

ARE YOU BLIND?

Today's gospel gives us an example of how Jesus can restore in us the gift of sight, at one condition: that we ask for it.

But in order to ask for it, we must be convinced that we are blind! Maybe physically our eyes are working, but maybe we are blind in many other ways.

We are socially blind! Today we live in a society where values have been completely changed; some for the better, some for the worse; but this has created a certain instability both in public and private life. Philosophically they call our society as a "fluid" society, that means without a "solid" foundation. The consequence is that we all have our own way of life and it is very difficult to build a solid basis for our society.

Emotionally we are blind, because we have switched our values, from generosity to selfishness. Today in any relationship we look for what is in it for me. Even in the most sacred relationship, we seem to be very short sighted, because we are so used to judging every situation for what I can get out of it for me. In this environment of general greed, children are left without the tenderness they need; friends are only good when they give you gifts; parents are dear only until they can provide for the children and grandparents are good only for Christmas and vacations.

Spiritually we are also very blind! Are we able to see God in our life and the life of our family? Are we able to find the plan of God in our daily life? Are we able to recognize God in our neighbor, in the migrant and refugee, in the sick and the poor? Are we able to continue our journey of faith? Bartimaeus jumped for Joy when Jesus told his disciples to "call him". Are we jumping for joy when God calls, or are we finding all kinds of excuses? Do we prefer to remain blind, so we don't have to change anything, or are we ready to jump, like Bartimaeus, to be healed by Jesus and follow Him?



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Oct. 27, 2018

8:00am All Souls in Purgatory
6:00pm Luciano Checchia

Sunday, Oct. 28 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Marion Bergeron
10:00am MESSA CON PIÙ INTENZIONI
11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
1:00pm Lucia Fernandes
4:00pm Natalia, Donato, Rita & Enzo Di Michele
6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

Monday, Oct. 29

8:00am Roberto Sahidsahid
7:00pm Thanksgiving for Laura Nasato

Tuesday, Oct. 30

8:00am Thanksgiving from Peter & Enis Maritan
7:00pm Ernestine Pinto

Wednesday, Oct. 31

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

Thursday, Nov. 1

All Saints

8:00am Alex Glodo
7:00pm Vince Salmini

Friday, Nov. 2

All Souls

8:00am All Souls
7:00pm All Souls
7:30pm *HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament for vocations*

Saturday, Nov. 3

St. Martin de Porres

8:00am Ignatius Mary Santis
6:00pm Maria Rosa Sbrocchi

Sunday, Nov. 4 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Pasqualina & Luigi Tucceri-Cimini
10:00am MESSA CON PIÙ INTENZIONI
11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
1:00pm Vincenzo Codispoti
4:00pm Guseppi Agius
6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

2019 Mass Book is open

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.

CHURCH BAZAAR TODAY Lunch will be served on Sunday from 11:30am to 2:30pm (lasagna, chicken, salad, bun, apple pie & coffee - \$10).

Go down and see what there is. All proceeds will go to Scalabrini Centre in Haiti and our Youth Ministry.

RAFFLE FOR THE MISSIONS The draw will be on Sunday, October 28th. Your support is greatly appreciated.

NOTIZIE IN ITALIANO

ROSARIO IN ITALIANO viene recitato tutto il mese di Ottobre dopo la Messa del mattino.

GRUPPO DI PREGHIERA CARISMATICO

Ogni mercoledì al' 1:30pm nel Salone Fr. Zanon.

CATECHESI Ogni venerdì nel Salone Fr. Zanon al' 1:30pm.

BUNDLE SUNDAY The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will be collecting gently used clothing and household items to support our neighbours in need. The truck will be in our parking lot on November 3rd & 4th.

COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS

November 2nd we remember the souls of the faithful departed, especially our loved ones who have gone before us to the Lord. Place your Mass intentions at the Altar.

FIRST FRIDAY on November 2nd. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed all day. After the 7:00pm Mass there will be a holy hour of Adoration.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY collection on November 3rd & 4th. Envelopes are available at the entrances. The funds raised are used to help the needy in our community during the Christmas season.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE from Sept. 26th to Nov. 4th from 8:00am to 8:00pm at the NEW site on the south side of Queensway Blvd. and west of Confederation Pkwy. Pick up a sign at the side door near the elevator.

LEGION OF MARY meets every Tuesday at 7:45pm for ages 18+ and every Friday at 6:00pm for ages 8-18 in the Meeting Room. Please come and see what the Legion can do to deepen your spiritual life.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY during the 11:30am Mass. 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.

CHRISTIAN LIFE PROGRAM organized by the "COUPLES FOR CHRIST." This Adult Formation Program for family renewal is every Friday until November 14th at 7:30pm in Zanon Hall.

AVISOS EN ESPAÑOL

¿Quieres ayudar a tus hijos en los sacramentos?

Ven a las reuniones de la Familia Misionera para que podamos rezar juntos (padres e hijos). Nos reunimos todos los Martes a las 7:35 de la noche en el Salón Scalabrini. Los esperamos.

El Miércoles 31 de Octubre a las 7:45 p.m. continúa el Curso de Biblia en Español dictado por el Rvdo. Padre José Plascencia, en el Salón Scalabrini. Por favor traer su Biblia y un cuaderno para tomar notas.

La Renovación Carismática Católica Hispana los invita a participar en la Santa Misa (7:00 pm), seguida de la Adoración al Santísimo Sacramento (7:30 pm – 8:30 pm) el Viernes 2 de Noviembre, que es el Primer Viernes del Mes. Los esperamos.

CATECHISM CLASSES for **First Communion** will start in January 2019. Registration is on November 19th or 20th at 7:30pm in the Main Hall.

ATRIUM & FIRST COMMUNION for PUBLIC SCHOOL are on Wednesdays at 4:30pm in Scalabrini Hall. Sign up as soon as possible. A copy of the child's Baptism Certificate is required.