

## **THE SAMARITAN WOMAN: A New Disciple of Jesus.**

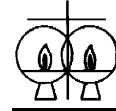
Both this Sunday and next Sunday, the Liturgy brings to us two fundamental symbols of the “Baptismal Journey” of the Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Water and (next week) Light.

Water is present many times in the public life of Jesus: Baptism on the Jordan, miracle of Cana, miracles in the Lake of Gennesaret, washing of the feet, till the water from the side of Jesus on the cross. Today we see Jesus meeting a “pagan” woman of a different race at the well of Jacob in the desert. In this scene Jesus breaks all the stereotypes of the old law. First a rabbi was never supposed to be seen in public talking to a woman; (even today women walk behind men in public). Secondly Jesus is talking to a foreigner, a woman considered a pagan, so not to be mingled with by any Jew. Thirdly he is alone in the desert with a woman, and this raises the eyebrows even of the disciples.

The dialogue between the woman and Jesus is a type of duel of accusations, which come to dismantle many of the current beliefs of the day, about where to worship and the coming of the Messiah. The woman is flying very low with material arguments: the water, the bucket, the temple and her husband; while Jesus is trying to elevate the discussion on a spiritual level: the fount of everlasting water, the worship not here nor there, but in spirit and truth; the real food is the will of the Father.

The final stroke is when Jesus becomes personal with the woman and reveals her heart in her past failure of her marriage in life: call your husband. At this point the woman recognizes that the man in front of her is not just another man; she has reached sincerity and trust in this man and is ready to become his disciple. She runs to the town and announces she has found the messiah. Her conviction must have been very strong, because the people of the town asked Jesus to remain with them; He remained with them for two days, practically converting the whole town.

The foreign woman, the pagan, the 7 times adulterer has become a true disciple, who goes to announce the salvation for the whole town.



## **MASS INTENTIONS**

### **Saturday, Mar. 14, 2020**

8:00am + Jeyapaul Dason Cruz  
8:30-12:00pm PARISH RETREAT – Main Hall  
6:00pm + Jose & Larry Feijo

### **Sunday, Mar. 15 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

8:30am + Josephine Rose  
10:00am MESSA CON PIÙ INTENZIONI  
11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS  
1:00pm + Alfonso & Maria Lucia Checchia  
2:30pm FILIPINO MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS  
4:00pm + Nicholas Pereira  
5:30pm *Stations of the Cross (Spanish)*  
6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

### **Monday, Mar. 16**

8:00am + Virginia Gomes  
7:00pm + Clarence & Flory Fernandes

### **Tuesday, Mar. 17 St. Patrick**

8:00am + Mary Anne Bastiampillai  
7:00pm + Lucia & Antonio D'Avella

### **Wednesday, Mar. 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem**

8:00am + Giuseppe, Giuseppa & Angela Salvo  
6:30pm (*Novena in honor of Mother of Perpetual Help*)  
7:00pm MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

### **Thursday, Mar. 19 St. Joseph**

8:00am Thanksgiving & deceased member of  
Hendricks Family  
7:00pm + Carlos, Liduina & Carlos Jr. DeMelo  
8:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES

### **Friday, Mar. 20**

8:00am + Vincenzo Gasparro  
3:00pm *Stations of the Cross (Italian)*  
6:30pm *Stations of the Cross (English)*  
7:00pm + Fuad Nimer-Boutros

### **Saturday, Mar. 21**

8:00am + Kol Rroku  
12:00pm WEDD: Tyler Bowman & Nancy Fazzini  
6:00pm + Agostinho & Maria Lucinda Mota  
7:30pm Monseñor Romero Mass & Celebration

### **Sunday, Mar. 22 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent**

8:30am + Peter Tran Van Kha  
10:00am MESSA CON PIÙ INTENZIONI  
11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS  
1:00pm + Sandro Ruta  
4:00pm + Albert, Mary, Russell, Clyde, Gregory,  
Jemma & David Wong  
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.

Durante le quaresime, 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 JUEVES 19 de MARZO, 2020 (8:00 pm) participaremos en la SANTA MISA EN ESPAÑOL, EJERCICIOS CUARESMALES y la CELEBRACION DE SAN JOSÉ en el TEMPLO, con el RVDO. PADRE JOSÉ PLASCENCIA.

El VIERNES 20 de MARZO, 2020, y TODOS LOS VIERNES DEL AÑO, 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.

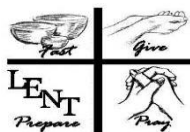
El VIERNES 20 de MARZO, 2020 (8:00 pm) se PROYECTARÁ una PELÍCULA de SAN OSCAR ARNULFO ROMERO en el SALÓN SCALABRINI.

El SÁBADO 21 de MARZO, 2020 (7:00 pm) participaremos en la CELEBRACIÓN DE SAN OSCAR ARNULFO ROMERO en el SALÓN SCALABRINI.

Hoy y todos los DOMINGOS de la CUARESMA los invitamos a REZAR JUNTOS el SANTO VIA CRUCIS a las 5:25 pm en el TEMPLO.

Hoy, el GRUPO DE LITURGIA ofrecerá el CAFÉ DE LA AMISTAD en el SALÓN SCALABRINI. Aprovechemos esta oportunidad para una mayor CONVIVENCIA HISPANA y DEGUSTAR LOS PLATILLOS TÍPICOS QUE ELLOS NOS OFRECEN.

*We are in LENT, this very special time for prayer, reflection and charity.*



**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** every Friday during Lent at 6:30pm.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** Lent food drive has begun. Please leave your food donations in the boxes located at the entrances of the church. Check to make sure the food has not expired.

**March Break Camp** organized by the Youth Ministry in our parish for Grades 1-6, from 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)

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

**FLOWERS COLLECTION** next weekend for the Easter decorations on the Altar.

**CONFESSIONS ALL DAY** Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>  
9:00am – 12:00pm  
2:00pm – 4:00pm  
6:00pm – 8:00pm

**LECTORS MEETING** on Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in Zanon Hall. Please confirm your attendance with the office.

**DYNAMIC WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCE** on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at Le Treport Banquet Hall with a great participation from our parish.

**TAMIL LENTEN RETREAT** will be held on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 1:00 pm in the Main Hall, with Rev. Fr. A Christopher (Chennai, India).



**SHARE LIFE** first collection will be on March 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>. "Living the Gospel"!

**EVENING MASS on March 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> & April 1<sup>st</sup> will be at 6:00pm.**

**FIRST RECONCILIATION:** Parents and Children of First Holy Communion  
Mon., Mar. 30<sup>th</sup> St. Catherine of Siena & Public Schools  
Tues., Mar. 31<sup>st</sup> Mary Fix and Fr. Zanon Schools  
Wed., Apr. 1<sup>st</sup> St. Timothy & Atrium Schools  
**First Reconciliation at 6:30pm in Church.**  
Parents and children will gather in the Main Hall at 6:15pm