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Pastor: Fr. Eduardo da Silva Santos
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June 1st, 2025 – 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 25th, 2025

Church costs: \$3,663

Our collection: \$2,705

Shortage: - \$ 958

Tues, June 3	***NO MASS***
Wed, June 4	***NO MASS***
Thur, June 5	***NO MASS***
Fri, June 6	***NO MASS***
Sat, June 7 9:00 am	*First Communion and Confirmation*
5:00 pm	
Sun, June 8 11:00 am	† José Vales (Maria Vales) † José Ferreira e obrigações de Hermínia Ferreira
12:30 pm	



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Saturday June 7th at 5PM
Readers: Mladen Grohovac Jackie Grohovac
Euc Min: Mladen Grohovac
Sunday June 8th at 11AM
Readers: Christina Santos Veronica Correia
Euc Min: Kristina de Melo
Sunday June 8th at 12:30PM
Readers: Evelin Bello William Matorel
Euc Min: Daniel Cardena Francisco Garcia

Cleaning: Christina and Mario Santos Marlinda Cabral Peter da Silva

**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

Change of Address

If you have a new address, telephone number, or
email address, please remember to notify the office.

Mudança de Morada

Se tiver uma nova morada, número de telefone ou
endereço de email, por favor lembre-se de informar a
secretaria paroquial.

Announcements / Avisos

Change of Schedule

Father Eduardo will be at a retreat next week, so there will be no weekday masses, Tuesday, June 3rd to Friday, June 6th.

Mudança de Horário

Padre Eduardo estará em retiro na próxima semana, portanto não haverá missas durante a semana, de terça-feira, 3 de junho a sexta-feira, 6 de junho.

Church Office

The church office will be closed on Thursday, June 5th.

Secretaria Paroquial

A secretaria paroquial nao abrira na quinta-feira, 5 de Junho.

Holy Spirit Festival – June 13 - 15, 2025



The Holy Spirit Festival Committee is selling “pensões” (roast beef, sweet bread, bread and wine). The amount is \$80 for each “pensão”. The final date to order will be June 8th. Please speak to Helder Ponte to order your “pensão” or call him at 250-727-0623.

There is a sign-up sheet at the entrance of the church for the “Sopas” Dinner on Saturday June 14th, 2025.

If you would like to make a donation for flowers, it can be left in the black box by the sacristy door and prizes for the bazaar can be left in the church entrance. Thank You

Festa do Espírito Santo – 13 a 15 de junho de 2025

PENSÕES - A Comissão da Festa do Espírito Santo está a vender “pensões” (carne, massa, pão e vinho). O valor de cada pensão é \$80. As encomendas deverão ser realizadas até o dia 8 de junho. Fale com Helder Ponte para encomendar a sua pensão ou ligue para 250-727-0623.

SOPA - Na entrada de igreja há uma folha para escrever os nomes daqueles que irão no Jantar das Sopas do Divino Espírito Santo no dia 14 de junho de 2025.

DOAÇÕES - As ofertas para flores podem ser colocadas na caixa preta perto da porta da sacristia. As doações para o bazar podem ser colocadas à entrada da igreja. Obrigado

Diocese News:

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has shared a short Note on Prayer from its Episcopal Commission for Doctrine. The note offers a simple introduction to what prayer is and points to a set of helpful new resources prepared by the CCCB’s Jubilee planning committee. Please find this “Note on Prayer” here: https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Note-on-Prayer_EN-2025-04-22.pdf

**Homily
Ascension of the Lord**

Today, as we celebrate the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, the first question that may come to mind is: *What does it mean that Jesus “ascended” into heaven?* Fortunately, we’ve moved beyond the simplistic notion of God as a distant being “up in the clouds.” Yet the mystery remains profound: what is the meaning of a Savior who lived among us, only to disappear—especially when the world today faces so many grave and unresolved problems? Precisely in these troubling times—when some even predict a catastrophic end—we are invited to listen anew to the message of the Ascension.

To believe in the Ascension is to believe that the humanity of Christ, in which we all share, has entered the very heart of God in a completely new way. Jesus has not left us. Rather, He is now hidden in God to be even more intimately present to each of us. His Ascension is not an absence, but a new kind of presence—one that surpasses time and space. From this new intimacy with the Father, He guides us toward our ultimate destination.

As Pope Benedict XVI once said, *“Heaven is not a place above the stars, but something far greater: it is where man is with God.”* Heaven, then, is not merely a place—it is a Person. It is Jesus Christ himself. In Him, God and humanity are now inseparably united. And when we turn our lives toward Him, we already begin to experience the joy of heaven.

This is the hope we hold: not a future of destruction, but one of everlasting reconciliation and peace—a destiny made eternally accessible through the Ascension of Christ. Some may hear this and smile with disbelief. But for us, this is the truth that sustains the world. Without this hope, human history loses its meaning. When humanity abandons this hope, it does not flourish—it fades.

We, who believe in the Risen and Ascended Lord, often feel like strangers in a world that has grown weary or skeptical of such promises—a world sometimes cheerful, sometimes despairing, but often closed in upon itself. Yes, we are strangers. But we are joyful strangers, because we carry a hope that gives meaning to life and victory beyond death.