

## **FAITH IN ACTION**

Today's Word of God comes to us with a beautiful passage from the prophet Isaiah, where he explains to us very clearly that if we want the light of the Lord (faith) to shine in our hearts and our world, then we have to put our faith into action.

Faith is something very practical and boils down to freedom from bondage and care for the poor. Faith is action and love; only in a second moment faith becomes knowledge and light. Faith is a product of Charity.

In the Gospel Jesus goes a step further and tells us that we are the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Salt is the element that gives taste to the food; light is the element that gives us the possibility to move around in the darkness. So Christians are those who give taste to life and offer directions in the darkness of this world. But if the salt becomes tasteless and the light becomes dark, then everybody will lack taste for life and light in the darkness.

Christians have a great responsibility, to become salt and light. How can we give sense and new direction to life? The Gospel mentions the fact that we have to become light "in our families". Are we really light and taste for our families? Are the members of our family enjoying the light of our faith and the taste of our happiness?

## **WE OPPOSE THE GOVERNMENT "EXPANDING ASSISTED SUICIDE"**

*Last year the Quebec Superior Court ruled it is unconstitutional to limit access to assisted suicide only to those with life-threatening illnesses.*

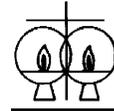
*The federal government is interested in studying: 1 – Assisted suicide for non-imminent death (which could mean mental illness and minors) and 2 – Advanced directives, which would have individuals to authorize their death after they have lost mental capacity.*

This is very serious and we as human being (not only as Christians) have to oppose such a sneaky study, which is intended to manipulate our minds and ultimately will force on us laws that will go drastically against any human and Christian value.

Many times in confessional I hear people, young and old, say that in a moment of despair they want to commit suicide. I am glad to absolve them but were they to say the same thing to a willing doctor, they would have demanded their death sentence. This is the risk he will take after the approval of the "advanced directives" the government wants to impose.

There is also a lot of talk about "assisted suicide for minors" even without the consent of parents. This would be the ultimate denial of any parental authority and responsibility on their children.

We are embarking in something which will be ultimately decided by a political group and not by the people. We will end up with the government taking control of our life and our families. Do we really want that? As Christians we realize that once we have abandoned our faith and the respect of the Law of God, anything will be left to the sneaky ability of a political group to pass a law which will totally deprive the citizens of their fundamental "natural" right to life. Life is not negotiable by any group or any law. Now is the time to let our representatives know that we are against these new "advanced directives" that the government wants to impose.



## **MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020** Sts. Jerome Emiliani & Josephine Bakhita

8:00am + Lawrence Cardoza, Tony Rebello &  
Annie Pereira  
6:00pm + Albert, Mary, Russell, Clyde, Gregory,  
Jemma & David Wong

**Sunday, Feb. 9** **5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30am + Deceased of Eduardo & Laura Travassos  
10:00am MESSA CON PIU INTENZIONI  
11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS  
1:00pm + Jose & Larry Feijo  
4:00pm + Flory & Clarence Fernandes  
6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

**Monday, Feb. 10**

8:00am Special intentions for Marie Anne &  
Martin Torres-Lopez  
11:00am SENIORS' MASS & anointing of the sick  
7:00pm + Teresa & Antonio Bozzelli

**Tuesday, Feb. 11** **Our Lady of Lourdes**

8:00am + Vittoria & Fioravante Maritan  
7:00pm Special intentions for Julie Rossi  
8:00pm Spanish Adoration

**Wednesday, Feb. 12**

8:00am + Maria Graziella Angeloni  
6:30pm (Novena in honor of Mother of Perpetual Help)  
7:00pm MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

**Thursday, Feb. 13**

8:00am For our parishioners  
7:00pm + Flavia Di Stefano  
8:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES

**Friday, Feb. 14** **Sts. Cyril & Methodius**

8:00am For deceased Scalabrinian Fathers & Sisters  
7:00pm Lucy & Berta Fernandes

**Saturday, Feb. 15**

8:00am For our parishioners  
6:00pm + Domenico Di Tella

**Sunday, Feb. 16** **6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30am + Florencio de la Peña  
10:00am MESSA CON PIU INTENZIONI  
11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS  
1:00pm Special intentions of Maria Csabai  
2:30pm FILIPINO MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS  
4:00pm + Varghese Zachariah  
6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

**TAX RECEIPTS FOR 2019** can be picked up before or after the Masses today at the main entrance or at the office on weekdays 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 ceneri, 26 Febbraio alle 3:00pm ci sarà la Messa in Italiano.

**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 JUEVES 13 de FEBRERO 2020 (8:00 pm – 8:30 pm) participaremos en la SANTA MISA EN ESPAÑOL.

El VIERNES 14 de FEBRERO 2020, y TODOS LOS VIERNES DEL AÑO 2020, ESTARÁ EXPUESTO el SANTÍSIMO SACRAMENTO EN EL TEMPLO de 8:00 am a 7:00 pm. Dediquemos 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 14 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. El tema de reflexión será: CIELO Y TIERRA PASARÁN, PERO MIS PALABRAS NO PASARÁN.

El SÁBADO 15 de FEBRERO 2020 (9:00 am – 1:00 pm) la FAMILIA MISIONERA invita al RETIRO DE FAMILIAS en el SALÓN SCALABRINI.

HOY, la FAMILIA MISIONERA 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.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION PREPARATION.**

On Tuesday, February 5, 2020 at 7:00pm a special course will be offered for ADULTS who want to join the Catholic Church or want to receive the sacrament of CONFIRMATION. If you are interested or know of someone who is interested, please call the parish office. You are still in time to register.

**SPECIAL EMERGENCY COLLECTION**

**TODAY** for our Brothers and Sisters affected by the Volcano in the Philippines.

**SENIORS' GROUP** Mass for the Anointing of the Sick sponsored by the Seniors' Group on Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am. Everyone welcome. Potluck fellowship in Zanon Hall.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS MEETING.**

As an ongoing formation program ALL the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist are invited to a general meeting on Tuesday evening, February 11, 2020 at 7:00pm in Zanon Hall.

**PRE-CANA 2020**

The parish is offering another course in preparation to the Sacrament of Marriage. These are the dates: February 12-14-19-21-26-28 at 7:00pm in Zanon Hall. All the couples contemplating marriage in 2020 are required to participate in a course of preparation.

**MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES CELEBRATION**

On Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm Mass we will have a special celebration of the MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES: 25-30-35-40-45-50-55-60 & 65. The Mass will be with renewal of Marriage Vows followed by a moment of sharing and a BIG CAKE for all in the Main Hall. Please call the office.

**CATHOLIC MOMS GROUP** will meet on Tuesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am or 8:00pm in Zanon Hall.

**CATHOLIC MEN'S CLUB** of St. Catherine of Siena invites ALL Men (18+) to a Lenten Retreat on Sat., Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8:30am to 12noon in Scalabrini Hall with Fr. Walter, Fr. Joseph & Fr. Stephen. The theme is "How to Identify the Presence of God in Our Lives: please register at the Parish office 905-272-1454. Voluntary cash donations accepted for refreshments and materials.

**PANCAKE SUNDAY** served by our Young Adults in the Main Hall on Sunday February 23<sup>rd</sup> after the 8:30am, 10:00am, and 11:30am Masses. Everyone is welcome.

**A GENERAL ASSEMBLY** for the whole parish will be called on Saturday, February 29, from 2:00pm to 5:00pm in the Main Hall. All GROUPS, ministers, volunteers are invited. More info to come.

**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](mailto:stcatsienayouth@gmail.com)