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November 19th, 2023 – 33rd 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

Nov 12th, 2023

Church costs: \$2,817

Our collection: \$1870

Shortage: - \$947

Tue, Nov 21 9:00 am	** PRO POPULO **
Wed, Nov 22 9:00 am	
Thur, Nov 23 9:00 am	
Fri, Nov 24 9:00 am	*** No 9am Mass ***
Sat, Nov 25 5:00 pm	† Rosa Diaz (Juan e Rosalie Diaz) † Alfredo Ferreira e familiares de Adelina Ferreira
Sun, Nov 26 11:00 am	† Manuela Raposo (Tony Raposo) † João Firmino Cabral (Margarida Cabral)
12:30 pm	



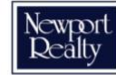
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Saturday Nov 25^h at 5PM
Readers: Carmen Perez Jose Perez
Euc Min: Frances Matolcsy
Sunday Nov 26th at 11AM
Readers: Isabel Pacheco Odette Oliveira
Euc Min: Marcelo Correia
Sunday Nov 26^h at 12:30PM
Readers: Ana Maria Medina Ivan Rincon
Euc Min: Sergio Duran

Cleaning:
Julietta Costa
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Margarida Cabral
Neide Martins

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

Health of Parishioners
A reminder that if you aren't feeling well; cold symptoms, cough, fever, etc., please stay home. During cold and flu season, it is very important that we do not pass any illness onto our other parishioners.

Saúde dos paroquianos
Lembrer-se de que se você não está se sentindo bem; sintomas de resfriado, febre, etc., por favor, fique em casa. Durante estes tempo de gripe, é muito importante que não transmitamos nenhuma doença uns aos outros.

Announcements / Avisos

Our Lady of Fatima – Youth Group – Christmas Activity

Our parish youth group is collecting items for their Christmas Activity. There is a box in the church entrance with the number of days remaining to collect items. They are looking for: Marmalade, olive jars, canned goods, chocolates, aromatic soaps, poinsettias, Christmas mugs, aromatic candles, Christmas ornaments and brand-new blankets.

Nossa Senhora de Fátima – Grupo de Jovens – Atividade de Natal

O grupo de jovens da paróquia está a recolher artigos para a sua Actividade de Natal. Há uma caixa na entrada da igreja com a quantidade de dias restantes para a coleta dos itens. Eles estão procurando: Marmeladas, potes de azeitonas, conservas, chocolates, sabonetes aromáticos, poinsettias, canecas de Natal, velas aromáticas, enfeites de Natal e mantas novas.

Folclore Alegre de Victoria – Dance Group- Saint Martin Festival The Portuguese Dance Group is Welcoming Everyone Saturday November 25th, 2023 to celebrate the Festival of Saint Martin. Hall Doors will open at 5:30PM. Kitchen will be open for food to purchase. Wine Tasting 6PM-7:30PM. Pinata for the kids at 8pm. Dance Performance at 8:30pm by Folclore Alegre de Victoria. If anyone would like to donate any baked goods to sell in the Bakesale that would be appreciated.

Folclore Alegre de Victoria - São Martinho Festival O Grupo de Dança Portuguesa dá as boas-vindas a todos no Sabado, 25 de Novembro de 2023, para celebrar o Festival de São Martinho. O Salão de Igreja abre às 5:30pm. A cozinha esta aberta para comprar alimentos. Prova de Vinhos às 6pm-7:30pm. Pinata para as crianças às 8pm. Apresentação de Dança às 8:30pm pelo Folclore Alegre de Victoria. Se alguém quiser doar para o Bakesale. Ficariamos agradecidos.

New Year's Eve Party – December 31, 2023 – Our Lady of Fatima Hall

Tickets are now available to purchase! Contact Connie 250 888-7720
Doors open at 6pm, Dinner at 7pm by Casa Nova Catering, and Live Music by Hermano Silva

Festa de Ano Novo – Dezembro 31, 2023 – Salão de Nossa Senhora de Fátima

Bilhetes para a Jantar ja estão a venda. Contacto Connie 250-888-7720
Portas do salão abre as 6pm, jantar as 7pm de Casa Nova Catering, e música ao vivo de Hermano Silva

Diocese

1) The Bishop's Appeal, Tapestry of Faith, is still accepting 2023 donations. Please consider making a financial commitment to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Not only are you helping our parish, but you are making a real difference to our greater Diocesan faith community, our religious leaders, and Local Mission Parishes. Donations may be made on-line at: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/bishops-appeal>

2) The CCCB Office for Family & Life is pleased to share a recording of the webinar "Concrete Ways to Renew Practices in Family Holiness". The webinar, which was offered in June of this year, featured Msgr. Philippe Bordeyne, President of the Pontifical John Paul II Theological Institute for Marriage and Family Sciences in Rome. The recording can be viewed on the CCCB YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QGsBidBUhtU>. To access the PDF file of the slides used by Msgr. Bordeyne during his presentation, please visit https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1LYDtOKNYWQaNzltDAW5L9hq_WvZwNMhH.

**Homily
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Today's liturgy presents us with the opportunity to think about two kinds of attitudes, especially in relation to money. There is the attitude of people whose sole intent is to safeguard their money lest they lose it. Another attitude is to dare to take a risk to earn more.

Of course, the concept of money is just one example, however, this is the one used by Jesus in the Gospel today. Well, it seems that the Lord does not much like the attitude of persons who do nothing and are held back by fear. Let me remind you of that gospel passage in which Jesus walked by a fig tree and cursed it because it had no fruit. This was the same thing that happened with the man of the parable of today's Gospel; he had received just one talent but kept that talent secure due to his fears of losing any of it. This man heard the harsh rebuke of the Lord: "You are a bad employee."

In fact, Jesus does not approve of inaction. At the end of time, when we are judged, we will be questioned about our omissions, about what we failed to do: "I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was sick, and you did not visit me ..."

The gospel teaches us that Jesus will have mercy on the sinner who, even though he frequently fails, is at least trying to reach the goal. He will be harsh against those who are negligent and do not use the God-given gifts. Such a person also sins because he does consider his gifts as gifts bestowed by God. They are not used for their own good or for the good of others. Well, when a person keeps the gifts all to himself, even if he does it through fear or insecurity, he's burying his talent just as the man in the parable.

My brothers and sisters, we need to understand that the Lord has given gifts to all of us. It is true that maybe some people around us seem to have received more gifts than others, but each has received gifts in accordance with their own abilities. These gifts are not our own but belong to God who expects us to use them for the benefit of our community.