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July 21st, 2024 – 16th 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

July 14th, 2024

Church costs: \$3,663

Our collection: \$2,380

Shortage: - \$1,283

Tues, July 23	** NO MASS **
Wed, July 24 9:00 am	
Thur, July 25 6:30 pm	** NO 9:00 am Mass - Mass at 6:30 pm with Bishop Gary Gordon
Fri, July 26 9:00 am	
Sat, July 27 5:00 pm	† Alfredo Ferreira (Adelina Ferreira) † Gilberto Ferreira (Georgette Ferreira)
Sun, July 28 11:00 am	† Maria do Rosário e Jaime Couto (Maria Pancel) † Lurdes Braga e familiares de Virginio e Senhorinha Clemente
12:30 pm	



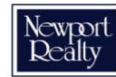
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Saturday July 27th at 5PM
Readers: Jackie Grohovac Mladen Grohovac
Euc Min: Mladen Grohovac
Sunday July 28th at 11AM
Readers: Sara da S. Pinto Alessandra Krainer
Euc Min: Lourdes Frias
Sunday July 28th at 12:30PM
Readers: Ana Maria Medina Ivan Rincon
Euc Min: Oscar Hinojosa

Cleaning:
Christina and Mario Santos
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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

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

Change of Mass Times

Tuesday, July 23, 2024 – There will be NO 9:00 am Mass.
Thursday, July 25, 2024 – There will be NO 9:00 am Mass. Mass will be at 6:30 pm with Bishop Gary Gordon.

Alteração dos horários das missas

Terça-feira, 23 de julho de 2024 – NÃO haverá missa às 9h00.
Quinta-feira, 25 de julho de 2024 – NÃO haverá missa às 9h00. A missa será às 18h30 com o Bispo Gary Gordon.

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.

News From the Diocese

- 1) Holy Trinity Parish in Nanaimo is seeking a full time receptionist/admin assistant to support the Pastor and parish. For more information about the position and how to apply, please visit <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/employment>. Applications must be received by Friday, July 26.
- 2) The 2024 World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated on Sunday, July 28. This year's theme is "Do not cast me off in my old age" (Psalm 71:9), and the Catholic faithful are invited to reflect on the loneliness of the elderly and the role of the Church in addressing it. For more

information, including Pope Francis' message for the Day and the official Prayer, please visit <https://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/eventi/2024/iv-giornata-mondiale-dei-nonni-e-degli-anziani.html>.

3) The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops recently concluded its Triennial Forum for Dialogues. The Forum brought together participants from across the country, including the Diocese of Victoria, to take steps towards a comprehensive national ecumenical & interfaith strategy. A video recap is available online at <https://youtu.be/ac8isk8XkEo>; for further information, please visit <https://www.cccb.ca/media-release/cccb-triennial-forum-for-dialogues-concludes-with-strategic-ecumenical-vision/>.

4) Registration is now open for Life Restoration Ministries' Men's Retreat, to be held from September 20-22, 2024 at RockRidge Canyon in Princeton, BC. The theme of this year's retreat is "Perfect Storms". Through inspiring talks, the Sacraments, and outdoor adventures, Jake Khym (founder of Life Restoration Ministries) and Sam Blair (retired US Navy SEAL) will guide participants through a prayerful weekend, helping them receive the perfect and transforming love of Jesus amidst life's storms. For more information and to register, please visit <https://www.liferestoration.ca/mens-retreat>.

**Homily
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sometimes an idea or concept from the scripture readings comes across very clearly in the Lectionary, and that is certainly the case this Weekend. The image of a shepherd runs through the first reading from the prophet Jeremiah, the responsorial Psalm, and the Gospel as well.

Reflecting on this peaceful image, it is important to recall in the first place that the image of a shepherd was used so often in the Bible because practically everyone in the ancient near east encountered shepherds on a regular basis, and because shepherds developed remarkably close bonds with their sheep, to the point where sheep distinguished between the voice of their shepherd and that of another, such as a thief. The shepherd thus became a powerful biblical symbol representing the Lord, who guided the whole nation of Israel and sought their best even though they often rebelled against their shepherd.

The Lord was a faithful shepherd for his people, but the earthly kings and rulers who reigned over Israel were not, as we clearly heard in today's first reading. Jeremiah not only announces the Lord's judgement against the "shepherds" of Israel, he also provides a note of great hope to the people.

We see evidence of that in today's Gospel reading: Jesus is greeted by a huge crowd—more than five thousand people—and he sees that they were downtrodden spiritually and physically, "like sheep without a shepherd". He responds by giving them two things that a good shepherd provides to his sheep: instruction and sustenance. Just as a shepherd carefully guides his sheep so as to avoid danger, so too Jesus turned to the crowd and "began to teach them many things" that they might avoid spiritual danger and come to find eternal life in him. A shepherd also provides grazing for his sheep, and Jesus provides a miraculous abundance of food for the crowd, beginning with just five loaves and two fish.

As we recall the image of the shepherd found so often in the Bible, let us be grateful that in Jesus we have found the one true "shepherd and guardian of our souls" and assume the responsibility to be a good shepherd for our brothers and sisters.