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December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025 – 2nd Sunday of Advent

**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  
6:00 pm – Wednesday (Spanish)

**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 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Church costs: \$3,663

Our collection: \$3,273

Shortage: - \$ 390

Catholic Missions in  
Canada \$ 347

Mon, Dec 8 6:30 pm	** Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** ** Rosary at 6:00 pm – Mass at 6:30 pm
Tues, Dec 9 9:00 am	
Wed, Dec 10 9:00 am 6:00 pm	
Thur, Dec 11 9:00 am	† Eduino e Dina Pedro (Jorgelina Pedro)
Fri, Dec 12 9:00 am	**Our Lady of Guadalupe - 6:00 pm Rosary, 6:30 pm Mass **
Sat, Dec 13 5:00 pm	† Antonio da Silva (Maria do Couto) † Helen Elaine Shebib McPherson (Robert and Carmen Silver) † Rosa Diaz (Juan and Rosalia Diaz)
Sun, Dec 14 11am 12:30pm	† Lurdes, Manuel e Elizabet Braga (família) † José Maria Furtado (Maria Zita Moniz)



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<b>Saturday Dec 13<sup>th</sup> at 5PM</b>
Readers: Marcelo Correia Mariana Correia
Euc Min: Marcelo Correia
<b>Sunday Dec 14<sup>th</sup> 11AM</b>
Readers: Julieta da Costa Marlinda Cabral
Euc Min: Kristina de Melo
<b>Sunday Dec 14<sup>th</sup> at 12:30PM</b>
Readers: Karina Gual Sergio Mejia
Euc Min: Adriana Muñoz Maria de los Angeles

Cleaning: Ermelinda Pacheco Maria McEwan Rosa Demchuk João and Mary Raposo
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**Christmas Season 2025 - Mass Schedule**

Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> – Mass at 8:00 pm (English)  
Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup> – Mass at 11:00 am (Portuguese)  
Mass at 12:30 pm (Spanish)

Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> – Mass at 5:00 pm (English)  
Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup> – Mass at 11:00 am (Portuguese)  
Mass at 12:30 pm (Spanish)

**Announcements / Avisos**

**Mass for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

We will celebrate Mass on Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup> for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Rosary will be at 6:00 pm and Mass at 6:30 pm.

**Missa da Imaculada Conceição da Bem-Aventurada Virgem Maria**

Celebraremos a Missa na segunda-feira, dia 8 de dezembro, pela Imaculada Conceição da Bem-Aventurada Virgem Maria. O terço será às 6:00 da tarde e a Missa às 6:30 da tarde.

**Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe**

We will celebrate Mass on Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup> for Our Lady of Guadalupe. Rosary will be at 6:00 pm and Mass at 6:30 pm.

**Missa de Nossa Senhora de Guadalupe**

Celebraremos a Missa na sexta-feira, dia 12 de dezembro, por Nossa Senhora de Guadalupe. O terço será às 6:00 da tarde e a Missa às 6:30 da tarde.

**Parish Children’s Christmas Party – Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

The Parish Children’s Christmas Party will be on Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in the hall. All parish children are invited to attend. There will be hot dogs, chips and drinks for the children. There will also be games with prizes, and Santa will be available for photos with the children.

**Festa de Natal das Crianças da Paróquia – Sábado, 13 de Dezembro**

A Festa de Natal das Crianças da Paróquia será no sábado, dia 13 de dezembro, às 6:00 da tarde, no salão. Todas as crianças da paróquia estão convidadas a participar. Haverá cachorros-quentes, batatas fritas de pacote e bebidas para as crianças. Também haverá jogos com prémios, e o Pai Natal estará disponível para tirar fotos com as crianças.

**Diocese News**

1) All are invited to join “A Gift of Silent Reflection,” an online Diocesan Year-End Examen on Saturday, December 13, from 10:30–11:30 am. This 500-year-old Ignatian prayer helps us grow in gratitude and awareness of God’s presence in our daily lives. The reflection will be led by Joelle Dressler and Mary Kearsey. Find more information about how to join here: <https://www.rcdvictoria.org/events/december-13-year-end-examen>

2) On Sunday, December 28, the Diocese of Victoria will join the worldwide Church in celebrating the Rite of Closing of the Jubilee Year. The Rite of Closing will happen at the 11 am Mass at St. Andrew’s Cathedral in Victoria, with Bishop Gary Gordon presiding. All are invited to participate in person or via the livestream at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8BBauIl-9vo>

**Our Lady of Guadalupe**

The celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe goes back to the apparitions that took place in December of 1531 on the hill of Tepeyac, near Mexico City. The Most Holy Virgin appeared to the humble indigenous man Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, presenting herself as the “Mother of the true God for whom we live.” She asked that a small house be built there to welcome her children and to offer them the love and compassion of God.

The sign given by the Virgin to Bishop Zumárraga — the Castilian roses blooming in the midst of winter and her image imprinted on Juan Diego’s tilma — became not only proof of the apparitions but a true spiritual icon that has endured through the centuries.

The fruits were immediate: within just a few years, millions of indigenous people embraced the Christian faith. Saint John Paul II used to say that Guadalupe represents “the great Pentecost of the evangelization of the New World.”

The liturgical feast, celebrated on December 12, is now observed solemnly throughout the Americas, and the Virgin of Guadalupe is proclaimed by the Church as Patroness of Latin America, Empress of the Americas, and Star of the New Evangelization.

The message of Guadalupe remains profoundly relevant. The Virgin does not appear as a distant figure, but as a loving Mother who speaks the language of the people, adopts their symbols, and enters into their suffering. In her image woven on the tilma we see a silent catechesis: Mary appears pregnant, bearing within her womb the Incarnate Word, reminding us of that evangelization always places Christ at the center.

The words she addressed to Saint Juan Diego continue to echo as a spiritual balm for all of us: “Am I not here, I who am your Mother?” The Church sees in these words a true expression of Mary’s maternal care for every disciple of Christ (cf. Lumen Gentium 62). She draws near to the anguish of the peoples of the Americas and, as a Mother, she leads everyone to Jesus, the only Savior.

To celebrate Guadalupe is to renew our hope. It is to remember that God enters into our history, our fears, and our fragilities, and through Mary rekindles the missionary fire of the Church.

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