

### **A VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS.**

We are already in the second Sunday of Advent and the message comes clear from the desert, where John the Baptist is announcing that the messiah is already here.

John is a very interesting prophet; he is giving the good news of the Messiah, but at the same time he has the great job of preparing the people to accept him with open hearts. His first word is: "Repent"! Yes we all have to repent, because we have gone astray. Repent means to change direction. Maybe there is not too much to change in our life, but probably we have to change our direction, our intention, our vision of life. Maybe we are doing pretty good in our life, but for whom are we living? For ourselves, for our own interests, for our own family only? Where is God in my life? Am I a desert, like the one in which John has to come to shout in order to wake me up? How do I prepare for the coming of the Baby Jesus in my life, who will change all my darkness into light, all my selfishness into love, all my old life into a new life? "Prepare the way of the Lord!"

### **THE CHRISTMAS CRECHE CHALLENGE.**

#### **(The Nativity Scene in our home)**

Dear Friends and Parishioners.

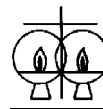
Last week from the little town of Greccio (Italy), where St. Francis experienced for the first time the living scene of the nativity of Jesus, Pope Francis has sent a Letter to all Christians in order to support the Christian tradition of remembering and reproducing the scene of the crèche in our homes.

So, I want to launch a challenge to all young, adults and old men and women to CREATE a CHRECHE IN YOUR HOUSE, so that we may spend some time in meditation and prayer with children and the whole family. Let us imagine the wonderful scene of the birth of Jesus with the beautiful blessed mother, with the humble St. Joseph and the sheep and the shepherds, the animals and the star; all in adoration of that divine baby, who comes today to stay and live with us, in our homes and in our hearts. O tenderness of a God made baby! O tenderness of a young mother who embraces her little baby and offers Him to each one of us.

Let me ask you: Do you want to accept Mary's baby Jesus in your house? Let us begin by building the creche as a reminder that Jesus wants to come into our hearts. First we prepare the creche and then our heart!

### **CHALLENGE.**

*Between the 20<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of December you may take a picture, with your iPhone of your nativity scene, and send it with your name and phone number to Fr. Walter at: [frwalter@stcatherine.ca](mailto:frwalter@stcatherine.ca) Use your imagination and your creativity. We will give \$100.00 each to the three best nativities.*



## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### **Saturday, Dec. 7, 2019 St. Ambrose**

8:00am Thanksgiving for Aurelia Eranjuez  
6:00pm + Agostino & Maria Lucinda Mota

### **Sunday, Dec. 8 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

8:30am + Angela, Giovanni & Vicenza Tomassetti  
10:00am MESSA CON PIU INTENZIONI  
11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS  
1:00pm + Mary Sen  
4:00pm + Gianni Zaniolo  
6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

### **Monday, Dec. 9 Immaculate Conception of the Bl. Virgin Mary**

8:00am + Leocadio & Pilar Barinque  
11:00am SENIORS' MASS  
7:00pm + Teresa Assisi  
8:00pm Spanish Triduum

### **Tuesday, Dec. 10**

8:00am + Raul Pangilinan  
7:00pm + Pasqualina Pascuzzi  
8:00pm Spanish Triduum

### **Wednesday, Dec. 11 St. Damasus I**

8:00am + Gioan Baotixita Hoang Kim Dao  
6:30pm (*Novena in honor of Mother of Perpetual Help*)  
7:00pm MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS  
8:00pm Spanish Triduum

### **Thursday, Dec. 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe**

8:00am + Teofista Mayonte Movilla  
7:00pm + Kamal Zreik  
8:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

### **Friday, Dec. 13 St. Lucy**

8:00am + Sisters Antonia Zucco, Palmira Negri,  
Helena Sartory, Leonardina Sena  
7:00pm + Maurizio Flammini

### **Saturday, Dec. 14 St. John of the Cross**

8:00am For our Parishioners  
6:00pm + Duilio Bertolo

### **Sunday, Dec. 15 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

8:30am + Tien Chau & Hong Chau  
10:00am MESSA CON PIU INTENZIONI  
11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS  
1:00pm + Lawrence D'Sa  
4:00pm + Regina Maloney  
6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES  
7:30pm Simbang Gabi

**2020 SUNDAY MISSALS** You may purchase your own missal for \$5.00 at the office.

**2020 Mass Book is open**

**ITALIANO**

**Grupo di Preghiera Italiano** ogni Mercoledì all' 1:30pm nella sala Fr. Zanon.

**AVISOS EN ESPAÑOL**

La FAMILIA MISIONERA invita a todos a continuar nuestro caminar cristiano, participando en nuestras ORACIONES DE TODOS LOS MARTES a las 7:35 pm en el SALÓN SCALABRINI.

El LUNES 9, MARTES 10 y MIÉRCOLES 11 de DICIEMBRE, 2019 (8:00 pm – 9:00 pm), realizaremos el TRÍDUO EN HONOR DE LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE, que incluye la SANTA MISA, REPRESENTACIÓN DE LAS APARICIONES DE LA VIRGEN y ORACIONES en el TEMPLO. Para mayor información favor ver los afiches en las carteleras o en el website (<https://stcatherine.ca>) de la parroquia.

El JUEVES 12 de DICIEMBRE, 2019 celebraremos la FIESTA DE LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE, comenzando con las MAÑANITAS a las 6:00 am y luego la SANTA MISA a las 8:00 pm en el TEMPLO.

El DOMINGO 15 de DICIEMBRE comenzaremos la NOVENA y POSADAS DE NAVIDAD, con la SANTA MISA, REZOS, CANTOS y COMPARTIR. Para mayor información favor ver los afiches en las carteleras o en el website (<https://stcatherine.ca>) de la parroquia.

*REMINDER: The Spanish Triduum (Mon, Tue, Wed.) in preparation for the liturgical feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at 8:00pm in church.*

**FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES** will start in January. If you have not registered your child, please do so as soon as possible.

**2020 Envelopes can be picked up at the main entrance of the Church. Anyone who had a number over 1301, please check the binder with the parishioners list for your new number.**

**LOTS OF PARTIES!**

December 8 – Feast of O.L. of Guadalupe and Social. (6:00pm)

December 9 – Seniors Christmas Party (11:00am)

December 12 – Feast of O. L. of Guadalupe (8:00pm)

December 13 – Italian Christmas Party. (7:30pm)

December 14 – Knights of Columbus Christmas Party (7:00pm)

December 14 - English Charismatic Prayer Group Christmas Party (2:00pm)

December 15 to 24 – Simbang Gabi & Spanish Posadas.

December 21 – Life Teen Christmas Party (3:00pm – 10:00pm) (Trip to Toronto Cathedral & Christmas Market)

December 21 - Filipino Christmas Party for all (7:00pm).

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** Society's Annual Giving Tree is located next to the Baptismal font at the front of the church. Your generosity helps the poor in our community enjoy a Merry Christmas this year.

**CATHOLIC MOMS GROUP** on Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am or 8:00pm in Zanon Hall.

**SENIORS CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

Monday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Mass in church at 11:00am followed by potluck lunch, entertainment & fellowship in the main hall. Please confirm your attendance and the dish you intend to bring. Email: [scoseniors@gmail.com](mailto:scoseniors@gmail.com) or tel. (905) 272-1454.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** cordially invites you to their annual **Christmas Dance and Celebration on Saturday, December 14, 2019**, in the main Church Hall, at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15, \$5 for kids (5 to 12 years of age) and toddlers 4 years and younger are free. Please bring your family and friends.

*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 18<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am–12:00pm; 2:00pm–4:00pm; 6:00pm – 8:00pm.

**PARISH ENGLISH CHARISMATIC PRAYER**

**MINISTRY** meets every Saturday at 2:30 pm in Scalabrini Hall for prayer, thanksgiving, intercession, Praise & Worship & the Word of God. All are welcome.