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February 18th – 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

Feb 11th, 2024

Church costs: \$2,817

Our collection: \$2,487

Shortage: - \$ 330

Tue, Feb 20 9:00 am	** PRO POPULO
Wed, Feb 21 9:00 am	
Thur, Feb 22 9:00 am	
Fri, Feb 23 6:30 pm	
Sat, Feb 24 5:00 pm	† Alfredo Ferreira (Adelina Ferreira) † Rosa Diaz (Juan e Rosalia Diaz)
Sun, Feb 25 11:00 am	† João e Tony Garcia (Cecilia Garcia) † Vladamira Frias, irmãs, e filho (Maria Zita Moniz)
12:30 pm	† Maria Elena Morales Cortés (Magaly Palacios)



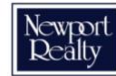
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Saturday Feb 24th at 5PM
Readers: Pamela Soriano Raad Nashmi
Euc Min: Raad Nashmi
Sunday Feb 25th at 11AM
Readers: Dina McIntyre Veronica Correia
Euc Min: Veronica Correia
Sunday Feb 25th at 12:30PM
Readers: Graciela Schwarz Lulu Martinez
Euc Min: Daniel Cadena

Cleaning: Janaina Marques Alex and Marina Andre and Juliana
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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

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Notas fiscais
Seus recibos de impostos estão agora na entrada da igreja na ordem do número do envelope. Se você não tiver um número de envelope, então eles são alfabéticos. Lembre-se de levar o recibo para casa.

Announcements / Avisos

Stations of the Cross – Fridays During Lent

During Lent, the schedule for Fridays will be: Stations of the Cross in Portuguese at 6:00 pm, Mass at 6:30 pm, Stations of the Cross in Spanish at 7:00 pm.

Via Sacra – sextas-feiras durante a Quaresma

Durante a Quaresma, o horário das sextas-feiras será: Via Sacra em português às 18h00, Missa às 18h30, Via Sacra em espanhol às 19h00.

Saint Joseph Festival

The Saint Joseph Festival will be on Sunday, March 17th. The committee is asking for donations of prizes for the bazaar. These can be left in the entrance of the church. They are also asking for donations for flowers. There are envelopes at the back of the church that you can use for flower donations. If you include your envelope number, your donation will go towards this year's income tax receipt. The procession will take place between the two masses, followed by festivities in the hall.

Festa de São José

A Festa de São José será no domingo, dia 17 de março. A comissão está pedindo doações de prêmios para o bazar. Estes podem ser deixados na entrada da igreja. Eles também estão pedindo doações em dinheiro para comprar flores. Existem envelopes na parte de trás da igreja que você pode usar para doações de flores. Se você incluir o número do seu envelope, sua doação irá para o recibo do imposto deste ano. A procissão decorrerá entre as duas missas, seguindo-se as festividades no salão.

News from the Diocese

1) The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops has launched its 2024 *Journey Through Lent* video series. Beginning on Ash Wednesday, and for each Sunday in Lent, a video will be shared the CCCB website featuring pastoral reflections based on the Readings for the Sunday Eucharistic Celebration. This series is meant to offer spiritual inspiration and guidance on how to prepare well for the Easter

season. To view the videos, please visit <https://www.cccb.ca/evangelization-catechesis-catholic-education/video-resources/journey-through-lent/>.

2) On February 21 at 4 pm PT, the Canadian Catholic Bioethics Institute will host an online presentation on “*Reclaiming Redemptive Suffering: A Spiritual Approach to the Meaning of Suffering*”. Many of us have lost any sense of 'meaning' in suffering. Some want to avoid it at all costs, even choosing early death. Our Catholic faith talks about 'redemptive' suffering, but what does that mean? Presenter Erin Kinsella will discuss this through the lens of her experience of chronic illness and developing spirituality of suffering. For more information and to register, please email bioethics.usmc@utoronto.ca.

3) Would you like to be part of an ecologically conscious crew dedicated to restoring the properties of St. Andrew's High School, the Pastoral Centre, and Sacred Heart Parish? Every Saturday morning starting on March 2, all are invited to come and help remove English Ivy, Scotch Broom, and Himalayan Blackberry and plant native plants. The work party will meet in the Sacred Heart parking lot (4040 Nelthorpe Street) and run from 10 am – 12 pm, rain or shine. Pruners and shovels are provided; please bring your own gloves, safety glasses, and water. For more information and to sign up, please email jseale1234@gmail.com

4) Faith Through Film, hosted by Holy Family Notre Dame Parish in Port Alberni, continues with screenings every Wednesday afternoon from 1-3 pm. With funding made available through the Bishop's Appeal, all screenings are free of charge, and complimentary popcorn and other snacks will also be offered. Pre-registration is encouraged but not mandatory; please phone 250-723-8912 or email hfdn@rcdvictoria.org. For a complete schedule of screenings, please visit the Diocesan Events Calendar at <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events-calendar>.

**Homily
1st Sunday of Lent**

Today we are starting the Lenten season that is a time of conversion. Today we are starting this path together with Jesus towards his cross and resurrection. In this path of conversion the Church helps us especially through the liturgy of Sunday Mass. Today, for example, the readings of the Word of God that we listen to assure us that God is interested in destroying the old world of selfishness and sin and giving to mankind a new world full of life and unending happiness.

The first reading that we heard today is a part of the history of the flood and it says to us that God removes sin and comes to meet mankind, and makes to us an unconditional covenant of peace. The action of God is intended to bring about the birth of a new humanity, which travels the path of love and justice, the path of true life.

The second reading, from the First Letter of Peter, reminds us that by Baptism Christians accept Christ and the salvation which He came to offer. In this way we are committed to follow Jesus on the path of love and service, in the path of delivering our own life and thus becoming the beginning of a new humanity.

The Gospel of the "temptation in the wilderness" shows us that Jesus was confronted with options throughout his life. He had to choose between living in fidelity to the Father's plans and making his life a gift of love or embarking on a path of selfishness and self-sufficiency. Jesus, of course, chose to live in obedience to his Father's plans to the point of surrendering his own life.

Those of us who want to be disciples of Jesus, we are constantly confronted with the same options. Following Jesus is to accept God's plan and do it faithfully, making our own life an offer of love and service to our brothers and sisters. This is the reason why we need conversion and the reason why Lent is a time that is so important to us.

The question that the Church addresses to each one of us today is: Am I willing to start Lent and follow the path of conversion?