

**LETTER OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS
TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD**

(Extracts from: www.vatican.va)

“If one member suffers, all the members suffer together” (1Cor 12,26) These words of St. Paul resound with force in my heart, once again finding the suffering experienced by many minors because of sexual abuse, power and conscience committed by a considerable number of clerics and consecrated persons...

Looking back, it will never be enough to ask for forgiveness and try to repair the damage caused. Looking for the future, there will never be anything that is done to create a culture capable of preventing such situations not only being repeated, but not finding space to be covered and perpetuated. The pain of the victims and their families is also our pain.....

The pain of these victims is a lament, which rises to heaven, which touches the soul and which for long time have been ignored, hidden or silenced. But this cry was stronger than all the measures that tried to silence him.....

Today we are called upon as People of God to take on the pain of our brothers wounded in the flesh and in the spirit.....

I am aware of the efforts and work that takes place in different parts of the world to guarantee and implement the necessary mediations, which give security and protect the integrity of children and adults in a state of vulnerability...

Together with these efforts, each baptized person must feel involved in the ecclesial and social transformation we need so much. This transformation requires personal and community conversion...

It is essential that as a Church we can recognize and condemn with pain and shame the atrocities committed by consecrated person, clerics and also by all those who had the mission of watching over and protecting the most vulnerable.

The Holy Spirit gives us the grace of conversion and inner anointing in order to be able to express our repentance and our decision to fight courageously before these crimes of abuse.

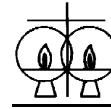
YOUTH MINISTRY

Join us for ALPHA JUNIOR

All Youth ages 9-13 are invited on second Friday of the month from 6:30pm-9:30pm in Scalabrini Hall. Please register online www.stcatherine.ca/youth or registration forms at the office. Fee of \$20/person covers 12 sessions until June 2019.

Join us for ALPHA SENIOR

All youth ages 14-22 are invited every 4th Saturday of the month from 4-7pm in Zanon Hall.



**MASS
INTENTIONS**

Saturday, Sept. 1, 2018

8:00am Oswald & Marguerite Lobo
6:00pm Jack Williams

Sunday, Sept. 2 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Wedding Anniversary of Rod & Jeanne
Gaudette
10:00am MESSA CON PIÚ INTENZIONI
11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
1:00pm Lucia Fernandes
4:00pm Maria Grazia Di Iorio
6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

Monday, Sept. 3 St. Gregory the Great

8:00am Alicia Manrique
7:00pm Joachim & Wilfred D'Souza

Tuesday, Sept. 4 Bl. Dina Bélanger

8:00am Thanksgiving from Vivien Basnet & family
7:00pm Giovanna, Vincenzo & Guido Ciminelli
7:30pm Spanish Adoration

Wednesday, Sept. 5

8:00am Virginia Jovellanos
6:30pm (*Novena in honor of Mother of Perpetual Help*)
7:00pm MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

Thursday, Sept. 6

8:00am Joseph Trdak
7:00pm Attilio Sisti

Friday, Sept. 7

8:00am Gerry & Charlotte Fagan
7:00pm Rosanna Cirillo
7:30pm *HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION of the
Blessed Sacrament for vocations*

Saturday, Sept. 8 Nativity of Bl. Virgin Mary

8:00am Special intentions for Connie Frias
1:30pm WEDDING: James Clemente &
Alycia Marchionna
6:00pm Christopher Claude Seaman

Sunday, Sept. 9 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Iannicca, Pietroiusti, Antidormi &
Giannetti Families
10:00am MESSA CON PIÚ INTENZIONI
11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
1:00pm Joe Karaz
4:00pm Maria Grazia Panetta
6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

AVISOS EN ESPAÑOL

La familia Misionera hace la invitación a su encuentro de oración y reflexión los martes a las 07:35 p.m. en el salón Scalabrini

La Renovación Carismática Católica Hispana los invita muy especialmente a la Asamblea de Oración y Alabanza el Viernes a las 7:35 p.m. en el Salón Grande de la parroquia.

The main focus of our parish concern is youth and family. For this reason this year we offer many more choices for families to become involved in the religious formation of their children.

1 – We have hired a **YOUTH MINISTER** who is devoting full time to the organization of meetings, activities, retreats for our youth. Something very much needed in our aging community. After the first six months, I am very glad to say that the program is already working well and young people are responding.

2 – **CATECHISM CLASSES** for Confirmation preparation will start with **REGISTRATION** nights on September 10 or 12 at 7:30pm in the Main Hall.

This year we offer three choices: **Monday, Wednesday** (5:15 to 6:45pm) and **Saturdays** (4:15 to 5:45pm). Catechism classes for **First Communion** will start in January 2019.

3 – Confirmation classes will start on Monday, October 1st until the beginning of January, then the children for Confirmation will continue until their Confirmation with the **EDGE PROGRAM**. This is an opportunity for young people to experience in life what they have learned in class. It is mandatory for all those who want to be confirmed.

4 – Since the religious formation cannot be done in a vacuum, great importance is given to the cooperation of the parents and of the whole family (brothers, sister, grandparents, siblings...)

For this we expect the parents to become **active partners** in the formation of their children. While the children will be in class, their **parents** also will be given a course in spirituality by the priests of the parish, which will provide the whole family with a living experience of the faith we teach. **All parents are expected to be part of this program.** It is a very special opportunity for children and the whole family to renew **TOGETHER** their faith and put the basis of their future life in solid Christian values.

RCIA – Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults.

For **ADULTS** who are contemplating Baptism or joining the Catholic Church or even learning more about the Catholic Faith. On September 15th & 16th there will be an announcement at all the Masses. If you know someone who would be interested, please invite him or bring his/her information to the parish office.

FATIMA HOUSE will ask the generosity of all this weekend in support of the school in Pakistan. Your contribution can be given at the entrances of the Church

ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION September 6th at 7:30pm in Zanon Hall, Reflection with Fr. Joseph; Theme: “Contemplative in Action”

ENGLISH PRAYER GROUP resumes Saturday, September 8th at 2:30pm in Scalabrini Hall.

SATURDAY NIGHTS @ the MOVIES with our Parish Family. Enjoy **FREE** wholesome, inspiring and faith-affirming movies in Main Hall at 7:30pm on Select Saturdays. Sept. 8th “POVEDA”.

SENIORS’ GROUP September 10th at 11:00am Eucharistic Adoration in Zanon Hall followed by fun, food and fellowship. Bring your favorite dish.

INFORMATION SESSION -Knights of Columbus Bishop Scalabrini Council (15329)

If any gentleman would be interested to learn more about the Knights of Columbus, join the Knights for an "Orientation Night", on Monday, September 10th at 6:45 pm in Zanon Hall. Light refreshments will be provided and there is absolutely no need to make any commitment to join.

CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM organized by the “COUPLES FOR CHRIST.”

This Adult Formation Program for family renewal will begin on Friday, September 14th at 7:30pm in Zanon Hall and will continue till November 14th.

SAN LORENZO RUIZ Following the Filipino Mass at 2:30pm on Sunday, September 16th, the Filipino Community will celebrate the Feast Day of San Lorenzo Ruiz in the Main Hall with a potluck dinner. Novena in the homes will be from September 7th to 15th.

CELEBRATING WITH THE NIGERIAN COMMUNITY.

on Sunday, September 30th at 4:00pm Mass, our parish community will celebrate “Independence Day” with the Nigerian Community. The Mass will be in English, but the music and the prayers will be in the local language. Refreshments in the Main Hall after the Mass. We are all invited.

PRE-CANA: MARRIAGE PREPARATION

COURSE for those preparing for their marriage Starts on Tuesday, October 16th at 7:30pm in Zanon Hall and will continue on October 23, 30 and November 6, 13, 20. All couples interested are to call the parish office (905) 272-1454 and register.

This year we also offer a **CHILDREN’S LITURGY** during the 11:30am mass every Sunday. After the “opening prayer” the children will go to “Scalabrini Hall” and a team of catechists will offer the word of God in a way, which will be more approachable to them. At the offertory they will re-join their families for the rest of the Mass.

We have a great team of catechists who give of their time to strengthen the faith of our children. We hope for your great cooperation. Thanks.