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## December 3<sup>rd</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

**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

Nov 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Church costs: \$2,817

Our collection: \$2,082

Shortage: - \$735

Tue, Dec 5 9:00 am	** PRO POPULO **
Wed, Dec 6 9:00 am	
Thur, Dec 7 9:00 am	
Fri, Dec 8 9:00 am	
Sat, Dec 9 5:00 pm	† Elizabet, Lurdes e Manuel Braga † Biolik-Bielak Family (Anna Biolik)
Sun, Dec 10 11:00 am	† José Ferreira e obrigações de Hermínia Ferreira † Guilherme Furtado e Martinho de Medeiros (Maria Zita Moniz)
12:30 pm	



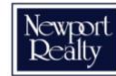
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<b>Saturday Dec 9<sup>th</sup> at 5PM</b>
Readers: Mishelle Braz Phillip Braz
Euc Min: Phillip Braz
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 11AM</b>
Readers: Julieta Costa Marlinda Cabral
Euc Min: Veronica Faria
<b>Sunday Dec 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:30PM</b>
<b>Our Lady of Guadalupe</b>
Readers: Claudia Garcia Oscar Hinojosa
Euc Min: Carlos Perez

Cleaning: Camilo Corso Marcela Valencia Daniel & Joaquin
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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**

**New Year's Eve Party – December 31, 2023 – Our Lady of Fatima Hall**  
Tickets are now available to purchase! Contact Connie 250 888-7720  
Doors open at 6pm, Dinner at 7pm by Casa Nova Catering, and Live Music by Hermano Silva

**Festa de Ano Novo – Dezembro 31, 2023 – Salão de Nossa Senhora de Fátima**  
Bilhetes para a Jantar já estão a venda. Contacto Connie 250-888-7720  
Portas do salão abre as 6pm, jantar as 7pm de Casa Nova Catering, e música ao vivo de Hermano Silva

**Festival of Our Lady of Guadalupe – Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023**  
Everyone is welcome to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Mass will be at 12:30pm in English, Celebrated with Bishop Gary Gordon. After mass, the parish hall will be open for a social gathering and soup will be available to purchase. If anyone would like to donate any baked goods to sell in the Bakesale that would be appreciated.

**Festival de Nossa Senhora de Guadalupe – Domingo Dezembro 10, 2023**  
Todos são bem-vindos para celebrar a Festa de Nossa Senhora de Guadalupe. A missa será às 12:30pm em inglês, celebrada com o Bispo Gary Gordon. Depois de missa, o salão paroquial estará aberto para confraternização e a cozinha esta aberto para comprar sopa. Se alguém quiser doar para o Bakesale, Bakesale, ficariamos agradecidos.

**Anawim House**  
Anawim is asking for your assistance again, there will be a box in your front foyer starting Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> to accept donations of non-perishable food items such as pasta sauce, noodles, tuna, jam, peanut butter, or any other common food items to help feed the people Anawim serves. Thank you for your long-term support of Anawim.

**Casa Anawim**  
Anawim está pedindo sua ajuda novamente, haverá uma caixa no seu hall de entrada a partir do dia 25 de novembro para aceitar doações de alimentos não perecíveis, como molho de macarrão, macarrão, atum, geléia, manteiga de amendoim ou qualquer outro alimento comum para ajudar a alimentar as pessoas que Anawim serve. Obrigado pelo seu apoio de longo prazo à Anawim.

- Dicocese**
1. The Bishop's Appeal, Tapestry of Faith, is still accepting 2023 donations. Please consider making a financial commitment to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Not only are you helping our parish, but you are making a real difference to our greater Diocesan faith community, our religious leaders, and Local Mission Parishes. Donations may be made on-line at: <https://www.redvictoria.org/bishops-appeal>
  2. The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is once again presenting the *Journey through Advent* video series. This year's presenter, the Most Rev. Bishop Jon Hansen, CSsR, Bishop of Mackenzie-Fort Smith, will offer a reflection on the Scriptures for each Sunday of Advent 2023. To view the videos, please visit <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-advent/>

**Homily  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

We begin Advent with the same message that we heard a couple of weeks ago near the end of the church year. This Gospel sums it up with two words, "watchful and alert." You know, in our human experiences the way we are watchful and alert is determined in part by the one we are waiting for. If we are waiting for a person who acts like a tyrant, who is never satisfied and always highly critical, then we stay alert and watch so as to be prepared for the unpleasant experience that we anticipate at his arrival. If the one we are waiting for is a person of reason and fairness we anticipate his arrival by doing our best.

What does it mean to you when Jesus tells us to be watchful and alert? If we perceive Jesus as a judge who holds every fault against us, somewhat like Santa Claus who is making his list, we can be filled with anxiety and fear about his Return in Glory. If, however, we see Jesus as the Divine Physician who longs to heal us so much that he died on the cross so that we could be spared eternal punishment, this image can fill us with humility, contrition and gratitude for his healing as we await his glorious return. The readings today call us to be watchful and alert by allowing God into our lives so as to help us with the ongoing conversion that brings us closer to the Lord each day.

Isaiah uses a beautiful image to illustrate our relationship with God. He calls God, "Father" and describes our relationship as one in which; "we are the clay and he is the potter: we are all the work of your hands." God gently fashions us and molds us with his own hands. When we freely confess this, we invite the hand of God to touch us and fashion us and heal us.

Saint Paul begins the First Letter to the Corinthians with the warm greeting and encouragement over all the good things the Lord is doing for them. It's a greeting that we should receive for all our efforts to be faithful. In his letter he continues to instruct them and also to correct them. It is Paul's way of helping the Corinthians to be watchful and alert. It is also the church's way today to help us. We need the continued opportunities of growth and conversion so as to be watchful and alert.

As we begin Advent we have the choice of how we wait for the Lord. We can be sitting in the courtroom waiting to be judged and sentenced, or we can be waiting in the doctor's office waiting for the physician to treat and heal us. Both of these require one to be alert and to watch. Hopefully we will approach Advent waiting for the Divine Physician. This involves knowing ourselves well enough that we are honest about our need to visit the doctor's office at the confessional, rather than pretending that there is nothing wrong, or we can take care of it ourselves. Be alert and watchful of those parts of our lives that need the healing touch of Jesus and expectantly wait for his coming.