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## January 7<sup>th</sup> – Epiphany 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

Dec 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Church costs: \$2,817

Our collection: \$2,482

Shortage: - \$ 335

Tue, Jan 9 9:00 am	<b>** PRO POPULO **</b>
Wed, Jan 10 9:00 am	
Thur, Jan 11 9:00 am	
Fri, Jan 12 9:00 am	
Sat, Jan 13 5:00 pm	† Jeane Braz e Manuela Raposo (Virginia Ferreira)
Sun, Jan 14 11:00 am	† Januário de Medeiros (Fernanda de Medeiros) † Maria de Lurdes Braga (Adelina Moniz)
12:30 pm	



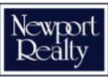
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<b>Saturday Jan 13<sup>th</sup> at 5PM</b>
Readers:
Euc Min:
<b>Sunday Jan 14<sup>th</sup> at 11AM</b>
Readers: Blanca de Souto Connie Pereira
Euc Min:
<b>Sunday Jan 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:30PM</b>
Readers: Noelia Rivera Olga Andino
Euc Min: Mario Palacios
Cleaning:
Ignacio and Magaly
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Paola Leos

**REPORT SEXUAL ABUSE TO AN  
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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  
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**Health of Parishioners**

A reminder that if you aren't feeling well; cold symptoms, cough, fever, etc., please stay home. During cold and flu season, it is very important that we do not pass any illness onto our other parishioners.

**Saúde dos paroquianos**

Lembrer-se de que se você não está se sentindo bem; sintomas de resfriado, febre, etc., por favor, fique em casa. Durante estes tempo de gripe, é muito importante que não transmitamos nenhuma doença uns aos outros.

**Announcements / Avisos**

**Father Eduardo – Clerical Retreat**

Father Eduardo will be away from the parish from Monday, January 14<sup>th</sup> until Friday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>. During this time, we will have Father Mike Favero saying Mass on Saturday at 5:00pm and Sunday at 11:00am and 12:30pm. All Masses will be in English, but the readings and songs will be English, Portuguese or Spanish, depending on which Mass you attend. There will be no weekday masses.

**Padre Eduardo – Retiro Clerical**

Padre Eduardo estará afastado da paróquia de segunda-feira, 14 de janeiro, até sexta-feira, 2 de fevereiro. Durante este período, teremos o Padre Mike Favero celebrando missas no sábado às 17h e no domingo às 11h e 12h30. Todas as missas serão em inglês, mas as leituras e cantos serão em inglês, português ou espanhol, dependendo da missa que você assistir. Não haverá missas durante a semana.

**Annual General Meeting:**

The annual Assembly of our parish will be on February 10th, Saturday, at one o'clock in the afternoon. On this day, new members of the Parish Pastoral Council will be voted on (two will leave and two will join the Council). All parishioners who have been registered in the parish for more than one year can apply to be a member of the Pastoral Council and have the right to vote at the annual assembly.

**A Assembleia anual da nossa paroaquia** sera no dia 10 de fevereiro, sábado, a uma hora da tarde. Neste dia serão votados os novos membros do Conselho de Pastoral Paroquial (sao dois que saem e dois entrarao no Conselho). Todos os paroquianos que sejam registrtdo

na paróquia a mais de um ano podem candidatar-se para ser membro do Conselho de Pastoral e ter direito a voto no assembleia annual.

**St Andrew's High School Bottle Drive**

Save your refundable bottles and cans and support students going to Spain in 2024. Drop them off Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> at St. Andrew's (on McKenzie Ave) between 10am and 2pm or contact Christina Santos 250-896-0695. Thank you for your support.

**Coleta de garrafas da escola secundária de St Andrew**

Guarde suas garrafas e latas reembolsáveis e apoie os estudantes que vão para a Espanha em 2024. Deixe-as no sábado, 13 de janeiro, em St. Andrew's (na Avenida McKenzie) entre 10h e 14h ou entre em contato com Christina Santos 250-896-0695. Obrigado pelo seu apoio.

**News From the Diocese**

The Diocese of Victoria Health Care Committee is offering its next series of online Pastoral Care Outreach Training sessions in the new year. These free sessions will be held via Zoom on Saturday mornings from 9:30 – noon, starting on January 20 and running until March 23, 2024, and will allow participants to learn more about deep listening and visiting the lonely, sick, injured, elderly, and dying – in hospitals, seniors' residences, extended health care facilities, and at their homes. This training is also offered for those who wish to learn how to accompany and care for their loved ones, friends, and neighbours, or as a personal undertaking. Please register through your parish by January 12, 2024.

**Homily  
Epiphany of the Lord**

The Messiah of Israel who was born in the city of David calls all mankind to faith and salvation. The wise men were the first ones of all nations who responded and came to believe in Jesus Christ.

The path to the conversion of these men was very interesting: the wise men found a sign - the star - and followed this sign; they were never discouraged, despite the difficulties they encountered. To follow the star they asked questions, sought information, and finally reached their destination. Filled with joy they found the child with Mary, his mother, and then knelt and worshipped this child. This description of the gospel today is the symbol of the faith journey which is common to all men and women who believe in Jesus Christ. What the gospel tells us is that we cannot be dazzled by the progress of science and technology. This sign was like any bright star that shines in our day, but we should get a deeper significance or sense through this light. If we investigate, if we seek undismayed, in the end we find the summons that leads to God made man, the Messiah Savior of all mankind.

Even once we have met Jesus, we'll still have the task of recognizing him as our savior. Sometimes this is not easy. We become dazzled by the brightness of the star but have difficulties to recognize this child resting in his mother's arms. We need to look beyond this child and recognize in him our God and savior, then worship our God by offering him our lives. My brothers and sisters, every time we celebrate the Eucharist, we are worshiping God. As the wise men in Bethlehem, today, here in this church, we are worshiping God. That's our goal: to allow the Holy Spirit to transform us into an everlasting gift to God in Christ, through Him and in Him.