good in our lives. We can bring hope to those who are sad, help those who are struggling, and show kindness to everyone we meet. Through our actions, we can show the love of God in the world.

### **A Glimpse of the Trinity**

In the Baptism of the Lord we see a special moment where the Trinity is revealed. The baptism of Jesus shows us the presence of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. This gives us a glimpse into the Trinitarian nature of God. As Jesus is baptized, the heavens open, and the Holy Spirit comes down like a dove. At the same time, a voice from heaven speaks, saying, "You are my beloved Son; with you, I am well pleased." Here, we see the Father speaking from heaven, the Son being baptized, and the Holy Spirit descending. This moment shows us how the three Persons of the Trinity are present and working together.

This scene helps us understand that God is a community of love. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are united and share in the work of salvation. Jesus' baptism marks the beginning of his mission to bring God's love to the world. The Holy Spirit empowers him, and the Father's voice affirms him. When we think about the Trinity revealed at Jesus' baptism, we are reminded that our own baptism also connects us to this loving relationship. We are invited to share in the life of the Trinity and to spread God's love to others. Just as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are united in love and mission, we are called to live in love and to serve others in our daily lives.

Reflecting on the Baptism of the Lord Year C helps us see Jesus' love, the beginning of his mission, and the unity of the Trinity. It reminds us of our own baptism and our call to live in love and service. We are invited to join in Jesus' mission and share God's love with everyone.

## **Prayer**

*Lord, thank you for the gift of baptism. Help us to follow Jesus' example of love and service. Fill us with your Holy Spirit so we can bring hope and kindness to others. Amen.*

## **Reflection Questions**

- ◆ What does it mean for us that Jesus was baptized and empowered by the Holy Spirit?
  - ◆ How can we see our own baptism as a call to mission?
  - ◆ In what ways can we show love and service to others as Jesus did?



## FAMILY CONNECTION

Every family has a unique identity that is defined by the behaviors, attitudes, and expectations that govern a family's daily life. This identity is influenced by the family history of the parents, but each family's expression of this history is unique. In today's Gospel, we learn that Jesus' behavior, attitudes, and expectations were governed by his identity as God's beloved Son. In our Baptism, we were made children of this same heavenly Father. This identity as members of the family of God, and as brothers and sisters of Jesus, also shapes our family's daily life.

As you gather as a family, identify some of the expectations and behaviors that govern your family life by answering the question, "What are some of the things that make our family life unique?" Celebrate these things about your family life. Read today's Gospel, Luke 3:15-16, 21-22. Observe that Jesus' identity as the Beloved Son of the Father governed his behaviors, attitudes, and expectations. Recall that at our Baptism we were made children of this same heavenly Father. How does this identity as a member of the family of God govern and shape our family life? Conclude in prayer together that we will remain faithful to our baptismal identity as children of God and as brothers or sisters of Jesus. Conclude by praying together the Lord's Prayer.

**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 resume classes Wednesday January 15th at 6pm!

**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 19th for an **AMAZING TIME!**

**6-8pm in the Fatima Center**

Follow us on Instagram:  
[OLF\\_Youth\\_Group\\_Rocks](#)



# MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Sat</b>	<b>11th</b>	<b>5 pm</b> (En) <b>7 pm</b> (Sp)	Doris Wilson (L) Maria de Rosario Maquez Ponce (D), Adan Sanchez (D), Elena Lara (D)
<b>Sun</b>	<b>12th</b>	<b>8:30 am</b> (En) <b>11:30 am</b> (Sp)	Yemaya Castenada (L) Families of OLF Genoveva Guillen (D), Rujiero Torres (D), Rafael Torres (D), Samuel & Adrian Torres (D), Josiah Torres (D)
<b>Tues</b>	<b>14th</b>		<p><b>No Mass Intentions-Father Cesar out of town</b></p> <p><b>Communion Services on Weekdays</b></p> <p><b>No Confessions</b></p>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>15th</b>		
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>16th</b>		
<b>Fri</b>	<b>17th</b>		

## Remembrance Flowers



The flowers this weekend  
are dedicated in loving  
memory of:

**Tito Gonzalez**

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

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

## DeColores!

You are invited to the next **Ultreya 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!



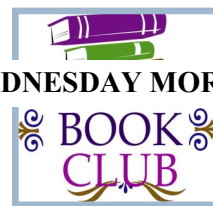
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**Our Lady of Fatima Parish**

## 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



WEDNESDAY MORNING

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



**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.



Join us for a Galentine's Cookie Decorating Class at the Fatima Center,

Friday, February 7 @ 6 PM

for an evening of creativity and fun! Check out our talented host, @julissandco on social media to get a glimpse of the skills we'll learn. This event is open to teens and adults, so don't be shy and invite a friend!



# Galentines Cookie Class

Hosted by: @Julissandco

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Friday, 2/7/25

6 PM

Fatima Center

## 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



## 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!



### 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
<b>Net Gain/Loss</b>	<b>\$61,571.90</b>



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