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January 14th – 2nd 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

Jan 7th, 2024

Church costs: \$2,817

Our collection: \$3,120

Overage: + \$ 303

Tue, Jan 16	***NO MASS***
Wed, Jan 17	***NO MASS***
Thur, Jan 18	***NO MASS***
Fri, Jan 19	***NO MASS***
Sat, Jan 20 5:00 pm	† João e Tony Garcia (Cecilia Garcia) † Rosa Diaz (Juan e Rosalie Diaz)
Sun, Jan 21 11:00 am	† Pelas Intenções de Virginia Ferreira † Maria Braga, Manuela Raposo, e familiares (Senhorinha Clemente)
12:30 pm	† Olga Navarro Garcia (Eloi Mendes)



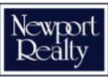
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Saturday Jan 20th at 5PM
Readers: Pamela Soriano Raad Nashmi
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Sunday Jan 21st at 11AM
Readers: Christina Santos Janaina Marques
Euc Min: Janaina Marques
Sunday Jan 21st at 12:30PM
Readers: Ana Maria Medina Ivan Rincon
Euc Min: Oscar Hinojosa
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**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

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 14th until Friday, February 2nd. 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.

Address Changes

If you have changed your address in the past two years, please let the office know. We need to update addresses before we send out the income tax receipts. Thank you.

Mudanças de endereço

Se você mudou de endereço nos últimos dois anos, informe o escritório. Precisamos atualizar os endereços antes de enviarmos os comprovantes do imposto de renda. Obrigado.

News From the Diocese

1) To mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, all are invited to an ecumenical service at Christ Church Cathedral in Victoria (930 Burdett Ave) on Sunday, January 21 at 4:00 pm. Bishop Anna Greenwood-Lee of the Anglican Diocese of Islands and Inlets will preside, and Bishop Gary will preach. A reception will follow the service.

2) Youth in grades 7-12 are invited to the annual Diocese of Victoria Youth Retreat, which runs from February 2 - 4, 2024 at Camp Homewood on Quadra Island. This year's theme is "Seek Him", and the retreat will be presented by Face to Face Ministries. The cost is \$195 per participant (or \$215 after January 15), which includes all food, accommodation, and activities. Youth are asked to register with their local parish. For more information, contact St. Patrick's Parish in Campbell River (stpatricks-CR@shaw.ca or 250-287-3498), or Bonni Roset, Camp Coordinator, at broset@telus.net or 250-203-1518.

3) January 15 is the deadline to apply for the 2024-25 Catholic Women's Leadership Foundation Program. The program is open to all Canadian Catholic women who have a genuine interest in making a difference in their communities and places of work, and is specifically designed to integrate faith and life, personal and professional leadership development. For more information and to apply, please visit <https://www.cwlfcanada.ca/participate>.

**Homily
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

We begin ordinary time with this account of the beginning of the ministry of Jesus, which means that in a few short weeks we have advanced thirty years in the life of John the Baptist and Jesus. John was faithful to his vocation and was preparing the way for the Lord, by calling people to repentance as a preparation for the Messiah. We see the fidelity and humility of John when he said to two of his disciples as Jesus passed by; "Behold, the Lamb of God." These two disciples left John to follow Jesus, and their initial conversation was brief and telling. Jesus asked them; "What are you looking for?" and they answered his question with a question, "Where are you staying?" Jesus gave them the invitation; "Come and you will see."

These two disciples, Andrew the brother of Peter, and John, the brother of James, followed Jesus and never turned back. It was such an important encounter that they remembered the exact time of the day when they met Jesus, four in the afternoon. Meeting Jesus was life changing for them and the moment they first met him would never be forgotten. Dear brothers and sisters, we all probably have events in our lives that we remember with such vividness even to the smallest detail. This was the experience of Andrew and James.

The effect it had on each of them is obvious as they remained followers of Jesus and became two of the twelve apostles. We also know that Andrew was so touched by his initial encounter with Jesus that he went to share the news with his brother Peter, telling him, "We have found the Messiah." It seems that James acted similarly and shared this encounter with his brother John. From this brief, initial encounter with Jesus we have four of the twelve apostles. According to the Scriptures this took place before Jesus ever preached in a synagogue or performed a miracle. This part of his ministry would take place later. It was being in the presence of Jesus that attracted and touched these men, and led them to change their lives. They left everything to follow him, and ultimately Andrew, Peter, and James willingly laid down their lives in martyrdom out of their love and faithfulness to Jesus, while John, though not a martyr, suffered much because of his faith.

In our journey of faith many of us were probably Baptized as infants and brought up in the faith. However, there was some point in our lives when we freely decided to follow Jesus, or to continue to follow him. There are moments that stand out for us when we experienced the powerful and beautiful presence of Jesus. This could have been when we received one of the Sacraments, or on a retreat day or weekend, or at a time and place when we least expected to encounter Jesus. As we begin the Liturgical Season known as Ordinary Time, take time to reflect on these personal encounters with the lord, whether they be ordinary or extraordinary. Allow the memory of these experiences to be the beginning of a year of growth in our relationship with the Lord. Like, Andrew, James, Peter and John may it be a lifetime of growing in our experience of God's love.to transform us into an everlasting gift to God in Christ, through Him and in Him.