

I WILL FULFILL THE PROMISE I MADE

Here we go again with another Liturgical New Year! And we get ready to welcome, once again, the Birth of Jesus into our lives.

Before we will be overwhelmed by invitations and to buy material things, let us concentrate on our spiritual life first.

This new year begins with a great promise from the prophet Jeremiah: "The days are surely coming, when I will fulfill the promise I made." God is telling us that the day is coming when He will fulfill the promise that He has made. But what is the promise? Certainly, the promise of sending His Son! But what is the personal promise that God has made to me? What is the plan that God has prepared for me this year?

First we have to accept His invitation to move ahead into our journey of faith. Do I have a "spiritual life" or do I just keep living my worldly life, like any other creature? What does it mean to have a Christian Spiritual life, if I am no different from my friend who has no faith? Any human being can be a very good person even without faith. So what is the difference? Why am I a Christian and why now do I start to prepare for the coming of Jesus in my life?

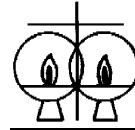
When I go shopping, I bring a bag to hold the goods that I need for my house. Even spiritually we need a bag to contain the goods that God wants to give us. How do we prepare to receive them? For this Advent we all together as a community will try to do the following:

1 – An act of forgiveness; search in your heart the person who has hurt you the most and then make a sign of reconciliation.

2 – An act of interior prayer; I will put in my house/apartment a sacred image with a little lamp and then I will visit every day that image with a family prayer; it would be great if we could invite children and grandchildren to say the rosary together.

3 – An act of love, not necessarily monetary; is there a person that you have almost forgotten? Do you know of an "immigrant family" who just arrived in your neighborhood or in your school? Prepare something, or invite them in your house, to make them welcome; remember that is Jesus looking to be welcome in our midst.

I am sure that God will fulfill HIS PROMISE to us!



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Dec. 1, 2018

8:00am Thanksgiving to Christ the King
6:00pm Romeo Balares

Sunday, Dec. 2 First Sunday of Advent

8:30am Thanksgiving from Menezes Family
10:00am MESSA CON PIÚ INTENZIONI
11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
1:00pm Joseph Le Trung Dung
4:00pm Rufo, Florentina & Jimmy Sidayen
6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

Monday, Dec. 3 St. Francis Xavier

8:00am Gerry & Charlotte Fagan
7:00pm Vincenzo Risveglio

Tuesday, Dec. 4 St. John Damascene

8:00am Deceased of Marcon Family
7:00pm Goldenroy Freddy

Wednesday, Dec. 5

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

Thursday, Dec. 6 St. Nicholas

8:00am Elsa & Lino De Guzman
7:00pm Adelina Cavasinni

Friday, Dec. 7 St. Ambrose

8:00am Thanksgiving for 33rd Wedding
Anniversary of Nestor & Herminia Casin
7:00pm Agostinho & Maria Lucinda Mota
7:30pm *HOLY HOUR OF ADORATION of the
Blessed Sacrament for vocations*

Saturday, Dec. 8 Immaculate Conception of Bl. Virgin Mary

8:00am Thanksgiving to Saviour of the World
6:00pm Mary Sen

Sunday, Dec. 9 Second Sunday of Advent

8:30am Angela, Giovanni & Vincenza Tomasetti
10:00am MESSA CON PIÚ INTENZIONI
11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
1:00pm Lucia Fernandes
4:00pm Sabina Ziotkowski
6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

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.

NOTIZIE IN ITALIANO**GRUPPO DI PREGHIERA CARISMATICO**

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

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

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 pm en el Salón Scalabrini. Los esperamos.

La Renovación Carismática Católica Hispana los invita a participar en la Asamblea de Oración y Alabanza los Viernes a las 7:35 pm en el Salón Grande. Los esperamos.

El Sábado 8 de Diciembre, 2018, celebraremos el 60º Aniversario de la Ordenación Sacerdotal del Rvdo. Padre Santo Cigolini, con la Santa Misa a las 6:00 pm, seguida de una cena especial en el Salón Grande. Los boletos para la cena están a la venta en la oficina parroquial (donación \$50).

El Domingo 9 de Diciembre, 2018, comenzamos el "Triduo y la Fiesta en honor de la Virgen de Guadalupe", con la Santa Misa (6:00 pm), cuya intención será por los adultos mayores, las personas solas, los enfermos y los cuidadores de enfermos. Habrá una oración y bendición especial por los enfermos.

Después de la Santa Misa, bajaremos al Salón Grande donde habrá Mariachi, Danzas folclóricas Mexicanas, y deleitaremos unos platillos típicos Mexicanos. Los esperamos.

El programa completo de las actividades de la parroquia para el "Triduo y la Fiesta en honor de la Virgen de Guadalupe", y la "Navidad Latinoamericana 2018", los pueden ver en los afiches colocados en las carteleras parroquiales y en el website de la parroquia (<https://stcatherine.ca/>). Además, en el semanario "EL CENTRO", y en el portal de Internet Toronto Hispano (<https://toronto.hispanocity.com/publicacion/hispano-s-en-mississauga-se-preparan-para-la-celebracion-de-las-fiestas-navidenas/>).

FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES will start in January. Families who have registered their children will be contacted by the Catechism team to confirm the day their child will start classes. If you have not registered your child, please do so as soon as possible.



FATHER SANTO will celebrate his 60th Anniversary of Ordination on Saturday, December 8th. Mass will be at 6:00pm followed by a dinner reception in the Main Hall. Let us offer our prayers, support and gratitude.

FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION will be celebrated on Saturday, December 8th at 8:00am Mass. The collection will be today.

LECTORS & USHERS meeting on Wednesday, December 5, at 7:30pm in Zanon Hall we will have an update meeting for Lectors and Ushers.

It is important to participate since we will also review the Bishop's appointment for both old and new Lectors.

ENGLISH PRAYER Group will hold its last service of the year on December 8th reopening on Saturday, January 12th., 2019. If possible please announce in our bulletin.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL annual Giving Tree campaign started last weekend. The tree is at the front of the church next to the baptismal font. All funds raised will go directly to help the poor in our community. On December 15 & 16 we will also have a loonie/toonie Sunday.

SENIORS' CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Monday, December 10th Mass at 11:00am in Church followed by Potluck Christmas gathering in the Main Hall. Open to all Seniors and soon-to-be Seniors and family.

Schedule of weeknight Masses between Dec 15-23

MASS in ENGLISH will be @ 6:30pm not 7pm;

MISA en Espanol @ 7:00pm in Scalabrini Hall

MASS in Tagalog (Simbang Gabi) @ 7:30pm

ARCHDIOCESAN DAY OF CONFESSIONS

here in our parish will be on Wednesday, December 19th, 9:30am – 11:00am; 4:00pm - 7:30pm.

VOLUNTEER COMPUTER OPERATOR for the screen display needed for Saturday Mass at 6:00pm

2019 ENVELOPES can be picked up at the main entrance of the Church.

2019 SUNDAY MISSALS for all the congregation will be out this coming week. You may purchase your own missal for \$5.00 at the office.