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## February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of 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

Feb. 9, 2025
Church costs: \$3,663
Our collection: \$2,227
Shortage: - \$1,436

Tues, Feb 18 9:00 am	
Wed, Feb 19 9:00 am	
Thur, Feb 20 9:00 am	
Fri, Feb 21 9:00 am	
Sat, Feb 22 5:00 pm	† João e Tony Garcia (Cecilia Garcia) † Alfredo Ferreira (Adelina Ferreira)
Sun, Feb 23 11:00 am	† Armando Furtado (Carmen Furtado) † Pelas intenções de Virginia Ferreira
12:30 pm	



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<b>Saturday Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5PM</b>
Readers: Philip Braz Mishelle Braz
Euc Min: Philip Braz
<b>Sunday Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11AM</b>
Readers: Alex Mazulo Mariano Mazulo
Euc Min: Veronica Correia
<b>Sunday Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12 :30PM</b>
Readers: Francisco Garcia Martha R.
Euc Min: Leticia Cortez Sergio Duran

Cleaning: Milena Galan Maria Estrada Lourdes Martinez
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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

***St. Joseph Festival – March 16, 2025***  
Donations of prizes for the St. Joseph Festival bazaar can be left in the entrance of the church.

***Festa de São José – 16 de março de 2025***  
Os donativos de prémios para o bazar da Festa de São José podem ser deixados à entrada da igreja.

**Announcements / Avisos**

**Soup and Malassada Festival**

Reminder of the Soup and Malassada Festival today, Sunday, February 16th, from 12:00 to 4:00 pm. Limit of 6 malassadas per family. There will also be a bake sale.

**Festival da Sopa e da Malassada**

Lembre que hoje domingo, 16 de fevereiro, das 12h00 às 16h00, acontece o Festival das Sopas e da Malassada. Limite de 6 malassadas por família. Haverá também venda de bolos.

**Diocese News**

1) A huge thank you to the people of the Diocese of Victoria for surpassing our 2024 Bishop's Appeal goal! Bishop Gary Gordon shares his heartfelt gratitude in a special message, which you can read on the Diocese website here: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/news/message-of-gratitude-for-the-2024-bishops-appeal>

2) St. Andrew's Roman Catholic Cathedral is 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) The national Indigenous Reconciliation Fund (IRF) has released *Sacred Fire Stories*, a powerful new video highlighting inspiring stories of hope from IRF-funded projects. Watch the video here to see the meaningful impact the IRF is making in Indigenous communities: <https://irfund.ca/en/welcome/>

The first project featured is from our own Diocese—the Michif Language Revitalization Circle (MLRC), which supports Métis in reclaiming self-identity through learning the Michif language. As a reminder, the next application deadline for the local Indigenous Reconciliation Fund is coming up on February 15. For more information and the application package, please visit <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/irf> or call 250-800-3167.

4) On February 14, Abbey Church and Emmaus Community (932 Balmoral Road, Victoria) will host an ecumenical prayer session in The Way of Taizé at 6:00 pm. All are invited to join in this evening of prayer and song.

**Homily  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

This Sunday the Church gives us these beautiful, but difficult words of Jesus: "Blessed are you who are poor... Blessed are you who are hungry... Blessed are you who weep now... Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you and defame you on account of the Son of Man". Rejoice in that day because: "You will be filled ... and you will laugh ... and yours is the Kingdom of God".

The beatitudes are not an invitation to naive optimism nor to the attainment of effortless happiness, but an invitation to experience pain, evil, or persecution with patience and joy which are the fruits of Christian hope. Patience is not the result of an ascetic exercise that teaches us to live out or endure our problems with indifference. Just the opposite: this is a patience that is linked to the patience of God who is present with us in pain and in times when we harbor feelings of helplessness. Sometimes his presence in our lives is quiet and discrete, but God always wills our good.

God not only gives us endurance as a gift, but also teaches us to be patient. God is not impatient in the face of evil and injustice because he is not in a hurry. He does not fear failure because he knows the triumph at the end of the story. God views the world with a look of infinite tenderness for all men and women who suffer, with a look that brings comfort and encouragement to persons faced with the reality of evil.

Like the patience of God, our patience is the fruit of love... a love that is stronger than any evil or darkness. In fact, no harm, no matter how cruel and powerful, can separate us from love, and remember that love is the only promise and guarantee of eternal happiness.

Christian patience, like love, is not passive, nor resigned. It is often difficult for us to shun being overwhelmed by despair, and hard for us to find the courage to fulfill our mission with integrity and fidelity. Keep in mind that patience is fueled by trust in God, and it is in his hands that we place our lives. It is our loving God who renews the strength of all people who suffer in a difficult situation, and it is He who puts into our hearts a peace that the world cannot give us.