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## August 11th, 2024 – 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in 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

<b>August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024</b>
Church costs: \$3,663
Our collection: \$2527
Shortage: - \$1136

Tues, Aug 13	<b>*No 9am Mass*</b>
Wed, Aug 14	<b>*No 9am Mass*</b>
Thur, Aug 15	<b>*No 9am Mass*</b>
Fri, Aug 16	<b>*No 9am Mass*</b>
Sat, Aug 17	<b>*No 5pm Mass*</b>
Sun, Aug 18 12 pm *One Mass*	† Pelas intenções de Virginia Ferreira † João e Tony Garcia (Cecilia Garcia)

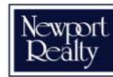


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<b>Saturday Aug 17th</b>
Readers: NO MASS
Euc Min: NO MASS
<b>Sunday Aug 11<sup>th</sup> at 12PM</b>
Readers: Veronica Faria Dina Mcintyre
Euc Min: Veronica Faria

**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

Cleaning:  
**No cleaning necessary this week**

**Catechism 2024 – 2025**

We are now accepting registrations, from registered parishioners only, for our Catechism classes for the 2024-2025 year.

If your child is in grade two or older, and you would like them in Catechism, please contact Father Eduardo, the church office (Tuesdays or Thursdays), or one of the Catechism teachers.

**Announcements / Avisos**

**Lost Item**  
One of our parishioners has lost a red rosary, with ND on the back, which is very special to him. It is in a little bag. If you find it, please give it to Father Eduardo or to the church office. Thank you.

**Item perdido**  
Um dos nossos paroquianos perdeu um terço vermelho, com ND nas costas, o que é muito especial para ele. Está numa pequena bolsa. Se o encontrar, entregue-o ao Padre Eduardo ou à secretaria da igreja. Obrigado.

**Fr. Eduardo**  
Parish Priest's Holidays.  
Father Eduardo will be away from the parish for two weeks. During his absence, there will be no weekday Masses, no adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays, and no confessions. On both Sundays, August 11 and 18, there will be Mass at 12:00PM. We regret the inconvenience of this calendar change, but you all know how difficult it is to find a priest to fill in for those who are absent. Perhaps this is a good time to reflect on the need to do more to promote priestly vocations.

**Ferriados do Padre**  
O Padre Eduardo vai estar afastado da paróquia durante duas semanas. Durante a sua ausência, não haverá missas durante a semana, nem adoração ao Santíssimo Sacramento às quintas-feiras, nem confissões. Nos dois domingos, 11 e 18 de agosto, haverá missa às 12h00. Lamentamos o incómodo desta mudança de calendário, mas todos sabem como é difícil encontrar um sacerdote para substituir os ausentes. Talvez este seja um bom momento para refletir sobre a necessidade de fazer mais para promover as vocações sacerdotais.

**Senhor Bom Jesus da Pedra Festival**  
The Committee is collecting Bazaar items, if you have any items please leave them in the church foyer. Thank You

**Senhor Bom Jesus da Pedra**  
O grupo de Festa Senhor Bom Jesus da Pedra está a recolher prémios do Bazar, se tiver algum item, deixe-o no átrio da igreja. Obrigado

**Diocese**  
On July 25, Bishop Gary, Fr. David Hogman, and Fr. Mike Favero celebrated the first Mass at the chapel of the new *Providence Living at The Views* facility. Located at the former site of St. Joseph's General Hospital in Comox, *Providence Living at The Views* is Canada's first public, non-profit long-term care village inspired by the dementia village concept. To learn more, please visit <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/diocesanblog/providence-living-at-the-views>.

**Homily**  
**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

When I hear of the Israelites murmuring against Jesus I think of the Israelites in the desert. After Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt with the miraculous help of God, they began to murmur against Moses. We can also go back to the prophets and how the people murmured against them. It seems that whenever God acts in a mighty way there are those who find something wrong with it and murmur. It can be like when the Israelites murmurer in the desert that they had no food, and God provides them with manna. At first they are grateful, but it doesn't take long for them to murmur again because they get tired of the same menu. The people of Israel crying out for God to send someone to restore them are grateful when the prophets first appear, but when the message of restoration involves making radical changes in their own lives, they murmur. It is no surprise that when Jesus comes preaching the Kingdom of God, and performing great works the crowds flock to him, but when he begins to get to the crux of who he is, and what they must do to be faithful to him, they don't want to accept his radical teaching and they murmur.

This Gospel leads us to the question of whether or not we find ourselves murmuring. It could be over a particular teaching from the Gospel that we struggle with, and rather than embrace the need to work at change in our lives, we murmur against that particular teaching. We expect God to reform his teaching around us, rather than for us to reform my life around the Gospel. It could be some teaching of the Church that we disagree with. Rather than seek to better understand the teaching, we murmur and work at finding a way around it. It could be a teaching or exhortation of the Holy Father, rather than accept the challenges that the teaching gives us, we criticize the Holy Father and murmur that he is wrong.

Murmuring is divisive and destructive and should be avoided. Those who murmured against Jesus risked separating themselves from him and the gift of salvation. May we be able to avoid murmuring and accept the challenges that come from difficult teachings. Accepting these challenges rather than the easy reaction to murmur helps us grow in our faith and to grow closer to Christ.