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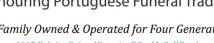


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> > 12:30 pm in Spanish

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Tues, Oct 14 9:00 am	† Ana Franco (Enrique Villegas)
Wed, Oct 15 9:00 am	
6:00 pm	† Bernardo Franco (Enrique Villegas)
Thur, Oct 16 9:00 am	† Marielu Franco (Enrique Villegas)
Fri, Oct 17 9:00 am	
Sat, Oct 18 5:00 pm	† José Da Silva (Peter Da Silva) † Manuel Franco (Enrique Villegas)
Sun, Oct 19 11am	† Pelas intenções de Virginia Ferreira † João e Tony Garcia (Cecilia Garcia)
12:30pm	

Nossa Senhora, rogai por nós.





Manuela Furtado

Mariana Correia

Saturday Oct 18th at 5PM Readers: Marcelo Correia

Euc Min: Marcelo Correia

Sunday Oct 19th at 11PM

Readers: Lourdes Frias

Euc Min: Janaina Marques

Sunday Oct 19th at 12:30PM

Readers: Lulu Martinez

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Evening Masses at Holy Cross

Currently Bishop Gary celebrates mass at 7:00 pm on many weeknights in the chapel at Holy Cross Parish (4049 Gordon Head Road, Victoria). Everyone is very welcome to join us! Since Bishop Gary's schedule can change at any time, please check the Holy Cross website for up-to-date information at https://holycrossvictoria.org/. Next week, Bishop Gary is scheduled to celebrate mass at 7:00 pm on Oct. 13th, 15th, 16th and 17th.

Announcements / Avisos

Missas da Tarde na Paróquia da Santa Cruz

Atualmente, o Bispo Gary celebra missa às 7:00 da noite em muitos dias de semana, na capela da Paróquia da Santa Cruz (4049 Gordon Head Road, Victoria). Todos são muito bem-vindos a juntar-se a nós! Como o horário do Bispo Gary pode mudar a qualquer momento, por favor verifiquem o site da Paróquia da Santa Cruz para informações atualizadas: https://holycrossvictoria.org/. Na próxima semana, o Bispo Gary está previsto celebrar missa às 7:00 da noite nos dias 13, 15, 16 e 17

Na proxima semana, o Bispo Gary esta previsto celebrar missa as 7:00 da noite nos dias 13, 15, 16 e 17 de outubro.

Holy Spirit Festival Committee's Holiday Craft Market

On November 8th and 9th, the Holy Spirit Festival Committee will be hosting a Holiday Craft Market. If you are a crafter, and would like the opportunity to sell your creations, please contact Marco: 250-884-2756 or Kristina: 250-415-0955. Cost is \$50 per day per table.

Mercado de Artesanato de Natal do Comité da Festa do Divino Espírito Santo

Nos dias 8 e 9 de novembro, o Comité da Festa do Divino Espírito Santo vai organizar um Mercado de Artesanato de Natal. Se és artesão e gostaria de ter a oportunidade de vender as suas criações, por favor contacte o Marco: 250-884-2756 ou a Kristina: 250-415-0955. O custo é de \$50 por dia, por mesa.

Diocese News

- 1) The Diocese of Victoria is offering a two-day, in-person marriage preparation course on November 15 and 22, from 10:00 am-4:00 pm at Holy Trinity Parish in Nanaimo. Open to all, this course provides essential guidance for couples preparing for marriage. A joint Certificate of Completion will be issued upon completion of both sessions. Please register by October 26 here: https://in-person-marriage-prep-nov-2025.eventbrite.ca
- 2) The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) has released a new video series on Family Catechesis titled "Called to Witness and Proclaim." Building on last October's Pastoral Letter on Family Catechesis, the series offers accessible and engaging content for parish formation, family ministry, or

personal reflection. Find the complete video series here: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?app=desktop&list=PLKPm9ivAroOMLZw5PQYsBcXXDWbARAD4N

- 3) Sacred Heart's Catholic Women's League is holding their Annual Community Garage Sale Event on Saturday, October 18, 2025, from 9:00 am–1:00 pm at Sacred Heart Church Hall (4040 Nelthorpe Street, Victoria). Find new and used treasures, CWL baking, KofC BBQ, tea/coffee. Free admission, wheelchair accessible. Proceeds will support CWL charities.
- 4) On Friday, October 17, Listening Facilitators from across the Diocese will gather for the Diocesan Permanent Pastoral Synod 2025 Fall Plenary. Together with the Bishop's Advisory Council and the Council of Priests, they will discern the questions to be explored in the next cycle of Listening Circles. All are invited to participate in the opening Mass at 9:00 am, either in person at Holy Cross Parish in Victoria (4049 Gordon Head Rd), or via livestream. For more information and the livestream link, please visit: https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/october-17-dpps-2025-fall-plenary-mass

Homily 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

My brothers and sisters, we all know that salvation is not something we earn or deserve, it's a pure gift from God. Yet, in today's Gospel, we hear about the nine lepers who didn't seem to understand this. They believed that God somehow *owed* them healing, that it was their right. Because of this attitude, they couldn't see beyond the miracle itself, and they didn't come back to give thanks.

But there was one man who did, the Samaritan. He was considered a foreigner, an outsider, even unworthy by the standards of the time. And yet, he was the only one who realized that what had happened to him was far more than a physical cure. He recognized the hand of God at work in his life, and his heart was filled with gratitude. When he turned back to Jesus, it wasn't just to say "thank you" politely, it was a movement of the heart. It was faith awakening within him.

To truly give thanks to Jesus, we must first recognize that He owes us nothing and yet gives us everything. Everything He does for us, every blessing, every healing, every breath — comes from His free and generous love. Only someone who understands that love as a gift can truly be grateful. That's the kind of person who can let go of everything, possessions, comfort, even their own plans, and follow Jesus wholeheartedly. And to such a person Jesus says: "Your faith has saved you."

We too are called to live this same experience. Like the lepers, we are invited to come before the Lord with our wounds, our sins, and our needs. We are all in need of healing; we are all incomplete without God. This is the true journey of Christian life, to recognize our sinfulness and to proclaim with faith that Jesus saves us through His Cross.

And when we understand that gratitude naturally flows from our hearts. We begin to thank Him not only for the moments of joy and health even in our struggles, because we know that His merciful love never leaves us. He walks with us in our weakness, so that we may live as beloved sons and daughters of God.

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