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## September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 24<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

Sept 8<sup>st</sup>, 2024

Church costs: \$3,663

Our collection: \$2,911

Shortage: - \$ 752

Tues, Sept 17 9:00 am	† Fr. Placidus Sander OSB
Wed, Sept 18 9:00 am	† Fr. Manuel Cardoso
Thur, Sept 19 9:00am	
Fri, Sept 20 9:00 am	
Sat, Sept 21 5:00 pm	† João e Tony Garcia (Cecilia Garcia) † Manuela Raposo e Jeane Braz (Lourdes Frias)
Sun, Sept 22 11:00 am	† Mike Pancel e familiares (Maria Pancel) † Pelas intenções de Virginia Ferreira
12:30 pm	



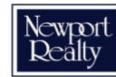
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<b>Saturday Sept 21<sup>st</sup> at 5PM</b>
Readers: Bob Antaya Veronica Faria
Euc Min: Christina Santos
<b>Sunday Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> at 11PM</b>
Readers: Luis Lunelli Milena Ienk
Euc Min: Janaina Marques
<b>Sunday Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:30PM</b>
Readers: Ana Maria Medina Ivan Rincon
Euc Min: Mario Palacios

**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

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**IT'S ALMOST HERE ... CWL's Fantastic FALL BAZAAR** being held on Saturday, October 5th from 9:30am to 2pm, at St. Patrick's Church, 2060 Haultain Street. Come and experience all the fun of a CWL Bazaar with this year's large variety of Kiosks, Quality Silent Auction, Tombola Raffle and so much more! Something for everyone! *All proceeds will support CWL Charities.*

**Announcements / Avisos**

**Our Lady of Fatima Youth Group**

The coordinators of our Youth Group would like to thank everyone for purchasing their Christmas gift baskets last year. With your support, they had enough funds for their activities until last week. They will be fundraising soon by selling cookies and coffee after the 11:00 am Mass and after the 12:30 pm Mass. We thank you in advance for supporting our youth.

**Grupo de Jovens Nossa Senhora de Fátima**

Os coordenadores do nosso Grupo de Jovens gostariam de agradecer a todos pela compra das cestas de Natal no ano passado. Com o seu apoio, tiveram fundos suficientes para as suas atividades até à semana passada. Em breve estarão a angariar fundos com a venda de bolachas e café após a missa das 11h00 e após a missa das 12h30. Agradecemos antecipadamente por apoiar os nossos jovens.

**News From the Diocese**

1) In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year, Pope Francis has announced that 2024 will be a Year of Prayer. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is offering a webinar series as one way for the faithful to participate in this Year of Prayer. Part two of the series, "Mary, the Saints and Scripture", will be offered on Thursdays in October, starting on October 3. For more information and to register, please visit [https://cccb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_Y6d9S5rIT5u1kgHCB9\\_IWw#/registration](https://cccb-ca.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Y6d9S5rIT5u1kgHCB9_IWw#/registration).

Part one of the series, "The Our Father as a Programme of Life", ran in April and is now available online at <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/a-great-symphony-of-prayer-the-our-father-as-a-programme-of-life/>.

2) World Wide Marriage Encounter is offering a weekend marriage retreat on the mainland this fall from October 25-27, 2024. Rekindle the romance, remind yourselves why you fell in love, and learn how to make a good marriage even better – you both deserve it! For more info and to register, please visit <https://beholdvancouver.org/events/couple-retreat-by-worldwide-marriage-encounter>. Registration closes on October 14.



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

Today's Gospel is about the great affirmation of faith that the Apostle Peter professes and on which Jesus announces he will build his Church. This passage is much clearer in the Gospel of Matthew, however, the Gospel that was proclaimed was not Matthew's, but Mark's and he has a different intention than the narrative of Matthew. While Matthew is willing to affirm the faith of Peter, Mark is more concerned with demonstrating the Messianic mission of Jesus, one which would be misunderstood by his apostles. This is because the apostles, as any Jew of their time, understood the Messiah to be a sort of liberator of Israel. That is why, in the second part of the Gospel, Jesus called Peter "Satan" and that was shortly after Peter had acknowledged him as the Messiah.

The main idea of the Gospel of today is that our Messiah would be nailed to a cross, a thought which sounds severe to our ears. It is good that we sometimes stop to think what this really means: Our Messiah, whom we follow, whom we recognize as the way, the truth and the life, was a man who was condemned by the Romans 2000 years ago.

It is no wonder that Peter criticized Jesus saying that could not happen. Peter had recognized that Jesus had, in all ways, surpassed any other prophet. He thought following Jesus would lead to a better life. Jesus does not deny that he is the Messiah who came to fulfill the promises of God, but he explains how they will fulfill these promises, and this is the part that was hard for St. Peter.

For us, Jesus' statements are truly surprising. These statements and promises we have heard all our lives, however, does not mean that we understand them. Some of these amazing beliefs and truths are that God manifested Himself on the cross, that God does not emphasize any kind of influence or success as the world understands it.

My brothers and sisters, we need to recognize that the cross is the way for those who want to follow Jesus. This is a tremendous challenge for our understanding. We need the grace of the Holy Spirit so that we can follow this path, as Jesus himself says: "Whoever wants to be my follower must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."