

BE HOLY, because your Father is Holy!

This Sunday's liturgy is calling us to our original vocation, that is, to be holy, because our Father is Holy. This calling is not superficial, but it is rooted in the very nature of our being, as children of God. Any child aims to imitate his/her dad. So, if we are children of God, who is Holy, then we have to become holy. We could almost say that as a child grows, they resemble more and more their dad or mom, so we children of God, as we grow in faith, we resemble more and more our Father God.

Jesus in the Gospel explains a bit deeper, what this really means. First, He tells us that we should "not resist the evildoer"; not because we accept or approve "evil" but because God does not reject us when we commit evil; He is able to love us even when we commit sin.

Then Jesus tells us to "offer the right cheek" to the one who has hurt us in the left (close to the heart). So, we should not react harshly to those who insult us; again, not because we cannot respond evil for evil, but because Jesus accepted to be scourged and crucified, when He could have reacted very differently and defended himself.

Third Jesus challenges us to "love our enemies". This is too much! Naturally speaking it is impossible. But precisely because we are not "only natural", but because we are "supernatural", children of God, then we can do even the unnatural; to love the one who is ruining your life; the one who has betrayed and abandoned you; the one who is sucking your blood out of your veins. And Jesus concludes: "Be perfect, therefore, as your Father is perfect"!

Do we really have the desire to become holy, like God? Are we really committed to a life of holiness? Am I really willing to move up from my natural inclinations to the "imitation of Christ" as a true child of my Father in heaven? Am I convinced that today the Father is calling me to be holy, like Him?

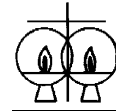
Fr. Joseph Baal to become a HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN

With a letter of February 14, 2020 the Archdiocese of Toronto is assigning Fr. Joseph Baal as a Hospital Chaplain in Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto, effective March 1st, 2020.

For almost two years we have benefited of his ministry and now he has been called to another challenging ministry in the Archdiocese.

We are grateful for his service and his talents and he will be missed.

To continue his commitments, the Scalabrini Fathers have sent to us Fr. Stephen Pham, C.S., on his first assignment, who will continue the various activities started by Fr. Joseph. As we are grateful to Fr. Joseph we welcome among us Fr. Stephen.

**MASS INTENTIONS****Saturday, Feb. 22, 2020 Chair of St. Peter**

8:00am + Carlos, Liduina & Carlos Jr. DeMelo
6:00pm + Jose Medeiros, John Sr., John Jr. & Jose Antonio De Freitas

Sunday, Feb. 23 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am + Deceased of Bortolotto & Becevello Families
10:00am MESSA CON PIÙ INTENZIONI
11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
1:00pm + Luigi, Angela, Giuseppe & Marietta Pietroiusti
4:00pm + Rocco Li Trenta
6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

Monday, Feb. 24

8:00am + Dario, Santina, Diana & Robert Belardi
7:00pm + John, Mary, John Jr. & Frank Kaszycki

Tuesday, Feb. 25

8:00am + Mumtaz & Fakhira Bourachi
7:00pm + Avelino, Melita & Lucy D'Souza

Wednesday, Feb. 26 Ash Wednesday

7:30am + Socorsa, Antonio & Ausilia Padalino
3:00pm Service in Italian
5:30pm MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
6:30pm (*Novena in honor of Mother of Perpetual Help*)
7:00pm MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

Thursday, Feb. 27

8:00am + Maria Innasimuthu
7:00pm + Genara & Serafin Santos
8:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES

Friday, Feb. 28

8:00am + Virginia Onwubiko
3:00pm Stations of the Cross (Italian)
6:30pm Stations of the Cross (English)
7:00pm + Domenico Colussi

Saturday, Feb. 29

8:00am + Carlos Cunha
6:00pm + Gilberta, Lourdes & Manuel Viveiros

Sunday, Mar. 1 1st Sunday of Lent

8:30am + Tien & Huong Chau
10:00am MESSA CON PIÙ INTENZIONI
11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
1:00pm + Cecilia M. Borges
4:00pm + Clarence & Flory Fernandes
5:30pm Stations of the Cross (Spanish)
6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2019 are available at the office during office hours. Thank you for your generosity throughout the year.

ITALIANO

Grupo di Preghiera Italiano ogni Mercoledì al 1:30pm nel salone Fr. Zanon.

Quest'anno, ogni venerdì alle 10:30am, ci sarà un ora di Adorazione in Italiano in chiesa.

Mercoledì delle cenere, 26 Febbraio alle 3:00pm servizio in Italiano.

Durante le quaresima, la Via Crucis in Italiano ogni venerdì alle ore 3:00pm.

RITIRO QUARESIMALE in Italiano, Sabato 21 Marzo dalle 8:30am alle 12:00pm nel salone Fr. Zanon. Tutti sono invitati di partecipare.

AVISOS EN ESPAÑOL

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

El MIÉRCOLES 26 de FEBRERO 2020 (8:00 pm) participaremos en la celebración del MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA, que es un día de oración, penitencia y ayuno, dando así comienzo a la CUARESMA. El AYUNO consiste en una sola comida fuerte al día y la ABSTINENCIA es no comer carne. Este es un modo de pedirle perdón a Dios por haberlo ofendido y decirle que queremos cambiar de vida para agradecerlo siempre.

El JUEVES 27 de FEBRERO 2020 (8:00 pm – 8:30 pm) participaremos en la SANTA MISA EN ESPAÑOL.

El VIERNES 28 de FEBRERO 2020, y TODOS LOS VIERNES DEL AÑO 2020, ESTARÁ EXPUESTO el SANTÍSIMO SACRAMENTO EN EL TEMPLO de 8:30 am a 7:00 pm. Dedicemos una hora para la ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA INDIVIDUAL o por GRUPO. Favor anotar su nombre o el de su grupo en la lista que está colocada afuera de la oficina parroquial.

El VIERNES 28 de FEBRERO 2020 (7:35 pm – 9:00 pm), la RENOVACIÓN CARISMÁTICA CATÓLICA HISPANA invita a participar en la ASAMBLEA DE ORACIÓN Y ALABANZA en el SALÓN SCALABRINI.

HOY, la RENOVACIÓN CARISMÁTICA CATÓLICA HISPANA ofrecerá el CAFÉ DE LA AMISTAD en el SALÓN SCALABRINI. Aprovecha esta oportunidad para una mayor CONVIVENCIA HISPANA y DEGUSTAR LOS PLATILLOS TÍPICOS QUE SE NOS OFRECEN.

PANCAKE SUNDAY served by our Young Adults in the Main Hall TODAY after the 8:30am, 10:00am, and 11:30am Masses. Everyone is welcome.

FOR ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS.

As per the guidelines of the Archdiocese of Toronto all Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers (English, Italian, Spanish, Filipino, Tamil) are requested to participate in a yearly FORMATION PROGRAM. Only those who participate in these sessions will be submitted to receive a MANDATE from the Archdiocese and will be allowed to serve at home in the parish, in hospitals and nursing homes as Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers. Those who do not participate will not be registered and will not be allowed to serve. Each Eucharistic Minister will have also to participate in a "police background check" through the Archdiocese. A last opportunity will be given on Tuesday, February 25 at 7:30pm in Zanon Hall for those who did not participate last Tuesday. In case of emergency, please contact the parish in advance.

ASH WEDNESDAY Lent will start on Wednesday, February 26th. Ashes will be distributed at all Masses at 8:00am, 3:00pm (Italian), 5:30pm, 7:00pm and 8:00pm (Spanish). Every Friday during Lent, Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY February 29th 2pm to 5pm in the Main Hall. The general assembly is an opportunity we have as a community to meet and explore topics that benefit us as one body. This gathering is open to all. All parishioners who are involved in the different parish groups and ministries are urged to attend. The theme for this assembly is "Unity and Hospitality". Refreshments will be served. Please advise the office whether or not to expect you. Phone (905) 272-1454; email: office@stcatherine.ca

CATHOLIC MOMS GROUP will meet on Tuesday, March 3rd at 10:00am or 8:00pm in Zanon Hall.

PARISH LENTEN MISSION On March 12-13-14, we will have the Lenten Mission. Fr. Giuseppe Scollo, Vice Rector of St. Augustine Seminary will be our preacher. Thursday & Friday night at 7:00pm in Church, and Saturday, from 8:30am till 12:00noon in the Main Hall with a Lenten Retreat for all parishioners.

March Break Camp organized by the Youth Ministry in our parish

Who: Grades 1-6

Time: 8:30AM to 3:30PM.

Cost: \$ 100.00 for all 5 days or \$20.00 per day.

Extended Care Available: 7:30am–4:30pm (\$5.00 per session)

Register: <https://stcatherine.ca/youth/>

Contact: Andre' (905) 272-1454 ext. 9 or stcatsienayouth@gmail.com