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June 23rd, 2024 – 12th 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 & 16th, 2024

Church costs: \$7,326

Our collection: \$4,790

Shortage: - \$2,536

Tues, June 25 9:00 am	*Intentions of James & Bernadette O'Reilly (John & Marie Emmanuel Bartle)
Wed, June 26 9:00 am	*Saude de Manoela Moneto e Tanyá Martins (Neide Martins) *91º aniversário de Maria José Martins (Neide Martins)
Thur, June 27 9:00 am	† Manuela Raposo (Tony Raposo)
Fri, June 28 9:00 am	
Sat, June 29 5:00 pm	† Alfredo Ferreira e Padre Manuel Cardoso (Adelina Ferreira) † Loris Guerra (Fernanda de Medeiros)
Sun, June 30 11:00 am	† Armando Furtado (Maria do Carmo Furtado) † Antonio Francisco e Maria Deus Achadinha (Maria Estrela Achadinha)
12:30 pm	



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Saturday June 29th at 5PM
Readers: Jackie Grohovac Mladen Grohovac
Euc Min: Mladen Grohovac
Sunday June 30th at 11AM
Readers: Luis Lunelli Milena Ienk
Euc Min: Danila Correia
Sunday June 30th at 12:30PM
Readers: Evelin Bello William Matorel
Euc Min: Claudia Garcia

Cleaning: Ignacio and Magaly Paola Juarez Paola Leos

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) July 15 is the deadline to apply for bursaries and awards offered by the Diocese of Victoria to outstanding students and educators. More information and application forms are available at the following links:

[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.

[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.

[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.

3) "Grief to Grace" will be holding a retreat in September 2024 in Kelowna. This program is for people who have endured neglect, physical, emotional, sexual, and/or spiritual abuse in their family of origin, their community, from spouses/partners, and/or coworkers or supervisors. Through a retreat program facilitated by mental health professionals and centered on Jesus Christ, participants are helped to find healing and journey to wholeness. For more information please email griefftogracekelowna@gmail.com or make a confidential call to 250-808-6403.

4) Rachel's Vineyard will be hosting a retreat on Vancouver Island from October 24 – 27, 2024. This ministry is a safe place for people to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer a supportive, confidential and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. For more information and to register, please contact Nicola at rachelsvineyardvancouverisland@gmail.com or 250-514-3973.

**Homily
12th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

We just heard in the Gospel that "his disciples followed him." This phrase is of great importance because it presents the essential attitude that defines the disciple of Jesus: follow him. Just like those disciples then, all disciples, the whole Church, we all must follow the Lord. In fact, the verb "follow" in the Gospels is used only when its object is Jesus. It indicates the disciple's union with Him, participating in his destiny, entering the Kingdom by belonging to Christ by obedience and trust. Trust is born of faith, or rather, faith has an essential dimension in trust.

The attitude of the disciples is interesting. On the one hand, they believe that Jesus has enough power to calm the sea and not swallow the boat; on the other, they fear sinking. The power of God is in Jesus; they see this power, but they still wonder when that power will manifest. This attitude is not appropriate for a disciple. The astonishment for something that is not expected but that, nevertheless, we know could happen, is the attitude, not of the disciple, but of the half-believer.

During the storm Jesus slept. Yes, sometimes it seems hard to believe in God because God sleeps! ... God seems to be silent. It seems that he doesn't even care about his own cause: why doesn't he speak out to calm the "storms" in which his Church seems to be shipwrecked? Why doesn't God intervene in my life to save me from this or that?

The truth is that amid the storms of our life we must remember that no matter how much the wind blows and the boat shakes... the important thing is that Jesus is in it and together with Jesus we are not in danger.