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March 9th, 2025 – 1st Sunday of Lent

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

March 2, 2025

Church costs: \$3,663

Our collection: \$2,735

Shortage: - \$ 928

Tues, Mar 11 9:00 am	
Wed, Mar 12 9:00 am	
Thur, Mar 13 9:00 am	
Fri, Mar 14 6:30 pm	*Via Sacra – Stations of the Cross – 6:00 pm, followed by Mass
Sat, Mar 15 5:00 pm	† Manuel Furtado Carreiro (Rita Carreiro)
Sun, Mar 16 11:00 am	† Kimberly Proctor e almas do purgatório (Gloria e Luis Bilhete) † Lurdes, Manuel e Elizabet Braga (família)
12:30 pm	



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Saturday Mar 15th at 5PM
Readers: Raad Nashmi Bob Antaya
Euc Min: Raad Nashmi
Sunday Mar 16th at 11AM
Readers: Christina Santos Veronica Correia
Euc Min: Christina Santos
Sunday Mar 16th at 12:30PM
Readers: Carlos Perez Stephanie Soriano
Euc Min: Adriana Muñoz Maria de los Angeles

Cleaning:
Christina and Mario Santos
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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

Stations of the Cross - in Portuguese
Fridays during Lent at 6:00 pm
Mass following Stations of the Cross

Via Sacra em Português
Sextas-feiras durante a Quaresma às 18h00
Missa após a via sacra

Announcements / Avisos

Saint Joseph Festival

The Saint Joseph Festival will be next Sunday, March 16th. The committee is asking for donations for flowers and for the bake sale.

Festa de São José

A Festa de São José realiza-se no próximo domingo, dia 16 de março. O comité está a pedir doações para flores e venda de bolos.

Soup and Malassada Festival

The Our Lady of Fatima Committee would like to thank everyone for their support and donations to the very successful “Festival das sopas e malassadas”. With your support they raised \$5,493.15 to help towards the Our Lady of Fatima festival in May. Thank you!

Festa da Sopa e Malassada

A Comissão Nossa Senhora de Fátima agradece a todos o apoio e donativos para o muito bem sucedido “Festival das sopas e malassadas”. Com o seu apoio, angariaram 5.493,15 dólares para ajudar na festa de Nossa Senhora de Fátima em Maio. Muito obrigado!

Diocese News

1) The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops is hosting a series of videos for Lent titled Journey Through Lent. This series is meant to offer spiritual inspiration and guidance on how to prepare well for the Easter season. New videos will be released each week, you can watch the series here: <https://www.cccb.ca/lent/>

2) The Rite of Election Mass will take place on March 9th at 1:30 pm at St. Andrew’s Cathedral. During this liturgical rite, catechumens—those preparing to join the Church through baptism, confirmation, and the Eucharist at Easter—are presented to the Bishop. All are welcome to attend in person or via the livestream at: <https://youtube.com/live/dEASwsogCoo?feature=share>

3) Listening Circles are now being held across the diocese as part of our Diocesan Permanent Pastoral Synod journey. All are invited to participate—please contact your parish office to sign up for a Circle. If you’re unable to participate in a Circle in person, facilitators are hosting online Listening Circles on various dates beginning March 16. Please sign up here: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/dpps-online-listening-circles-tickets-1263055064699>

4) March 16, the Second Sunday of Lent, marks the Jubilee 2025 Day of Action. As people of faith, we are called to act justly and work for change (Micah 6:8). Join the movement for economic and ecological justice by signing the petition to turn debt into hope: <https://www.kairoscanada.org/jubilee-2025-canada>

5) The Diocese of Victoria is offering a two-day, in-person marriage preparation course on April 5 and 12, from 10:00 am–4:00 pm in Ladysmith (venue TBD), with a remote Zoom option available. Open to all, this course provides essential guidance for couples preparing for marriage. A joint Certificate of Completion will be issued upon completion of all sessions. Please register by March 19 here: <https://in-person-marriage-prep-april-2025.eventbrite.ca>

6) St. Joseph the Worker Parish is seeking a part-time Secretary to join their team. This role includes working closely with the pastor, staff, and volunteers to create a welcoming environment for visitors while managing administrative tasks and confidential office functions. View the full job description here: <https://www.redvictoria.org/employment>



**Homily
1st Sunday of Lent**

The great temptation that each of us experiences is to simply reduce all our lives to the satisfaction of our desires, that is to turn all our energies into bread to feed these desires. It seems that our greatest satisfaction comes only in consuming.... whether it is food, fashion, concerts, books, television.

Sometimes even love has been transformed into mere sexual pleasure. Is it not true that we often face the temptation to seek pleasure beyond the extent of our needs and often at the expense of life and of human society? The problem is that when we reduce everything based on its usefulness and profit, we impoverish life. At the same time this striving only to satisfy our desires even at the expense of others, leads to egoism with all its fruits.

Happiness constitutes the exact opposite attitude to that which I described because a selfish person has never been nor will ever be happy. We often see the dynamics of a society that feeds on consumption thus creating a lack of solidarity and no responsibility for human life.

The readings from this first Sunday of Lent propose that we investigate the wilderness where Jesus was tempted. The liturgy proposes that we learn from Jesus who refused to perform miracles on a whim and for pleasure. It proposes that we meditate on the words of our Savior, "Man does not live by bread alone". This is our challenge during Lent: to free ourselves from our greed, our selfishness and our superficiality. It is the way to nurture love and generosity within us, the same love and generosity that moved our Lord Jesus Christ to face the temptations and then to give his life for the salvation of the world.