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June 16th, 2024 – 11th 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

June 9th, 2024

Church costs: \$3,663

Our collection:

Shortage: -

Tues, June 18 9:00 am	
Wed, June 19 9:00 am	
Thur, June 20 9:00 am	
Fri, June 21 9:00 am	
Sat, June 22 5:00 pm	† Pelas intenções de Virginia Ferreira † Rosa Diaz (Juan e Rosalia Diaz)
Sun, June 23 11:00 am	† Antonio Ramos e falecidos de família (família) † João e Tony Garcia (Cecilia Garcia)
12:30 pm	



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Saturday June 22nd at 5PM
Readers: Bob Antaya Veronica Faria
Euc Min: Christina Santos
Sunday June 23rd at 11AM
Readers: Julieta da Costa Marlinda Cabral
Euc Min: Antonio Raposo
Sunday June 23rd at 12:30PM
Readers: Claudia Garcia Oscar Hinojosa
Euc Min: Carlos Perez

Cleaning:
Oscar and Claudia Andrade
Pamela

**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

The 10th Annual Diocesan Family Conference and Camp will be from August 15th to 18th. The planning team seeks volunteers for this event. Interested volunteers please email familycamp@rcdvictoria.org

A 10^a Conferência Diocesana Anual da Família e Acampamento será de 15 a 18 de agosto. A equipe de planejamento busca voluntários para este evento. Voluntários interessados, enviem um e-mail para familycamp@rcdvictoria.org

Announcements / Avisos

Our Lady of Fatima Parish

Our parish community will be celebrating Father Eduardo's 60th birthday on Sunday, July 7th, at 2PM. Everyone is welcome! Please sign-up in the book in the church entrance with your name and number of people in your group. Deadline to sign-up will be Sunday, June 30th.

A nossa comunidade paroquial celebrará o aniversário do nosso pároco, Padre Eduardo, que completará 60 anos de idade. A celebração acontecerá no dia 7 de julho, domingo, às 2PM. Todos são bem-vindos. Na entrada da igreja há uma folha na qual devem colocar o nome aqueles que participarão no evento. Esta inscrição deve ser feita até o domingo, dia 30 de junho.

Nuestra comunidad parroquial celebrará el cumpleaños de nuestro párroco, Padre Eduardo, quien cumplirá 60 años. La celebración tendrá lugar el domingo 7 de julio a las 14 horas. Todos son bienvenidos. A la entrada de la iglesia hay una hoja en la que deberán poner su nombre aquellos que participarán en el evento. Esta inscripción deberá realizarse hasta el domingo 30 de junio.

News From the Diocese

1) Deacon Joseph Yuson, a seminarian for the Diocese of Victoria, will be ordained to the Ministerial Priesthood on Saturday, June 22, 2024 at 10:00 am at St. Andrew's Cathedral in Victoria. All are invited to participate in Deacon Joseph's ordination Mass, either in person at St. Andrew's or via the livestream at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MulLFNXUEkI>. A reception will follow the ordination at St. Andrew's Regional High School (880 McKenzie Ave, Victoria). Your prayers for Joseph and his intentions are appreciated as he prepares for service as a ministerial priest to the People of God in the Diocese of Victoria.

2) The Society of Saint Vincent De Paul Vancouver Island is a non-profit organization dedicated to living the Gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice and joy. They are seeking a volunteer Treasurer to join their Board. If you have experience in accounting or finance and

are willing to serve, a job description can be found at <https://svdp.bamboohr.com/careers/31?source=aWQ9MTg%3D>

3) The Diocese of Victoria is participating in an international research project about how religious communities experienced the COVID-19 pandemic. All parishioners are invited to complete an anonymous online questionnaire about your experiences during the pandemic. For more information and to access the questionnaire, please visit <https://www.research.net/r/covidandreligion>. The final deadline to complete the questionnaire is June 30, 2024.

4) Applications are now being accepted for bursaries and awards offered by the Diocese of Victoria to outstanding students and educators. The deadline for applications is July 15th. More information and application forms are available at the following links:

- 1) [The Jawl Bundon LLP Bursary](#) (\$2500): for a grade 12 Catholic student who has been accepted to a post-secondary institution. Preference will be given to Indigenous students, and to students who live outside of Greater Victoria and Nanaimo.
- 2) [The Blessed Marie Anne Blondin Bursary](#) (\$1000): for a lay woman who is accepted or enrolled in a program or course for ministry in the Church, such as religious education, social justice, liturgy, social action, care of the sick, etc.
- 3) [The Char Deslippe Memorial Award](#) (\$500): for a teacher working in Island Catholic Schools or a parish catechist serving in children, youth or adult ministry.

**Homily
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Today's Gospel shows us two parables where Jesus reveals the mysterious and transformative nature of the Kingdom of God.

The first Parable of the Growing Seed emphasizes the organic and often hidden growth of God's Kingdom. The farmer scatters the seed and then goes about his daily routine, unaware of how the seed grows. This growth happens in stages – first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel. The farmer participates in the sowing and harvesting but does not control the mysterious growth process.

For us, this parable highlights many important truths: Firstly, the Kingdom of God grows according to God's power and timing, not human effort. Our role is to plant the seeds through acts of faith, love, and service, trusting that God will bring about growth in His own way. Secondly, spiritual growth and the spread of God's Kingdom require patience and trust. We may not always see the immediate results of our efforts, but we trust that God is at work in unseen ways. And finally, while God initiates and sustains growth, we are called to cooperate with His grace, being diligent in our responsibilities and attentive to the opportunities He gives us.

The parable of mustard seed, though tiny, grows into a large plant providing shelter for birds. This parable illustrates the surprising and disproportionate impact of the Kingdom of God, starting from small, humble beginnings and expanding into something grand and inclusive. Note that God often uses what is small and seemingly insignificant to accomplish great things. This encourages us to value and embrace humility, trusting that our small acts of kindness and faithfulness can contribute to the greater good.

Reflecting on these parables invites us to examine our own lives and communities. Are we sowing seeds of faith and trust, even when we don't see immediate results? Are we nurturing a spirit of humility and openness to God's mysterious work? By meditating on these teachings, we can deepen our understanding of God's Kingdom and our role within it, inspired to live out our faith with patience, humility, and hope.