



# Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

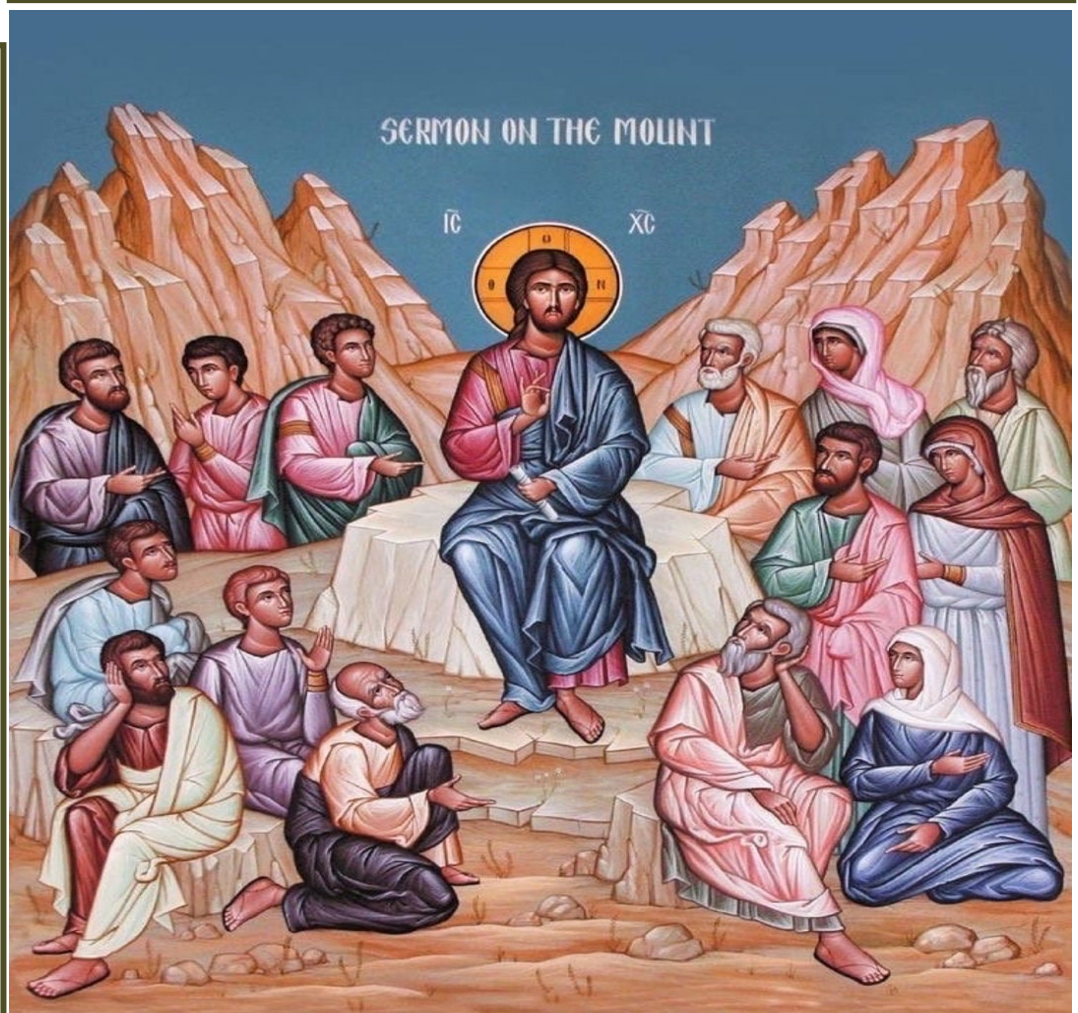
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**Deacons:** Mark Krcma, Armando Escamilla,  
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## MISSION STATEMENT

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.



## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time C

### 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  
Closed for lunch 12pm to 1pm

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## What's Happening at OLF This Week?

<b>Monday</b>	<b>17th</b>	Bible Buddies Group 12pm Spanish Bible Class 6pm	Vigil Mass Choir 5:30pm Apóstoles de la Palabra 6pm	Adult Choir 5:30pm La Busqueda 6pm	Spanish Ultreya 7pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>18th</b>	OCIA 6-8 pm			
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>19th</b>	TOPS Group 8:30am	Rosary Group 9am	OLF Book Group 9am	Religious Ed K-6 6-7:30pm
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>20th</b>	Soup Kitchen 11am-1pm	OCIA 6-8pm		
<b>Friday</b>	<b>21st</b>	Evangelization Retreat	Children's Choir Practice 4-5pm		
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>22nd</b>	Evangelization Retreat	Prepares Donation Weekend		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>23rd</b>	Evangelization Retreat	Prepares Donation Weekend		

### Announcements:

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- ◆ **PREPARES:** Donations needed! There will be a bassinet in the Gathering Area February 8th to 22nd, collecting clothing and diapers from sizes newborn to 5t.
- ◆ Beginning in March, we will have a Mass of Anointing every second Thursday of the month at 10 am, followed by lunch.
- ◆ **CURSILLO:** Spanish Cursillo will be March 13th-16th, Women's Cursillo will be March 27th-30th
- ◆ Marion Agbisit will lead a Public Rosary on March 15th-More information in next weeks bulletin!
- ◆ Lenten Retreat, hosted by Susie Johnston will be Saturday March 22nd, register in the office.

### 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

#### Rest 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, Roberto DeLeon, Ramona Rodriguez, Pat Ramirez, Damien Rocha, Jesus Delgado, Rojelio Adame,, Tito Gonzalez, Enedina Garza, Brian Wilson, Rolando Adame, David Adame, Kim Hoiness,, Sebastian Baker, Adriel Miranda, Maria Hernandez, Marchell R Espinoza, Reyes De La Cruz, Diana Keller, Mitzy Cruz, 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, Stephanie Martinez, Don Adolphson, Gordon & Beth Minnies

#### 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

Two weeks from Wednesday we will begin Lent – with Ash Wednesday we will start our annual 40-day Lenten Retreat. Would it be too soon to start thinking about and preparing for Lent? Lent will require from us to focus, if it is to affect each one of us, if it is to bring us closer to Christ. Then we would need to focus.

Perhaps we need to start making some preparations now, perhaps we have let too many Lenten go by, without a focus. Too often we stumble into Lent only to realize that we have given no thought to how we might make Lent more meaningful, more affective *and* effective. We have two weeks to focus on a purpose, so that when Easter comes, we might realize a change in our lives; a deeper relationship with our God.

Our Gospel today provides a hint to help us find our focus this coming Lent. Hearing the Beatitudes we might think about what a specific group “will” receive in the future.

But in the Gospel of Luke the first Beatitude is about what the poor “already have”:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God IS yours” The poor have already received the kingdom of God. They have it now. It is not something they will get later. The world is not a great place for the poor, and the gospel of Luke truly means the economically poor, not the “poor in spirit” like the gospel of Matthew, says.

If the world is not so easy on the poor, how do they already have it? It doesn’t look like they have a Kingdom. Luke’s gospel is not talking about a place nor is he speaking about the poor having all their needs met; he is teaching us about a way of living. At the end he speaks of a culture.

With Jesus’ teaching there is a new “culture of God” rising in the world, a culture that stands opposed to the culture of the society in which the disciples were living, in which we live. The gospel of Matthew speaks of a transcendent world and how we should live for that world to come. Luke’s gospel on the contrary is teaching us how to live “in” the world as it is right now. We are to live in the world by helping build the new culture/the kingdom of God.

Speaking only to the disciples, the Gospel of Luke is speaking to Christians back then and to all of us today. His community of Christians had a lot of rich people. They were well fed. For the most part they did not worry about where they would lay their head at night or about their next meal. For the disciples, being “rich” was viewed as being an outward sign that a person was blessed or favored by God. Being poor was a sign of being outside of God’s family.

In the Gospel of Luke, Christ reverses this notion. It is the poor who have the Kingdom, and they have it now. The rich, these disciples — all of us — may not have it at all now or in the future, if we don’t live within God’s culture.

How is God’s culture different than our culture; In our culture, the poor serve the rich, or more commonly said those who don’t have work for those who do. In God’s culture, in God’s kingdom, the rich work for the poor. To be rich, is to be blessed, but it is to be blessed for a purpose, for a vocation. To be rich, is to be put into a position by God to help and to serve the poor. In God’s culture He uses the phrase, “well done good and faithful servant.” when we have done what we were supposed to do with the most insignificant of our brothers and sisters. Our reward is not worldly recognition; it is knowing that we have pleased God.

This coming Lent, our focus can be; How do I become part of the culture of God? How do I promote God’s culture wherever I go? How do I become a good and faithful servant?

Greetings and Blessings,  
Rev. César Vega -Mendoza  
Pastor



# ***Blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of God is yours.***

Luke 6:20

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

**First Reading** – Jeremiah 17:5-8

**Responsorial Psalm** – Psalm 1

**Second Reading** – 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

**Gospel** – Luke 6:17,20-26

## **Reflection**

The readings for the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C focus on themes of trust, resurrection, and true happiness. Jeremiah, Paul, and Jesus each offer insights into how we should live our lives in faith. These reflections explore what it means to trust in God, the hope found in Jesus' resurrection, and the blessings and woes of our earthly lives.

### **Trusting in God's Strength**

Jeremiah, in the reading, warns us against trusting in human strength. He compares those who trust in humans to a shrub in the desert, dry and struggling to survive. This shows that relying on ourselves or others can leave us feeling empty and lost. Instead, Jeremiah calls us to trust in God. Those who trust in God are like a tree planted by water, always green and fruitful. This image helps us understand that God's support brings life and strength.

Trusting in God means turning to Him in all situations. It means praying and seeking His guidance. The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C reminds us that true happiness comes from relying on God, not on our own abilities.

### **Hope in the Resurrection**

In 1 Corinthians, Paul talks about the resurrection of Jesus. He explains that our faith is built on the truth that Jesus rose from the dead. Without the resurrection, our faith is useless, and we have no hope. Paul's message shows us that the resurrection is central to our faith. It gives us hope for eternal life with Jesus. This hope helps us face difficulties and challenges with confidence. Believing in the resurrection means trusting that Jesus conquered death. It means having faith that we too will have eternal life. The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C teaches us to hold on to this hope and live with joy, knowing that Jesus is alive.

### **Blessings and Woes**

The readings talk about blessings and woes. Jeremiah speaks about blessings for those who trust in God and curses for those who trust in humans. These verses remind us to seek blessings through faith in God. Jesus, in the Gospel, talks about the blessings of the poor and hungry. He contrasts their future joy with the sorrow of the rich and satisfied. Jesus warns those who are comfortable now that their happiness is temporary.

This message teaches us to look for true happiness in God. It reminds us that worldly comforts are not lasting. The 6th Sunday encourages us to trust in God and seek His blessings, knowing that He cares for those in need.

The 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C reminds us to trust in God's strength, hold on to the hope of the resurrection, and seek true happiness in Him. These reflections encourage us to deepen our faith and rely on God's guidance in all aspects of our lives. Let us open our hearts to these messages and live with faith and hope.

## **Prayer**

*Lord, help us to trust in You and not in ourselves. Strengthen our faith in the resurrection and guide us to seek true happiness in Your blessings. Amen.*

## **Reflection Questions**

- ◆ What does it mean to trust in God's strength in your daily life?
- ◆ How can you rely less on human strength and more on God?
- ◆ Why is the resurrection of Jesus central to your faith?

## FAMILY CONNECTION

Today's Gospel offers a contrast to many of the messages we hear in our society today. If we were to accept uncritically the "get ahead" messages of our culture, we would think that happiness means having money, being successful, and having many possessions. In this way, we are not unlike the people who heard Jesus teach on the day that he taught the Beatitudes. They too associated happiness with possessions and success. The report of the Beatitudes in Luke's Gospel, however, takes things one step further. Not only will we not find happiness through the "get ahead" messages of the world, but relying upon these messages will cause us harm. The warnings spoken are particularly challenging because they suggest that our way of life must change if we are to gain the lasting happiness of eternal life.

Talk together as a family about what society tells us makes a person successful. Make a list of the traits that you associate with a successful person. Then read together today's Gospel, Luke 6:17,20-26. Reflect on Jesus' description of blessedness in the Kingdom of God. Then consider the warnings. Why are these surprising and challenging? What, then, is the measure of success in the Kingdom of God? Together write prayers of petition based on your discussion. Pray these prayers together, asking God to help your family seek the blessings of the Kingdom of God.

**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:

Parents, Grandparents and other interested adults are invited to join us on Wednesday nights during Religious Ed for a Bilingual group in the gathering area of the church.

We are beginning a new study on the Creed, learning more deeply about the beautiful Catholic faith that we profess.

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

## Religious Education News and Information

**Dates to Remember:  
1st Communion Retreat-  
April 5th at 8 am**

**1st Communion Mass-  
May 3rd at 10 am**

**Confirmation-  
July 6th at 5 pm**

## YOUTH GROUP UPDATES!!!

We would like to extend a HUGE shoutout to Lake Bowl and the Duzon family for sponsoring such an incredible evening this past weekend. The kids had a blast!



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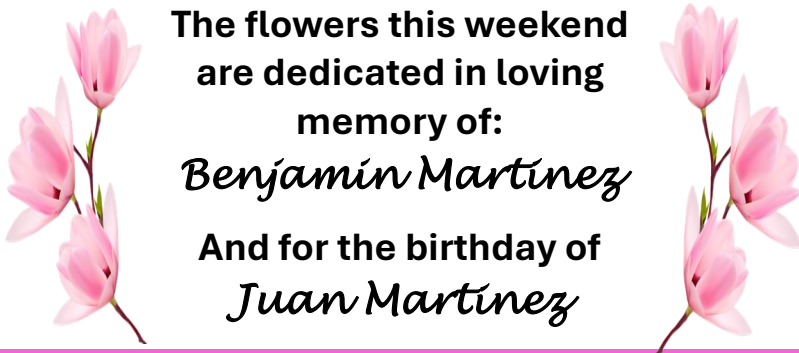
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# Mass Intentions

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>18th</b>	7 am:	Ford Tucker (D), Hilary Tucker (L), Hannah Hilgendorf (L), Fred Tucker (L), (Anniversary of baptisms)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>19th</b>	7 am:	James Sampson (B)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>20th</b>	7 am:	Phil & Geneva Herman (D)
		7 pm (Sp):	Familia de Lopez Fuentes
<b>Friday</b>	<b>21st</b>	7 am:	Maria Guilherme (D), Amaira Luedke (B), Souls of Purgatory
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>22nd</b>	7 pm:	Almas de Purgatorio, Marcelina Garcia (D)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>23rd</b>	8:30 am	Briella Villafana (L)
		11:30 am	Jose Luis Rivera Jr (D)

## Remembrance Flowers



The flowers this weekend are dedicated in loving memory of:

*Benjamin Martinez*

And for the birthday of

*Juan Martinez*

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

**Register Now:**

The annual **Evangelization Retreat** will be **February 21st-23rd, 2025** in the **Fatima Center**.

**Schedule:**

Fri Feb 21-5:30pm-9pm  
Sat Feb 22-8am-10pm  
Sun Feb 23-7am-4pm

**There will be no overnight stays for this years retreat.**

## 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

**Attention:**

If you would like an announcement printed in the weekly bulletin, or would like to have your business advertised, please email your request to:

**Pastor@OLF.Church**  
**& Administrator@OLF.Church**  
**& OfficeManager@OLF.Church**

**Requests must be submitted the week prior to being put in the bulletin.**

If you have any questions regarding this, please call the parish office.



**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



## News This Week:

- Knights of the Year - Jerry Ellis & Anthony Mejia
- Family of the Year - The family of Jerry & Susie Ellis
- Adoration Program – Scott Schwab
- Men's Retreat – Mark Krcma

## 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  
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**Dear Parishioners,**

We have exciting news to share with you! Thanks to the  
incredible generosity of our parish family, we were able to  
make a principal payment on the loan both in January and  
again this week. So far this year, we've already paid nearly  
\$200,000 toward the loan! This not only lowers our monthly  
payments but also saves us a significant amount in interest.

As a result, the loan balance is officially under \$2 million!

Your unwavering commitment to our parish is truly inspiring,  
and we want to express our heartfelt thanks for all your  
support. Let's continue this momentum as we move forward  
into 2025!

With gratitude,  
Father César and the Parish Staff

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

**Operation Account-December Totals**

Total Regular Monthly Income	\$50,965.29
Total Regular Expenses	\$66,136.80
<b>Net Gain/Loss</b>	<b>\$15,171.51</b>

**Building Fund (Loan) Account-January Totals**

Total Income	\$113,627.79
Total Expenses (Principle Payment plus regular monthly payment)	\$117,331.12
<b>Net Gain/Loss</b>	<b>\$3,703.33</b>



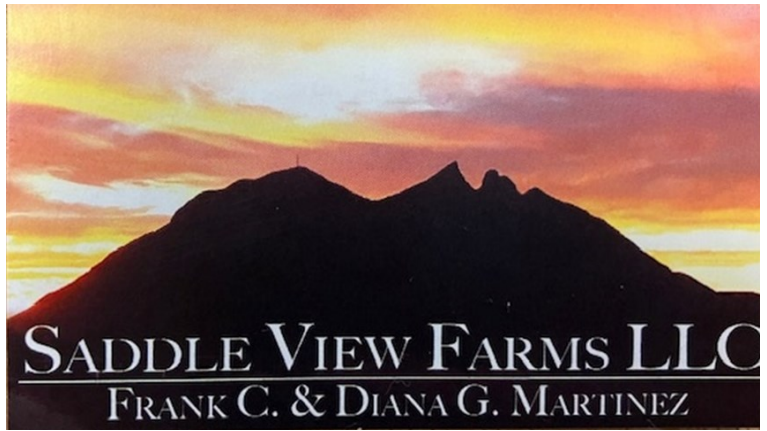
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