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July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – 15<sup>th</sup> 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:** No Thursday Adoration during July, 2025  
**Baptisms and Weddings:** Please contact the office  
**Anointing: Hospital Chaplain:** 250-889-3761

Weekly Cost and  
Collection Amounts

July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Church costs: \$3,663

Our collection: \$2,216

Shortage: - \$1,447

Tues, July 15 9:00 am	
6:00 pm	† Rosary and Mass for Natalie Ferreira
Wed, July 16 9:00 am	**Our Lady of Mount Carmel and All Souls in Purgatory (Francesca Bova)
Thur, July 17 9:00 am	
Fri, July 18 9:00 am	
Sat, July 19 5:00 pm	**Mary, Dan and Tyler Moreau (Jon Fotheringham) † João e Tony Garcia (Cecilia Garcia)
Sun, July 20 11:00 am	† Intenções de Virginia Ferreira † José Maria Furtado e falecidos de família (Maria Zita Moniz)
12:30 pm	



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<b>Saturday July 19<sup>th</sup> at 5PM</b>
Readers: Philip Braz Mishelle Braz
Euc Min: Philip Braz
<b>Sunday July 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM</b>
Readers: Isabel Pacheco Odete Oliveira
Euc Min: Marcelo Correia
<b>Sunday July 20<sup>th</sup> at 12:30PM</b>
Readers: Ibet Folk Andrea Soriano
Euc Min: Daniel Cardena Francisco Garcia

Cleaning:  
Wilmar Echeverry  
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religious, employee, or volunteer,  
call 1-800-968-3146

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**Rosary and Mass**

There will be a rosary and Mass for Natalie Ferreira,  
granddaughter of Hermínia Ferreira, on Tuesday, July  
15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

**Terço e Missa**

Vai haver terço e missa por alma da Natalie Ferreira,  
neta da Hermínia Ferreira, na terça-feira, dia 15 de  
julho, às 6:00 da tarde.

**Announcements / Avisos**

**Catechism – 2025 – 2026**

Catechism registration for the 2025-2026 year begins July 5 and closes September 15. Registration is online. Children must be registered in our parish and must be minimum starting grade 2 this fall, but please note that teens are welcome to register too and will be placed in a separate class.



**Catechism QR Code**

Please click on this QR code to go directly to the Google  
Doc registration form.

**Código QR do Catecismo**

Por favor, clique neste código QR para ir diretamente para o  
formulário de inscrição no Google Docs.

**Catecismo – 2025 – 2026**

As inscrições para o catecismo do ano 2025-2026 começam no dia 5 de julho e terminam no dia 15 de setembro. As inscrições são feitas online. As crianças devem estar registadas na nossa paróquia e devem, no mínimo, começar o 2.º ano escolar neste outono, mas notem que os adolescentes também são bem-vindos para se inscrever e serão colocados numa turma separada.

**Diocese News:**

1) On July 13, 2025, Catholic communities around the world—including here in the Diocese of Victoria—will mark Sea Sunday, a day to recognize, celebrate, and pray for seafarers and all who work at sea. Learn more about Sea Sunday and the Diocese of Victoria’s Stella Maris Ministry to Seafarers here: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/stella-maris-ministry>

2) Our Lady of Victory Church on Gabriola Island is celebrating 100 years of faithful service on Sunday, July 20. All are welcome to join the celebration, beginning with Mass at 2:30 pm at Our Lady of Victory (3380 South Road, Gabriola Island), followed by food and music. Find more information here: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/our-lady-of-victory-church-100th-anniversary-gabriola-island>

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

Our first reading today is taken from Moses’ farewell discourse to the people of Israel. It is a solemn and loving exhortation to remain faithful to God by keeping His Word. Moses insists that God’s Law is not distant or impossible.

This is a beautiful reminder that God is near to us, and that His will is accessible. He speaks to us through Scripture and calls us to live according to His commandments. As St. Paul prays for the Ephesians, so should we pray: *“that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened”*, so that we can understand and embrace His Word.

In the second reading, St. Paul reminds us of the supreme closeness of God in Jesus Christ. Through the Incarnation, God’s eternal Word became flesh and dwelt among us. Christ is the visible image of the invisible God who reconciles all things to Himself. As the Church teaches, in Christ, *“God is with us to free us from the darkness of sin and death, and to raise us up to life eternal”*.

Today’s Gospel offers another profound way God draws near to us: in our neighbor. Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan to show that God is present in the needs of others, especially the suffering, the poor, the outcast, and the wounded. The Samaritan’s compassion reveals the heart of God Himself, who is rich in mercy.

Pope Francis has often reminded us that *“each person is a brother or sister to be loved”*. To encounter God, we must be willing to cross boundaries, overcome prejudices, and care for those in need. The Good Samaritan is an icon of Christ Himself, who comes to heal our wounds and carry us to safety.

In this way, God is not far off. He is close in His Word, in Christ made flesh, and in every neighbor who needs our help. Truly, as the Psalmist asks: *“What great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the Lord our God is to us?”*.

Let us ask the Holy Spirit today to open our hearts to God’s nearness and to empower us to love Him in His Word, in His Son, and in our neighbor.

**ALELUIA, ALELUIA, ALELUIA**

As vossas palavras, Senhor, são espírito e vida:  
Vós tendes palavras de vida eterna.