WEEKLY BULLETIN

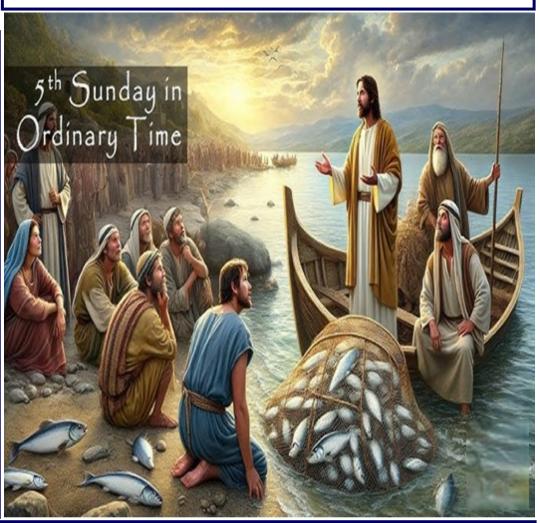


Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

Pastor: Father César Vega-Mendoza Pastor@olf.church 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.



Fifth 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?					
Monday	10th	Bible Buddies Group 12pm Vigil Mass Choir 5:30pm Adult Choir 5:30pm Spanish Bible Class 6pm Apóstoles de la Palabra 6pm La Busqueda 6pm			
Tuesday	11th	Mass of Anointing 10 am Bilingual OCIA 6-8 pm			
Wednesday	12th	TOPS Group 8:30am Rosary Group 9am OLF Book Group 9am Religious Ed K-6 6-7:30pm			
Thursday	13th	Soup Kitchen 11am-1pm OCIA 6-8pm			
Friday	14th	Children's Choir Practice 4-5pm			
Saturday	15th	Prepares Donation Weekend			
Sunday	16th	Prepares Donation Weekend RE 7th-12th grade 9:45-11:15 am Youth Group 6pm			

Announcements:

- ♦ Evangelization Retreat is February 21st-23rd— This year it will not be overnight
- ◆ 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.
- ♦ Tuesday February 11th is World Day of the Sick. There will be a Bilingual Mass of Anointing at 10 am in the main church
- ♦ Beginning in march, we will have a Mass of Anointing every second Thursday of the month at 10 am, followed by lunch.

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, 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

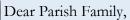
Dolores Carvalho, Lucy Messer, William McCormick, Jean Agbisit, Lorraine Medrano, Anita Huerta, Corinne Geblin, Gina Ruiz, Francisca Garcia, Fran Bill, Jill Murray, Sally Richards, Corina Miranda, Minga Rubio, Darlene Boechler, Gail Altenhofen, Diane Stevenson, Stephanie Martinez, Don Adolphson, Gordon & Beth Minnies

Military:

Daniel Jay, Shane Herup, James Herron, Christopher E. Uvalle, David Martinez, Paul E. Hanover, John Herup, JC Hernández, Bettany Noregas

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

Letter From Father César



As I write to you this week, I am reminded that it is my role as a pastor to be a steward of both, the spiritual goods and the material goods of the parish. I can only do this with the collaboration of, first, all of you parishioners who on a regular basis give to the parish not only your financial support but your volunteer collaboration as well. I thank you for all you do at Our Lad of Fatima in whatever capacity and skill. I also want to thank those who in a specific way support me in the Pastoral, the Finance and the Liturgy Councils. It is only by this sense of Collaborative Ministry or Good Stewardship that a Pastor, parochial vicars (wherever the case), deacons and his staff can bring about good works.

I want to also let you know how much I appreciate all the work put into the physical upkeep of Our Parish Complex by Jerry and Ramon, from our maintenance and custodial department. Please join me in them for their superb job in cleaning and maintaining our facilities.

Stewardship, what does it mean? What are the implications for our lives? Here I would like to present to you an overview of Stewardship for your reflection.

WHAT IS STEWARDSHIP? Stewardship is a complete lifestyle, a life of total accountability and responsibility acknowledging God as Creator and Owner of all. Stewards as disciples of Jesus Christ see themselves as caretakers of all God's gifts. Gratitude for these gifts is expressed in prayer, worship, offering, and action by eagerly sharing these gifts out of love of God and one another. (NCSC 1993)

Stewardship is based on the spiritual principles of the Old Testament and the teachings of Jesus; and where it has been implemented, both givers' and receivers' lives have been changed. Steward-ship is a way of life, a way of thanking God for all His blessings by returning a portion of the time, talent, and treasure allotted to us. Stewardship is living out Christ's instruction; to "love one another as I have loved you." Stewardship is caring; Stewardship is responsible management of our God given resources of time, talent, and treasure. It enhances our relationship with God and one another. Stewardship builds happy, healthy families. Stewardship renews Christ's Church. Stewardship pleases God; because the good steward is careful of creation, is respectful of justice and charity, and is prayerful at all times. "Much will be required of the person entrusted with much and still more will be demanded of the person entrusted with more." (Luke 72:48)

Our offering of time, talent, and treasure is one way of saying: We belong to the Lord and to one another. It is an... Act of Faith: We profess that we belong to God and all that we possess is His. Act of Trust: We place our life in God's loving hands and make Him our treasure. Act of Worship: We adore Him as the giver of all good gifts. Act of Belonging: We unite our offering with the rest of our Parish Family so that together, we might care for the needs of one another, especially the poor.

Once more, what helps a parish in general to bring good *spiritual fruits* and good *material fruits* is that sense of *Collaborative Ministry/Good Stewardship*. Thank you for trustfully committing your time, joyfully sharing your skills and generously donating your livelihood to our Church and Parish.

"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." (Peter 4:10)

Greetings and Blessings, Rev. César Vega-Mendoza Pastor

Stewardship

"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, Whom shall I send? Who will go for us? Here I am, I said; send me!"

Isaiah 6:8

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

First Reading – Isaiah 6:1-2A, 3-8 Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 **Responsorial Psalm** – Psalm 138

Gospel – Luke 5:1-11

Reflection

The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C readings present us with rich themes that call us to reflect deeply on our faith. Through the stories of Isaiah, Paul, and Peter, we explore God's holiness, human unworthiness, witnessing to faith, and the call to follow Jesus. These reflections aim to help us understand these themes and how they apply to our lives.

Responding to God's Holiness

In the first reading, Isaiah has a vision of God's holiness. He sees the Lord on a throne with angels around Him, singing praises. The scene is full of awe and majesty. This vision reminds us of God's greatness and the importance of honoring Him in our lives. Isaiah's reaction to this vision is one of unworthiness. He feels unclean and inadequate before God. He says, "Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips." This humility is crucial in our relationship with God. Recognizing our unworthiness helps us understand the need for God's forgiveness and mercy.

In the Gospel, Peter also feels unworthy. After witnessing the miraculous catch of fish, he falls at Jesus' knees and says, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." Peter's reaction is similar to Isaiah's, showing that encountering God's greatness often makes us aware of our own sins. When we feel unworthy, we should remember that God still calls us. Isaiah and Peter were both chosen despite their feelings of inadequacy. God does not call the perfect; He perfects the called. Our response to God's holiness should be one of humility, repentance, and readiness to serve, just like Isaiah and Peter.

In the second reading Paul reminds the Corinthians of the gospel he preached to them. He emphasizes that Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose again on the third day. Paul is a witness to these truths, having seen the risen Christ himself. This message is central to our faith and should be shared with others. Paul acknowledges that he is not worthy to be called an apostle because he persecuted the Church. However, he credits his apostleship to God's grace working in him. "By the grace of God, I am what I am," Paul says. This shows that any good we do is because of God's help, not our own merit. It's a reminder to rely on God's grace in our own lives.

Sharing our faith, like Paul, is essential. We may feel unworthy or inadequate, but God's grace enables us to witness effectively. Our personal experiences of God's grace can be powerful testimonies to others. We are called to share the gospel, trusting that God will work through us despite our weaknesses. Our witness should be consistent and sincere. Paul's life was changed by God's grace, and his actions reflected his faith. As followers of Christ, our lives should show the impact of the gospel. By relying on God's grace, we can overcome our shortcomings and be effective witnesses of our faith.

Following Jesus

In the Gospel Jesus calls Peter, James, and John to follow Him. They were fishermen, likely illiterate and not scholars of Scripture. Yet, Jesus saw potential in them. He calls ordinary people to be His disciples, showing that anyone willing to follow Him can be used for His purposes. The fishermen's response is immediate. They leave everything and follow Jesus. This act of leaving behind their livelihood and security demonstrates their trust and commitment. It teaches us that following Jesus often requires sacrifice and a willingness to let go of our own plans. Jesus' choice of these unlikely followers highlights that He values a willing heart over qualifications. He does not look for the most educated or the most skilled, but for those ready to give themselves fully to Him. This gives hope to all of us, as it shows that we don't need to be perfect to be used by God.

Our call to follow Jesus is similar. We might feel unqualified or unworthy, but Jesus invites us to trust Him and follow Him whole-heartedly. By answering this call, we embark on a journey of faith, trusting that Jesus will guide and equip us. Like the fishermen, we are called to leave behind anything that hinders our commitment and follow Jesus with our whole heart.

The 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C encourages us to reflect on God's holiness, our unworthiness, the power of God's grace, and the call to follow Jesus. These reflections remind us that, despite our shortcomings, we are called to witness our faith and serve God wholeheartedly. May these themes inspire us to grow in our faith and trust in God's guidance.

Prayer

Lord, help us recognize Your holiness and our need for Your grace. Strengthen us to witness our faith with courage and sincerity. Guide us to follow You wholeheartedly, leaving behind anything that holds us back. Amen.

Reflection Questions

- How has God's grace worked in my life, and how can I rely on it more?
- What sacrifices might God be calling me to make in order to follow Him more closely? 3
 - How can I trust Jesus more, especially in difficult situations?

FAMILY CONNECTION

Luke 5:1-11 The fishermen (Simon, James, and John) leave their fishing boats and follow Jesus.

In the people whom Jesus chose to be his closest friends—his disciples—we see many of the characteristics of ordinary human beings. We also see the ways that God uses the gifts he gave us to transform us into new people, the agents through whom God will lead others to Jesus and to his kingdom. Let's consider the person Jesus chose to be a leader among the disciples and whom he sent to "catch people." Based on the evidence found in Scripture, we can imagine what Peter must have been like:

- Peter seems unafraid to speak his mind, yet he is also able to take direction. In today's Gospel, Simon Peter lowers his nets as Jesus commands, but not before reminding Jesus that he and his partners have been fishing all night and haven't caught anything.
- Peter is a leader, a spokesperson for others. Today's Gospel suggests that Simon Peter was a leader in his fishing business. When Simon Peter chooses to follow Jesus, others become Jesus' disciple as well.
- Peter's personality and charisma seem to make him the center of attention; yet Peter learned to be transparent, to let others see Jesus through him.
- Peter possesses a dynamic and open relationship with Jesus. Peter often approaches Jesus and speaks what is in his heart. Gather as a family and spend some time imagining the person of Simon Peter. Encourage family members to tell details about Simon Peter that they recall from Scripture. Consider these questions: Is Peter someone you would like to be friends with? Why or why not? Do you consider Peter a good leader? Why or why not? Read aloud today's Gospel, Luke 5:1-11. Jesus chose Simon Peter to be the leader of the disciples. Peter continued to be a leader in the early Christian community; we continue to speak of Peter's leadership when we call the pope the successor of Peter. Discuss the role of the papacy and of other leaders in the Church. In what ways do we participate in the mission of the Church by leading people to Christ ("catching people")? Pray for those who lead the Church. Pray together the Prayer to St. Joseph, the Protector of the Church.

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
weeks 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!



DON'T MISS IT! JOIN US ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 for TONS OF FOOD & FUN in the FATIMA CENTER from 6-8pm. BRING A FRIEND!

Follow us on Instagram: OLF Youth Group Rocks



Mass Intentions:

Tuesday 11th 7 am: Dan Nichols (L)

7 pm (Sp) Juan Ensastegui Sauseda (D)

Wednesday 12th 7 am: Mothers of Babies Lost through Abortion

Thursday 13th 7 am: Fathers of Babies Lost through Abortion

7 pm (Sp): Ediel Cruz (B)

Friday 14th 7 am: Siobhan Nichols (B), John Lundeen (D)

Saturday 15th

Sunday 16th 8:30 am Elianna Ribellia (L)

Remembrance Flowers

The flowers this weekend are dedicated in loving memory of:

Juaníta Líra Yolanda García George & Mary Moreno

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.



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

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.



Prepares Needs Your Help!
From February 8th to February 22
there will be a Collection Crib in the
gathering area

We are in need of diapers, wipes, and clothing from sizes newborn to 5T. If you want your donation to stay local, designate Our Lady of Fatima in the memo line, otherwise the payment goes to help families statewide.

Your donations support and recognize the worth and dignity of every human born and unborn.

Thank you for your generosity!

Open Your Heart... To Infants & Children in Need preparesfortife.org





Only 6% of our parishioners have made their 2025 pledges so far!
Please scan the QR code, or fill out a pledge card to make your pledge for the year!



Dear Parishioners,

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to each of you for your generous donations to the church and our building efforts over the past year. Your unwavering support through your time, talents, and treasure has made a significant impact, and it is deeply appreciated by all of us.

Your continued dedication and commitment to our parish allow us to grow and serve the community in meaningful ways. Thank you for your ongoing support!

With gratitude and blessings, Father Cesar and the parish Staff

Are you suffering from a past abortion? Crossroads Resource Center will be holding a Path to Peace class starting Tuesday 2/11/2025

We encourage both women and men who have experienced abortion to participate in this class.

Abortion affects every life it touches, and for many women and men-it hurts long after the choice is made. If you are having these struggles, please scan the QR code to sign up for the next available

class.



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Wednesday, February 26th

11:00AM - 1:00PM

Drive-Thru event up to 250 families while supplies last





Mobile Markets serve people facing hunger.

No appointment or documentation required.



This material was partially funded by USDA's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – SNAP. This institution is an equal opportunity provider





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Financials	at a g	glance

Our Lady of Fatima

Operation Account-December Totals				
Total Regular Monthly Income	\$50,965.29			
Total Regular Expenses	\$66,136.80			
Net Gain/Loss	\$15,171.51			
Building Fund (Loan) Account-January Totals				

Total Income	\$24,217.00
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Total Expenses \$27,920.33

Net Gain/Loss \$3,703.33

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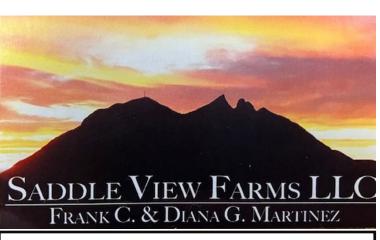


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