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## April 21<sup>st</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

**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

Apr 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Church costs: \$3,663

Our collection: \$3,332

Shortage: - \$ 331

Tues, Apr 23 9:00 am	** PRO POPULO
Wed, Apr 24 9:00 am	
Thur, Apr 25 9:00 am	
Fri, Apr 26 9:00 am	
Sat, Apr 27 5:00 pm	† Alfredo Ferreira (Adelina Ferreira) † Manuela Raposo (Tony Raposo)
Sun, Apr 28 11:00 am	† Januario de Medeiros (Fernanda de Medeiros) † Liberia Moniz e Jeane Braz (Maria Zita Moniz)
12:30 pm	† Simon Hilario (Aurora Espinoza) † Hugo Terrazas Echegaray (Desirée Béjar Hoyle)



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<b>Saturday Apr 27<sup>th</sup> at 5PM</b>
Readers: Raad Nashmi Carmen Perez
Euc Min: Raad Nashmi
<b>Sunday Apr 28<sup>th</sup> at 11AM</b>
Readers: Sara da S. Pinto Alessandra Krainer
Euc Min: Janaina Marques
<b>Sunday Apr 28<sup>th</sup> at 12:30PM</b>
Readers: Evelin Bello William Matorel
Euc Min: Daniel Cadena

Cleaning: Isabel Pacheco Helder Ponte Evelina Rocha
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religious, employee, or volunteer,  
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To report sexual abuse or cover-up by a  
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**Consulate General of Portugal**

The Consulate General of Portugal, will be in our church basement on Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm to meet anyone who has questions for him.

**Consulado Geral de Portugal**

O Consulado Geral de Portugal estará na basement da nossa igreja na quarta-feira, dia 24 de Abril, pelas 16h00, para atender quem tiver perguntas para ele.

**Announcements / Avisos**

**Our Lady of Fatima Festival – May 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>**  
 The Our Lady of Fatima Festival will be from Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. The schedule is:  
 May 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup>: Rosary at 6:30pm, Mass at 7pm  
 Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>: one Mass only at 12pm.  
 A procession will follow the Mass, then the hall will be open for traditional Portuguese food, bazaar and bake sale. The committee is looking for prizes for the bazaar and money for flowers (envelopes are at the back of the church). This year is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our parish. The committee is looking for pictures or video footage of our parish when it was in the hall from 1984 onwards. Please contact Christina Santos for more information.

**Festa de Nossa Senhora de Fátima – 9 a 12 de maio**  
 A Festa de Nossa Senhora de Fátima será de quinta-feira, 9 de maio, a domingo, 12 de maio. O cronograma é:  
 9 a 11 de maio: Rosário às 18h30, Missa às 19h  
 Domingo, 12 de maio: uma missa apenas às 12h.  
 Após a missa seguir-se-á uma procissão, depois o salão estará aberto para comida tradicional portuguesa, bazar e venda de bolos. A comissão busca prêmios para o bazar e dinheiro para flores (os envelopes estão nos fundos da igreja). Este ano comemora-se o 40<sup>o</sup> aniversário da nossa paróquia. A comissão está à procura de fotos ou vídeos da nossa paróquia quando ela estava no salão a partir de 1984. Entre em contato com Cristina Santos para mais informações.

**Holy Spirit Festival – June 7 - 9, 2024**  
 The Holy Spirit Festival Committee will start selling “penções” (roast beef, massa (sweet bread), bread and wine) next weekend. The amount is the same as last year, \$80 for each penção. The final date to order will be May 19<sup>th</sup>. Please speak to Helder Ponte to order your penção or call him at 250-727-0623.

**Festa do Espírito Santo – 7 a 9 de junho de 2024**  
 A Comissão da Festa do Espírito Santo começará a vender penções (rosbife, massa, pão e vinho) no próximo final de semana. O valor é o mesmo do ano passado, R\$ 80 por cada penção. A data final para encomenda será 19 de maio. Fale com Helder Ponte para pedir sua penção ou ligue para 250-727-0623.

**Gardening Volunteers Needed**  
 We are looking for volunteers on **Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**, starting at 8:00 am, to help clean the gardens. Please bring a shovel, hoe, or other garden equipment that you have. Thank you.

**Precisa-se de voluntários para jardinagem**  
 Procuramos voluntários no **sábado, dia 4 de maio**, a partir das 8h00, para ajudar na limpeza dos jardins. Por favor, traga uma pá, enxada ou outro equipamento de jardim que você possua. Obrigado.

**News from the Diocese**  
 1) All are invited to “Winds of Change”, a presentation by Daniel Elliot, Stz’uminus First Nation Artist, on Wednesday, May 8 from 7 – 9 pm at Vancouver Island University. Part of the series of Truth & Reconciliation events sponsored by Holy Trinity Catholic Parish, this presentation with discussion takes us on the journey of an Indigenous artist who transforms his experience and life into a body of artwork that shares his vision of Reconciliation: A Path Forward. For more information and to reserve your free ticket, please visit <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/winds-of-change-truth-art-reconciliation-tickets-878768459117> or call 778.269.0090. Donations will be accepted on Eventbrite and at the door.

2) A “Love and Respect” marriage retreat will be held at St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Victoria (753 Burnside Rd W) in May. Come and embark on a wonderful adventure - as we spend time viewing and discussing videos, we will be answering three major questions: Why do we negatively react to each other in marriage? How do I best motivate my spouse? What if my spouse does not respond to me? The retreat will be held over five Thursday evenings from 7-9pm, starting on May 2nd. Please register in advance at [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeO3axTZQ5GDP4ycAM3u2KLOOxbAIMJUPypokr546fZV\\_6-Fg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeO3axTZQ5GDP4ycAM3u2KLOOxbAIMJUPypokr546fZV_6-Fg/viewform)

**Homily  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

Today is World Day of Prayer for Vocations, a day that Christians are invited to reflect on the meaning of God’s call and to pray for vocations. Christian thinking on vocation has been summarized in one profound saying: “All are priests, some are priests, only one is a priest.” The unique priesthood of our Lord Jesus Christ, the one mediator between God and humanity has always been acknowledged by Christians. The universal priesthood of all believers, the sharing of all the baptized in the priesthood of Christ, has received special emphasis since Vatican II. What seems to be hard for many people today to understand is the ministerial priesthood of some of the faithful, those who are called to make a lifelong commitment to serve as ordained ministers. This misunderstanding, among other things, is at the root of the vocation crisis in the church. If we understood more clearly the true nature and meaning of ordained ministry, then we would be in the position to encourage both ourselves and others to respond to God’s call to this way of life.

Jesus is the good shepherd. He laid down his life for the flock, that is, the church. In a general way he invites everyone in the church to share in the work of caring for the flock in our own little ways. But he also calls some people from among us to a life-long commitment to the work of shepherding the flock of God. These people are called to share more closely than the rest of the believers in the life and work of Jesus the Good Shepherd. If today you should hear God’s voice calling you to this way of life, harden not your hearts. And if you do not hear God calling you to this way of life, then do everything in your power to encourage those who are called to it and who struggle even with faltering steps to follow the footsteps of Jesus the good shepherd.