



# 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.



## **Seventh 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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Moses Lake, WA

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## What's Happening at OLF This Week?

<b>Monday</b>	<b>24th</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>25th</b>	OCIA 6-8 pm			
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>26th</b>	<b>Food Distribution 11am-1pm</b> Religious Ed K-6 6-7:30pm	TOPS Group 8:30am	Rosary Group 9am	OLF Book Group 9am
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>27th</b>	Soup Kitchen 11am-1pm	OCIA 6-8pm		
<b>Friday</b>	<b>28th</b>	Children's Choir Practice 4-5pm			
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>March 1st</b>	<b>First Saturday</b>			
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2nd</b>	Knights of Columbus Breakfast	Youth Group 6pm-8pm		

### Announcements:

**BULLETIN ADVERTISERS: RENEWAL FORMS WERE MAILED OUT IN JANUARY. IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR ADVERTISEMENT TO REMAIN IN THE BULLETIN PLEASE RETURN THE RENEWAL FORM TO THE OFFICE! Thank you!!!**

- ◆ March 13th will be the first monthly Mass of Anointing at 10am, 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
- ◆ Lenten Retreat, hosted by Susie Johnston will be Saturday March 22nd

### 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 Sundays ago, I wrote to you about stewardship as a way of life. This week I would like to reflect on it as a Spirituality for life; *Stewardship is living out a commitment to be Christ-centered rather than self-centered. This conversion is the result of our total self being focused on God as the Creator and giver of all good gifts. Profound gratitude, justice and love become the fundamental motives for giving back to God.*

Christian stewardship can be identified by several meaningful characteristics:

Christian stewardship provides spirituality that a layperson can take home from church, exercise at work, and express through personal involvement in both the community and the Church. Christian stewardship successfully bridges the material world around us and the world of the Spirit within us.

Stewardship gives joy! Those who voluntarily give their time and abilities for work in the parish and the world will always experience joy if they give them for Christ. They are not, however, guaranteed freedom from frustration. Stewardship is not job-oriented or project-minded. It is a way of life for a lifetime.

Christian stewardship takes a positive view of money. It sees money not only as a medium of exchange but also as a symbol of the person who has it. We reveal something of who we are by the way we acquire it, use it, and share it. Christian stewardship helps us to become aware that God is the ultimate giver of the gifts we have. Our gift to God should be from off the top – not from what may be left over. Stewardship teaches Christians to be concerned about where and how to share their parish financial overflow. Stewardship is not giving, just to meet the needs of the budget.

Jesus Christ is God's greatest gift to us. Stewardship tells us to share a portion of our time, talent, and treasure so that the Gift, Jesus Christ, may be given to those who do not know Him. No doubt, the spiritual benefits outweigh all else. Properly presented, teaching about stewardship will deepen people's faith and ultimately change their lives.

Thank you for all you do at Our Lady of Fatima Parish. May God reward your generosity of Time, Talent and Treasure.

Greetings and Blessings,  
Rev. César Vega-Mendoza  
Pastor

***Do not judge, Christ tells us. How many times do we not only pass along gossip or rumors, but consider ourselves justified when we are harsh in our judgement of others. We can be indulgent with ourselves, but inflexible with others. Pope Francis***

**SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

**First Reading** – 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

**Responsorial Psalm** – Psalm 103

**Second Reading** – 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

**Gospel** – Luke 6:27-38

**Reflection**

The 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C offers us lessons on mercy, forgiveness, and living like Jesus. The readings guide us in avoiding judgment, showing compassion, and bearing the image of Christ in our actions. By reflecting on these themes, we can grow in love and understanding, bringing us closer to living out our faith in everyday life.

**Showing Compassion**

The 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C reminds us of Jesus' teaching about not judging others. Jesus warns us against judging because it leads to unfairness and a lack of compassion. When we judge, we often don't know the whole story and can hurt others with our assumptions. Jesus calls us to understand and help each other. Instead of judging, we should try to understand the struggles others are facing. Showing compassion means being kind and supportive, even when we don't fully understand someone's situation.

Judging others can create barriers and harm relationships. It separates us and makes it hard to see the good in others. By choosing to show understanding instead of judgment, we can build stronger, more loving communities. Reflecting on this message, we see that Jesus wants us to follow His example of love and mercy. When we avoid judging and instead show compassion, we follow the path that Jesus set for us. This way, we help bring more kindness and understanding into the world.

**Living Like Christ**

The 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C also brings Paul's message about bearing the image of Christ. Paul explains that we are to live like Jesus, showing His love and mercy in our actions. Living like Christ means embodying His values in our everyday lives. Being in the image of Christ means showing love, kindness, and forgiveness. Jesus showed us how to love others, even those who hurt us. By following His example, we can reflect His goodness to the people around us.

This calling is not always easy. It requires patience and a willingness to put others first. But when we strive to live like Christ, we become a light for others, showing them the path to peace and love. Reflecting on Paul's message during the 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, we are reminded of our call to live like Jesus. By bearing His image in our actions, we help to spread His message of love and kindness. This way, we bring a bit of Christ's love into the world each day.

**Mercy and Forgiveness**

The 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C teaches us about being faithful to Jesus' call. Jesus tells us to love our enemies, which goes against the way our world usually works. Today, we often see competition, especially in politics and on social media, where getting ahead seems most important. Imagine how different things could be if we truly loved our enemies and showed forgiveness and mercy to everyone.

Jesus' message is clear. We are called to a life of mercy, just like David showed mercy to Saul. Mercy means choosing kindness over revenge. It means forgiving others, even when it is hard. This path is not easy, but it brings us closer to living like Jesus. Forgiveness is something we all need. We might think it is just for those who have wronged us, but we also need it for ourselves. Holding grudges can harm us and prevent us from finding peace. Jesus reminds us that we should forgive to be forgiven. Healing from wounds takes time. When someone hurts us, the pain doesn't disappear overnight. We can pray for God's help in healing our hearts. Asking for the strength to let go of our need for revenge and for the desire to forgive can lead us to true peace.

On this 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C, let's remember Jesus' teachings. By choosing love and mercy over revenge, and by seeking forgiveness, we can live a life that reflects Jesus' love. This change in our hearts can make the world a better place. The reflections for the 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C remind us of the importance of living out Jesus' teachings in our daily lives. By avoiding judgment, showing compassion, and striving to live like Christ, we can make a positive impact on those around us. These lessons encourage us to grow in love, forgiveness, and mercy, bringing us closer to the heart of Jesus.

**Prayer**

*Lord, help us to follow Your example of love and mercy. Teach us to avoid judging others and to show compassion instead. Give us the strength to live like Jesus, spreading kindness and forgiveness. Amen.*

**Reflection Questions**

- ◆ How can living like Christ change our interactions with others?
- ◆ What does it mean to bear the image of Christ in our actions?
- ◆ How can we practice showing mercy to those who have hurt us?

## FAMILY CONNECTION

It is easy to choose to be with others when they are acting politely and respectfully. But children do not always act this way, especially with other family members. We can probably all recall a family meal in which such behavior was not observed. Yet we probably chose to sit through the meal anyway. We regularly give our children second chances—and often third and fourth chances—hoping that our generosity will be rewarded. That is how God acts with us. The ethic that Jesus describes seems like an impossible task: to give when asked and to do good to those who hate us. Yet family life is filled with opportunities to act generously and to love without measure. This is what we parents try to do every day. This is what we ask our children to learn. We are reminded that when we love generously and gratuitously, we love as God loves us. This is the meaning of mercy.

As you gather as a family, identify some things that family members are expected to do each day (prepare meals, go to school or work; complete homework assignments, complete household chores, behave appropriately at school, at work and at home; and so on). Discuss whether it is easy to live up to these expectations. Why or why not? Then discuss the meaning of the phrase “go the extra mile” and what it would mean to go the extra mile in the expectations you identified. Introduce today's Gospel: *In today's Gospel reading, Jesus describes how we are to act toward one another. What he says may sound like what we mean by the phrase “going the extra mile.”* Read aloud today's Gospel, Luke 6:27-38. Discuss whether the actions Jesus describes are easy and consider why we might act in these ways if they seem difficult. Observe that today's Gospel challenges us to make choices based on God's standard; God loves us all the time by going the extra mile for us. During a time of quiet reflection, invite each family member to choose an action for the week in which he or she will go the “extra mile” for the family. Conclude in prayer by praying together St. Ignatius's Prayer for Generosity.

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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!!!



**No Youth Group Sunday, February 23rd,**

**BUT DON'T MISS OUT because MARCH 2nd is going to be the MOST EPIC YOUTH GROUP EVER!!!**  
**Delicious food, amazing fun games, and so so much more!!!**  
**In the FATIMA CENTER from 6-8pm. BRING A FRIEND!**



## Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>22nd</b>	5 pm:	Grace Whitkey (B)
		7 pm:	Almas de Purgatorio, Marcelina Garcia (D)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>23rd</b>	8:30 am:	Briella Villafana (L), Manuel Santoyo (D), Gerardo Santoyo (D), Moises Ramirez (D), Julia & Felicitas Sanchez Zepeda (D)
		11:30 am	Jose Luis Rivera Jr. (D), Lorna Paola Villanueva (D), Maricela Hernandez Rivera (D), Fidel Cortez Jr. (D)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>25th</b>	7 pm:	Jerry & Lupe DelaRosa (A)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>26th</b>	7 am:	Joel Rodriguez (B)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>27th</b>	7 am:	Souls of Purgatory
		7 pm (Sp):	Emmanuel Angeles Hernandez (D), Almas de Purgatorio
<b>Friday</b>	<b>28th</b>	7 am:	Carol Knopp (B), Rudy & Dolly Perales (L)

## Remembrance Flowers



**The flowers this weekend  
are dedicated in loving  
memory of:**

*Ellen Nibarger  
& Julia Sanchez  
Zepeda*



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

**Journey to the Cross  
Parish Retreat  
Exploring the Lenten Symbols of Our Faith**



**Saturday, March 22 9:00 am to 3:00 pm  
Fatima Center  
Cost: \$35.00 (includes lunch)  
RSVP: Parish Office 509-765-6729  
Retreat Presenter: Susie Johnston**



### News This Week:

- Knights of Columbus breakfast march 2nd-all proceeds will be donated to the building fund.

## 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

### 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.

## UPCOMING EVENT: PUBLIC ROSARY

Marian Agbisit will lead a public rosary on **March 15, 2025** at **12pm** at **The "Twin Towers"** by the Public Library.

The Rosary will be prayed for the Sanctity of Marriage, for reparations to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary, and to honor St. Joseph on his upcoming feast day March 19th.

All Parishioners are welcome to attend.



For more information contact (509) 750-7691



# free food distribution

## Our Lady of Fatima Church

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### Wednesday, February 26th

11:00AM - 1:00PM

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So far we have reached **37%** of our goal for the 2025 ACA, as of January 31st, with only **6%**

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### Fatima Center Update

Our current loan balance is  
**\$1,881,219.77**

At this time last year, we owed  
**\$2,365,179.76**

This means that throughout the past year, we have been able to reduce our balance by **\$483,959.99**

**THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR GENEROSITY TOWARDS OUR AMAZING PARISH!!**

### 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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