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## May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 – Ascension of the Lord

**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

May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Church costs: \$2,817

Our collection:

Shortage:

Tue, May 23 9:00 am	<b>** PRO POPULO **</b>
Wed, May 24 9:00 am	
Thu, May 25 9:00 am	
Fri, May 26 9:00 am	
Sat, May 27 5:00 pm	† Alfredo Ferreira (Adelina Ferreira) † João Carreiro (Terceira Idade)
Sun, May 28 11:00 am	† José Pacheco Moniz (Maria Zita Moniz e família) † João Pereira (Maria Simas)
12:30 pm	



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<b>Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup> at 5PM</b>
Readers: Raad Nashmi Francis Matolxsy
Euc Min: Raad Nashmi
<b>Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup> at 11AM</b>
Readers: Manuela Furtado Wilson Pedrini
Euc Min: Marlene Pedrini
<b>Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM</b>
Readers: Walter Huyarte Mayra Diaz
Euc Min: Sergio Duran

Cleaning: Manuela Raposo Isabel Pacheco Helder Ponte Evelina Rocha
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<b>REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE TO AN INDEPENDENT REPORTING AGENCY</b>
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, <a href="#">click here</a> or call 1-866-892-3737
<b>Coroação</b> <b>Mandai Senhor o Vosso Espírito e renovai a terra.</b> A minha alma glorifica ao Senhor Meu Deus, como Vós sois grande O Vossos feitos são incontáveis Encheu-se a terra com as Vossas criaturas.

Announcements / Avisos

**Folkloria 2023**  
Folclore Alegre de Victoria will be performing downtown at Centennial Square Sunday, June 4th at 6pm. This is a cultural festival where many cultures are showcasing their dances from the country of origin. Please come support our group!! Thank you.

**Folkloria 2023**  
O Folclore Alegre de Victoria se apresenta no centro da cidade, na Praça do Centenário, domingo, 4 de junho, às 18h. Este é um festival cultural onde muitas culturas estão apresentando suas danças do país de origem. Por favor, venha apoiar nosso grupo!! Obrigado.

**Holy Spirit Festival – June 16 – 18, 2023**  
To order a penção (roast beef, massa (sweet bread), bread and wine) please contact Helder Ponte at 250-727-0623. The cost is \$80 for each penção.  
If you know someone who is sick and would like a penção, the festival committee will deliver them directly to their home on Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup> in the morning.  
The Festival Committee would like to ask for donations for the bazaar and bake sale.  
**Festival Program**  
**Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>** - 6:30 pm Rosary followed by the blessing of the penções. Massa, arroz doce (sweet rice) tea and coffee for all. Everyone is welcome  
**Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup>** – 6 pm blessing of the sopas. Please sign up on the list in the church entrance with how many people so the committee can prepare. After dinner: Origin of the Holy Spirit performed by the children, Piñata for the children, dance with live music. (Tribute to the Tres sem nome)  
**Sunday June 18<sup>th</sup>** - 11 am Mass, followed by a procession. Social in the hall with Portuguese food, bake sale, bazaar, carnival games for the children and at 4:00 pm Folclore Alegre de Victoria will perform. There will be dancing to the music of DJ Danny.

**Festa do Espírito Santo – 16 a 18 de junho de 2023**  
Para encomendar uma penção (carne, massa, pão e vinho) por favor contacte Helder Ponte através do telephone 250-727-0623. O custo é de \$80 por cada penção.  
Se você conhece alguém que está doente e gostaria de uma penção, os mordomos entregarão directamente em casa no sábado, dia 17 de junho, pela manhã.  
Os mordomos solicitam doações para o bazar e para a venda de bolos.

**Programa do Festa**  
**Sexta-feira, 16 de junho** - 18h30 Terço seguido da bênção das penções. Massa, arroz doce chá e café para todos. Todos são bem vindos  
**Sábado 17 de Junho** – 18h00 Bênção das Sopas. Por favor, inscreva-se na lista na entrada da igreja com quantas pessoas para que a comissão possa se preparar. Depois do jantar: A Origem do Espírito Santo interpretada pelas crianças, Piñata para as crianças, dança com música ao vivo. (Homenagem aos Três sem nome)  
**Domingo, 18 de junho** - 11:00 Missa e depois procissão. Convívio no salão com comida portuguesa, venda de bolos, bazar, jogos para as crianças e às 16h00 actuação do Folclore Alegre de Victoria.  
Haverá dança ao som da música do DJ Danny.

**Homily, May 21, 2023**  
**The Ascension of the Lord**

Today, as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, the first question, which probably comes to mind, may be about the meaning of the "ascension" of Jesus into heaven. Happily, the world’s view is no longer that of thinking of God as a being living in a heavenly place way up in the clouds. However, above all, we must ask ourselves what can be the significance for us of a savior who lived among us then vanished from our midst when there are so many serious problems in our world... problems in need of solutions. It is at this time – when the world seems to envision a catastrophic end - that we need to listen to the message of the Ascension of the Lord.

Believing in the Ascension of the Lord means believing that the humanity of Christ, in which we all participate, entered the intimate life of God in a new way. Jesus was hidden in God, not to be absent from us, but to live in greater closeness with us. This intimacy is new and beyond compare, the reality of God from which Jesus guides our lives towards our ultimate destination. Through Jesus, we find a place forever, recalling that heaven isn’t a physical place beyond the stars, but something much more important: it is a place where man is present with God" (Ratzinger).

So, my brothers and sisters, what we call heaven is actually the person of Jesus Christ himself, and, it is in him, that God and humanity are inseparably united forever. We experience heaven when we turn our lives to Jesus. What awaits us is a condition of ultimate happiness that Christ opened forever, a permanent state of reconciliation and peace for mankind.

Many may perceive this assertion with a smile of disbelief, but for us, that belief is the truth that sustains the world and can make sense of mankind’s fascinating history. It appears that when humanity loses this hope, it does not become a better place, but just the opposite. We who believe in the Risen Lord, are like strangers living in a cautious world closed to its own possibilities, sometimes upbeat, sometimes sad and without hope. Yes, we are strangers, but joyful because we bring with us a faith that gives us reason to live and hope after death.