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January 12th, 2025 – Baptism of the Lord

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

Jan 1 and 5, 2025

Church costs: \$3,663

Our collection: \$3,986

Overage: + \$. 323

Tues, Jan 14	**NO MASS**
Wed, Jan 15	**NO MASS**
Thur, Jan 16	**NO MASS**
Fri, Jan 17	**NO MASS**
Sat, Jan 18 **6:00 pm	† José e Jeane Braz (família) † Manuela Raposo (Antonio Raposo)
Sun, Jan 19 11:00 am	† Mariazinha Ribeiro (Daniel Ribeiro) † Martinho de Medeiros, pais e família (Maria dos Anjos Medeiros)
12:30 pm	



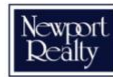
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Saturday Jan 18th at 5PM
Readers: Mishelle Braz Philip Braz
Euc Min: Philip Braz
Sunday Jan 19th at 11AM
Readers: Sarah da S. Pinto Alessandra Krainer
Euc Min: Lourdes Frias
Sunday Jan 19th at 12:30PM
Readers: Claudia Garcia Oscar Hinojosa
Euc Min: Leticia Cortez Sergio Duran

Cleaning:
Maria dos Anjos Medeiros
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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

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Mudança de morada

Informe o secretaria se alterou o seu endereço, número de telefone ou endereço de e-mail. Obrigado.

Announcements / Avisos

New Year's Eve Celebration

Thank you to Connie Pereira for organizing the New Year's Eve Celebration. Connie raised, and donated, \$3,915 to our parish.

Celebração de Ano Novo

Obrigado a Connie Pereira por organizar a celebração da véspera de Ano Novo. A Connie angariou e doou \$3,915 para a nossa paróquia.

Attention:

Father Eduardo will be absent from the parish during the second half of January. During his absence, there will be no activities in the church on weekdays (Masses, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, confessions, etc.).

Sunday Mass:

On the two weekends of his absence, the schedule will be almost unchanged. On the two Saturdays, January 18th and 25th, there will be Mass, but at 6 PM, instead of 5 PM.

On the two Sundays, January 19th and 26th, Masses will be celebrated without changes: at 11 AM and at 12:30 PM.

Vocational Mass:

On Tuesday, January 28th, at 6PM, there will be a vocational Mass celebrated by Fr. Joseph Yuson, a priest of the Diocese of Victoria who was ordained in 2024. The Mass is organized by Serra Club and everyone is invited to attend. Immediately after Mass we will have a meeting with Fr. Joseph to know him better and hear his vocational testimony.

Aviso importante:

Padre Eduardo estará ausente da paróquia na segunda metade do mês de janeiro. Durante a sua ausência não haverá atividade na igreja nos dias de semana (Missas, adoração ao Santíssimo Sacramento, confissões etc.).

Missa dominical:

Nos dois finais de semana da sua ausência o horário será quase inalterado. Nos dois sábados, dias 18 e 25 de janeiro) haverá missa, porém, às 6PM, e não às 5PM.

Nos dois domingos, dias 19 e 26 de janeiro, as missas serão celebradas sem alterações: às 11AM e às 12:30.

Missa Vocacional:

No dia 28 de janeiro, terça-feira, as 6PM, haverá uma missa vocacional que será celebrada pelo Fr. Joseph Yuson, sacerdote da Diocese de Victoria que foi ordenado em 2024. A missa é organizada pelo Serra Clube e todos estão convidados. Logo depois da missa teremos um encontro com o Padre para conhecê-lo melhor e escutarmos o seu testemunho vocacional.

Portuguese Sunday Missals

We have Portuguese Sunday Missals available for \$15. They are by the sacristy door. Please put the money in the black box.

Missais dominicais portuguesas

Temos Missais Dominicais em português disponíveis por 15 dólares. Estão à porta da sacristia. Por favor, coloque o dinheiro na caixa preta.

Homily - Baptism of the Lord

Few Christians know the day they were baptized, so consequently few people celebrate the day of their baptism. We content ourselves with knowing the day of our birth and celebrating our birthday. However, remember the day of our baptism is an opportunity to thank God for the faith that we have received. The feast of the Baptism of Jesus which we are celebrating today can be an invitation for us to remember our own baptism and reaffirm our faith.

Perhaps the first thing we should do is ask whether the faith that we received on the day of our baptism occupies a central place in our life or is it something that we can dispense with without major consequences. I think this question could be formulated as follows: Is it faith that guides my life or am I just being motivated by my personal projects or ambitions? This question is important because faith is not just something that we possess, but a personal relationship with God and it must become deeper over the years. This relationship happens and grows through prayer and listening attentively to the Word of God. In addition we must remember that faith is not something that is ours alone and which we can live out alone. It would be a great mistake to imagine that faith is a kind of personal interest. Faith is received and lived within the Christian community and therefore we cannot truly live our faith away from the Church.

This is why we can add a second question: What is the best way to improve and strengthen my relationship with the Christian community where our faith is strengthened and nourished?

If we want to direct our lives by faith in Jesus Christ, we must faithfully keep Sunday holy; make it special, for this day is essential for a Christian. Sunday is the day when we gather as a community of people who believe in God. On Sunday we hear the Word of God and celebrate the Eucharist. On Sunday we invoke God as Father and renew our hope. It will be very hard to make our faith grow without this experience.