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February 23rd, 2025 – 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Weekend Masses: Saturday 5:00 pm in English
Sunday 11:00 am in Portuguese
12:30 pm in Spanish

Weekday Masses: 9:00 am – Tuesday to Friday

Confessions: Saturdays, 4:00 pm

Adoration: Thursdays, 6:00 pm

Baptisms and Weddings: Please contact the office

Anointing: Hospital Chaplain: 250-889-3761

Weekly Cost and Collection Amounts

Feb. 16, 2025

Church costs: \$3,663

Our collection: \$

Shortage: - \$

Tues, Feb 25 5:00 pm	
Wed, Feb 26 5:00 pm	** Divine Liturgy at 5PM (Ukrainian Rite) **
Thur, Feb 27 7:45 am	
Fri, Feb 28 9:00 am	
Sat, Mar 1 5:00 pm	† Maria Manuela Couto (Michelle Hobor)
Sun, Mar 2 11:00 am	† Maria Eugenia e Antonio Furtado (Maria Zita Moniz) † Graziela Chaves (Humberto e Grace Chaves)
12:30 pm	



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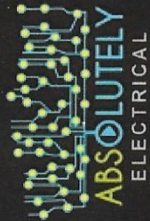


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Saturday Mar 1st at 5PM
Readers: Veronica Correia Mariana Correia
Euc Min: Veronica Correia
Sunday Mar 2nd at 11AM
Readers: Andressa Cardoso Fortunato Couto
Euc Min: Douglas Lima
Sunday Mar 2nd at 12:30PM
Readers: Ibet Folk Andrea Soriano
Euc Min: Carlos Perez Fernando de la Torre

Cleaning:
Oscar and Claudia Andrade
Pamela Paredes

**REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE TO AN
INDEPENDENT REPORTING AGENCY**

To report sexual abuse by a clergy member, religious, employee, or volunteer, call 1-800-968-3146

To report sexual abuse or cover-up by a Bishop, [click here](#) or call 1-866-892-3737

St. Joseph Festival – March 16, 2025
Donations of prizes for the St. Joseph Festival bazaar can be left in the entrance of the church.

Festa de São José – 16 de março de 2025
Os donativos de prémios para o bazar da Festa de São José podem ser deixados à entrada da igreja.

Announcements / Avisos

Parish hours next week:

Tue 25 Feb - Mass at 5PM
Wed 26 Feb - Divine Liturgy at 5PM (Ukrainian Rite)
Thu 27 Feb - Mass at 7:45AM
Fri 28 Feb - Mass at 9AM
All other services (confessions, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and other Masses) are cancelled this week due to the bishops' meeting.

Horário da Paróquia na próxima semana:

Terça-feira, 25 de fevereiro - Missa às 17h00
Quarta-feira, 26 de fevereiro - Divina Liturgia às 17h00 (Rito Ucrainiano)
Qui, 27 de fevereiro - Missa às 07h45
Sexta-feira, 28 de fevereiro - Missa às 9h00
Todos os outros serviços (confissões, adoração ao Santíssimo Sacramento e outras missas) estão cancelados esta semana devido à reunião dos bispos.

Serra Club - Tuesday, February 25th

Father Frank Fanz will be offering a talk about his journey to the priesthood, promoting vocations in our Diocese. Please join us this Tuesday, February 25th, at 6 pm at our Lady of Fatima, in the basement. This event is organized by the Serra Club in formation, whose intention is to promote vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Come and learn more about us.

Serra Clube - Terça-feira, 25 de fevereiro

O Padre Frank Fanz fará uma palestra sobre o seu percurso rumo ao sacerdócio, promovendo vocações na nossa Diocese. Junte-se a nós esta terça-feira, dia 25 de fevereiro, pelas 18h00, na Nossa Senhora de Fátima, na cave. Este evento é organizado pelo Clube Serra em formação, que tem como intenção promover vocações para o sacerdócio e para a vida religiosa. Venha saber mais sobre nós.

Palms from Last Year

If you have palms from last year's Palm Sunday in your homes, please bring them to the church next week to be prepared for Ash Wednesday. There is a box in the church entrance for palms.

Ramos do ano passado

Se você tiver em casa os ramos do Domingo de Ramos do ano passado, leve-os à igreja na próxima semana para se preparar para a Quarta-feira de Cinzas. Há uma caixa na entrada da igreja para os ramos.

Diocese News

- 1) The Catholic Bishops of British Columbia have released a Pastoral Letter on Catholic Schools that highlights Catholic education's key role in evangelization and whole-person formation. It calls for Catholic schools to maintain their identity, integrate faith with learning, and work with families, educators, and pastors to build a Christ-centred community serving both students and society. The letter may be read online at: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/pastoral-letter-on-catholic-schools>
- 2) The Vatican has released Antiqua et Nova, a document on the relationship between artificial intelligence and human intelligence. It highlights the distinction between AI and human intelligence and calls for ethical guidelines to ensure AI respects human dignity and serves the common good. To read the full document, please visit: https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_dcf_doc_20250128_antiqua-et-nova_en.html
- 3) St. Joseph's Elementary School is performing Sister Act Jr. from March 6-8. Everyone is welcome to attend—tickets are available now on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/sister-act-junior-tickets-1028419990877>



Homily
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's Gospel continues Luke's instruction to his disciples known as the "Sermon on the Mountains". As if the Beatitudes (and Woes) that we heard last Sunday were not radical enough, the Sermon now pushes vulnerability to new extremes.

This is the idea of today's liturgy. The Gospel brings concrete illustrations of what loving one's enemies might mean in practice: returning blessing for a curse, turning the other cheek, not withholding one's shirt from a person who demands one's coat... It's all about responding to injuries or unreasonable demands with generosity and abandoning any pretense of reward. This scenario does not always reflect real life, but it is still an ideal to fulfill! How many of us have the courage to live this way? Perhaps occasionally we summon the strength to live this divine life, following Jesus' example. The invitation is to live this way consistently and always, no matter the consequences.

Following Jesus may color us as fanatics for some people and has the potential of disrupting our comfortable ways of living. We need to know how to moderate our zeal without compromising our heart's desire and this cannot be other than Jesus Christ. If we truly live **from** and **for** the love of Christ, we will know how to give all the compassion and forgiveness we have, prepared even to give our lives for the One who first loved us with compassion and forgiveness.