

“REJOICE and EXULT with all your heart!”

The third Sunday of Advent is called also “Sunday in Rejoice”! All the liturgy and the pink vestments of the priest points to the joy of all the faithful, because the Lord is here. Next week we will already celebrate Christmas.

But in order to rejoice John the Baptist is telling us what we should do; how we should live, how we should prepare. If you have two coats, give one to whom does not have one; if you have too much food in your house, share it with the poor; if you work with the government or a bank, does not collect more than it is prescribed; if you are in the police force do not threaten with false accusations.

BE SATISFIED WITH WHAT YOU HAVE!

Greed is one of the major temptations in our time; we consider those who have a lot of money better than us and we tend to look at the millionaires as fortunate people! In reality they are wasting their life making money; and many times they forget to enjoy the simple things of life; and many times they are affected by stress, depression and suicide. But sometimes there are poor people who are more greedy than the rich; they are so preoccupied with the basic necessities of life that they lose the beauty of a simple life with their family.

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This is a great inspiration that comes from John the Baptist; and it is good for each one of us, because we tend to get attached to our small things of life; and we risk to have a miserable life, because we are not able to raise our eyes and contemplate the great things that God is offering us. The greatest thing we can receive from God is to discover and live HIS GLORY, which is appearing now at Christmas in the image of the Baby Jesus. Like the shepherds we can receive the great announcement of the Angels: “Glory to God in the highest, and peace to people on earth!” And that will be enough for us; we will not be looking for other things; we will be happy in life with what we have; our joy will not come from things, but from the glory of God!

YEAR OF THE FAMILY.

In our parish we will dedicate 2019 to work in support of the FAMILY. Young families, old families, wounded families, separated families. We will pray and work for this important part of our family community here at St. Catherine. The Knights of Columbus are donating to us a picture of the HOLY FAMILY, which we will enthrone permanently in our church on Saturday, December 29th at 6:00pm (Holy Family Sunday) as a reminder of our commitment to family ministry. At the same time we will launch the “CATHOLIC MOMS GROUP” in our parish for all moms; we will organize a parish family weekend, to which all the couples are invited; we have started the “COUPLES FOR CHRIST” movement in our parish and we are planning a group for separated and divorced couples. It will be a whole year dedicated to the Family, the foundation of our civil and religious life. More news to come!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR WEEK**Saturday, Dec. 15, 2018**

8:00am Francisco & Carolina Silveira
6:00pm Regina Maloney
7:00pm Spanish Novena
7:30pm Simbang Gabi (Filipino Novena)

Sunday, Dec. 16 Third Sunday of Advent

8:30am Larry Feijo
10:00am MESSA CON PIÙ INTENZIONI
11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
1:00pm Lawrence D’Sa
4:00pm Grazia Romano
6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES
7:30pm Simbang Gabi (Filipino Novena)

Monday, Dec. 17

8:00am Cesare, Irene & Assunta Angeloni
6:30pm Paolo Pavan
7:00pm Spanish Novena
7:30pm Simbang Gabi (Filipino Novena)

Tuesday, Dec. 18

8:00am Giuseppe Parolin
6:30pm Concetta Rinaldi
7:00pm Spanish Novena
7:30pm Simbang Gabi (Filipino Novena)

Wednesday, Dec. 19

8:00am Severino Gonzales
9:30am-11:00am Confessions
4:00pm-7:30pm Confessions
6:30pm MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
7:00pm Spanish Novena
7:30pm Simbang Gabi (Filipino Novena)

Thursday, Dec. 20

8:00am Thanksgiving for Melissa Menezes
6:30pm Deceased of Vetró & Di Renzo Families
7:00pm Spanish Novena
7:30pm Simbang Gabi (Filipino Novena)

Friday, Dec. 21 St. Peter Canisius

8:00am Melecio & Feliza Sandoval Matibag
6:30pm Ernesta Baliva
7:00pm Spanish Novena
7:30pm Simbang Gabi (Filipino Novena)

Saturday, Dec. 22

8:00am Giuseppe Corrente
6:00pm Jack Williams
7:00pm Spanish Novena
7:30pm Simbang Gabi (Filipino Novena)

Sunday, Dec. 23 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30am Vivian & Philomena Texeira, Duarte & Ubina D’Souza & Dr. Primo Carneiro
10:00am MESSA CON PIÙ INTENZIONI
11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
1:00pm Pantaleone Romano
4:00pm Mumtaz & Fakhira Bourachi
6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES
7:30pm Simbang Gabi (Filipino Novena)

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

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CATECHESI repretendrá in Gennanel anno nuovo.

AVISOS EN ESPAÑOL

Mañana continuaremos la Novena y Posadas de Navidad 2018, cuyo lema es "**Caminemos juntos hacia Belén con José y María**".

Lunes, Diciembre 17, 2018 (7:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Salón Scalabrini) - Ecuador

Martes, Diciembre 18, 2018 (7:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Salón Scalabrini) - Centro América y el Caribe

Miércoles, Diciembre 19, 2018 (7:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Salón Scalabrini) - Venezuela (Aguinaldos Venezolanos)

Jueves, Diciembre 20, 2018 (7:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Salón Scalabrini) - Argentina, Chile, Uruguay, Paraguay

Viernes, Diciembre 21, 2018 (7:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Salón Scalabrini) - Jóvenes

Sábado, Diciembre 22, 2018 (7:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Salón Scalabrini) - México

Domingo, Diciembre 23, 2018 (6:00 pm – 7:00 pm, en el Templo) - Todos los países

Santa Misa de Navidad

Lunes, Diciembre 24, 2018 (7:00 pm – 8:00 pm)

Santa Misa de Fin de Año

Lunes, Diciembre 31, 2018 (4:00 pm – 5:00 pm)

El programa completo de la "Navidad Latinoamericana 2018", lo pueden ver en los afiches colocados en las carteleras parroquiales, en el website de la parroquia (<https://stcatherine.ca/>), 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/>).

A GREAT THANKS.

Father Santo's celebration was just heavenly! Never seen so many people united around their priest for 60 years. A great tribute to the catholic priesthood, personified by Fr. Santo. A special thanks to the organizing committee and all the volunteers who made this event memorable and spiritual. As we pray for Fr. Santo to keep him for many years among us, we pray for more vocations like him, so that our parish may continue to be a fount of joy, prayer and blessings from God.

Thanks to all!

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL will have their last Loonie/Twoonie campaign of the year today after all the Masses. Thank you.

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

CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Every night this week we will have three celebrations for the NOVENA in preparation for Christmas. At 6:30pm there will be Mass and Novena in English in church; at 7:00pm in Scalabrini Hall the Spanish Community will have their Novena Mass & Posadas; and at 7:30pm in Church the Filipino Community will celebrate their SINBANG GABE. We are all invited.

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 You may purchase your own missal for \$5.00 at the office.