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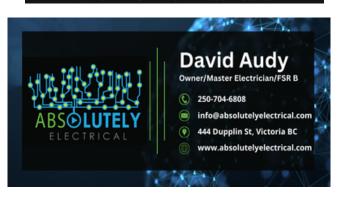
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August 3rd, 2025 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

July 27th, 2025

Church costs: \$3,663

Our collection: \$2,432

Shortage: - \$ 1,231

Tues, Aug 5 9:00 am	
Wed, Aug 6 9:00 am	
Thur, Aug 7 9:00 am	
Fri, Aug 8 9:00 am	
Sat, Aug 9 5:00 pm	† Alice de Lima (Luisa da Silva)
Sun, Aug 10 11:00 am	† Lurdes, Manuel e Elizabet Braga (família) † José e Natalie Ferreira e obrigações de Hermínia Ferreira
12:30 pm	

Saturday Aug 9th at 5PM

Readers: Alex Mazulo Mariana Mazulo

Euc Min: Mladen Grohovac

Sunday Aug 10th at 11AM

Readers: Sara da S. Pinto Mateus Alpino Euc Min: Douglas Lima

Sunday Aug 10th at 12:30PM

Readers: Lulu Martinez Graciela Schwarz

Euc Min: Adriana Muñoz Maria de los Angeles

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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, <u>click here</u> or call 1-866-892-3737

Catechism - 2025 - 2026

Catechism registration for the 2025-2026 year will continue until September 15. Registration is online. Please see the QR code on the bulletin board in the church entrance to register, or go to our website at: ourladyoffatimavictoria.com .

Children must be registered in our parish and must be minimum starting grade 2 this fall. Teens are welcome to register and will be placed in a separate class.

Announcements / Avisos

Senhor Antonio Pacheco says thank you to everyone who signed his 90th birthday card, and had a picture taken. It meant a lot to him, and he wants you to know that he is doing well.

O Senhor António Pacheco agradece a todos que assinaram o cartão do seu 90.º aniversário e tiraram uma fotografia. Isso significou muito para ele, e quer que saibam que está bem.

Senhor Bom Jesus da Pedra

The festival for Senhor Bom Jesus da Pedra will be from August 28th to 31st. The schedule for the festival will be announced next week. Donations of prizes for the bazaar can be left in the church entrance and donations for flowers can be put in the black box by the sacristy door.

Senhor Bom Jesus da Pedra

A festa do Senhor Bom Jesus da Pedra será de 28 a 31 de agosto. O programa da festa será anunciado na próxima semana. As ofertas de prémios para o bazar podem ser deixadas na entrada da igreja, e as ofertas para as flores podem ser colocadas na caixa preta ao pé da porta da sacristia.

Diocese News

1) Spots are still available for the 11th Annual Diocesan Family Camp and Conference! Register by August 11th to join families from across the Diocese of Victoria for a joyful weekend of faith, fellowship, and fun on the beautiful West Coast. Learn more and register

here: https://www.rcdvictoria.org/family-camp

2) St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Cathedral is still seeking a dedicated Director of Musical Worship to uphold and enhance its legacy of musical excellence, inspiring and engaging the worship community through a vibrant and dynamic music ministry. A detailed job description can be viewed here: https://www.standrewscathedral.com/post/job-opportunity-director-of-musical-worship

3) All are welcome to register for an eight-week Bible study on Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance, exploring key themes in today's Christian culture and society. Classes run on Wednesdays from August

27 to October 15—2:00 pm in person at St. Andrew's Cathedral Parish Centre and at 6:30 pm online class via Zoom. Please contact the cathedral office at standrewscathedral@gmail.com to register. Workbooks for the class are \$35 and a subsidy is available for anyone in need.

4) The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has released a pastoral letter titled *Forgive Us Our Debts: Pastoral Letter on Debt Forgiveness in the Jubilee Year 2025.* It highlights the global debt crisis affecting many developing countries and urges the Canadian government and private creditors to work with these nations to create and implement fair debt forgiveness plans in the spirit of the Jubilee Year. Read the letter here: https://www.cccb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Forgive-Us-Our-Debts Pastoral-Letter-on-Debt-Forgiveness-in-the-Jubilee-Year-2025.pdf

Homily 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In today's Gospel, Jesus helps us distinguish between two essential realities: *being* and *having*. *Being* refers to who we are—our life and identity. *Having* refers to what we possess—our goods and resources. Possessions are necessary, but they are meant to serve our lives, not define them.

Jesus warns us not to confuse the value of our life with the quantity of what we own. This is a temptation we often fall into—believing that more possessions will somehow make us more valuable or more fulfilled. But this illusion collapses when we face the truth of death: we will appear before God not with our wealth, but simply as we are.

That's why Jesus ends His parable with the question: "The things you have prepared, whose will they be?" He then concludes: "So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

What matters to God is who we are—our character, our love, our faith. A person who lives to accumulate ends up focused only on himself. But one who lives for God sees his life as a gift and becomes a gift to others.

If we truly believe that God is our treasure, then we must recognize that His greatest richness is His self-giving love. The Gospel invites us to imitate this: not to grasp, but to give; not to hoard, but to serve.

In the Second Reading, St. Paul reminds us: "Set your minds on things that are above, not on earthly things." Our true treasure is Christ. In Him, we discover who we really are—our identity, our purpose, and our value. What we are in God, we have received through Christ. He is our life.

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Senhor, tendes sido o nosso refúgio através das gerações.

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Bem-aventurados os pobres em espírito, porque deles é o reino dos Céus.