

## **THE GREATEST PROPHET –** **John the Baptist**

Today all our attention is drawn by the cousin of Jesus, John the Baptist, son of Elizabeth, whom the Blessed Mother went to visit in order to help her during the last months of her maternity.

John the Baptist is an integral part of the history of redemption; he was part of the original plan of the Father. He was sent by God Himself to announce the arrival of the Messiah. He was a very stern character; in fact, he lost his head, because he had no qualms to tell the King that he was an adulterous man.

He used to wear camel skin with a leather belt and ate locusts and honey, a very interesting diet! He was preaching penance and conversion and was baptizing by the water in the Jordan River. Even Jesus went there to be baptized; and that was the moment when John understood that the Messiah had arrived and that his mission was coming to an end.

“I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness” – he used to repeat, after the same message of the prophet Isaiah. “I am not worthy to untie the thongs of his sandals”. John knew his mission; he knows how to keep his place! He was not interested on fame and glory; he knew that he had to diminish and disappear to leave the way open for the real Messiah. He came to “testify to the light”!

When he was decapitated by Herod, Jesus knew that he had to start His mission as Messiah. John had finished his work and his death was the cue for Him to start His mission.

When we keep our place, we surely will fulfill our mission; it is when we want to take someone else’s place that we miss our own vocation and mission in life. The envious or jealous person wants to be what he/she is not meant to be. To be someone else is the worse offense we do to our Creator; in a sense we tell Him that He has made a mistake on creating us in the way we actually are.

Just be happy for what you are! God gave you all that you need in order to accomplish YOUR mission in your life. If you don’t have something that you want, it means that you don’t need it for your life and your happiness.



### **Saturday, Dec. 12, 2020** **Our Lady of Guadalupe**

8:00am + Lucy Svalina  
6:00pm + Ida & Luigi Collodel

### **Sunday, Dec. 13** **Third Sunday of Advent**

8:30am + Tien Chau & Le Nhi  
10:00am MESSA CON PIU INTENZIONI  
11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS  
4:00pm + Sandro Ruta  
+ Jose & Larry Feijo  
6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

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

8:00am + Anthony Almeida  
11:00am SENIORS’ MASS  
7:00pm + Carlos, Liduina & Carlos Jr. De Melo  
7:30pm PARISH MISSION

### **Tuesday, Dec. 15**

8:00am + Du Chau & Nhi Le  
7:00pm Thanksgiving for Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Cletus  
7:30pm PARISH MISSION  
8:00pm Posadas

### **Wednesday, Dec. 16**

8:00am Beatriz Javier  
6:30pm (*Novena in honor of Mother of Perpetual Help*)  
7:00pm MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS  
7:30pm PARISH MISSION  
8:00pm Posadas

### **Thursday, Dec. 17**

8:00am Peace for Families  
7:00pm + Juanito Santos  
8:00pm Posadas

### **Friday, Dec. 18**

8:00am + Albertina Jimenez  
7:00pm + Concetta Rinaldi  
8:00pm Posadas

### **Saturday, Dec. 19**

8:00am + Forgotten Souls  
7:00pm Thanksgiving for Douglas Pedro  
8:00pm Posadas

### **Sunday, Dec. 20** **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

8:30am + Deceased of Angela & Emanuele Caruso  
Thanksgiving from Nisperos Family  
10:00am MESSA CON PIU INTENZIONI  
11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS  
4:00pm Thanksgiving for Mary Pietrangelo  
+ Lucy Fernandes  
6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES  
Posadas

### **AVISOS EN ESPAÑOL**

HOY, DOMINGO 13 de DICIEMBRE, 2020 (11:00 am - 12:00 pm), continúa la CATEQUÉSIS VIRTUAL DE PREPARACIÓN PARA LA PRIMERA COMUNIÓN de NIÑOS HISPANOS de 7 años de edad en adelante. Para mayor información, favor comunicarse con la oficina parroquial (tel. 905-272-1454, Email: [office@stcatherine.ca](mailto:office@stcatherine.ca)) y a través del correo electrónico: [nmargoth@yahoo.com](mailto:nmargoth@yahoo.com).

EL MARTES 15 (COLOMBIA), MIÉRCOLES 16 (ECUADOR), JUEVES 17 (PERÚ), VIERNES 18 (MÉXICO), SÁBADO 19 (CENTRO AMÉRICA), y DOMINGO 20 (JÓVENES) de DICIEMBRE, 2020 (8:00 pm), PARTICIPEMOS en la NOVENA Y POSADAS VIRTUALES DE NAVIDAD.

DE LUNES A VIERNES ESTÁ EXPUESTO el SANTÍSIMO SACRAMENTO EN EL TEMPLO de 9:00 am a 6:00 pm. Dedicemos un tiempo para la ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA VIRTUAL.

HOY y todos los DOMINGOS RECEMOS JUNTOS el SANTO ROSARIO VIRTUAL a las 5:25 pm y luego PARTICIPEMOS en la SANTA MISA VIRTUAL EN ESPAÑOL (6:00 pm - 7:00 pm).

Los siguientes son los enlaces del Internet para participar VIRTUALMENTE en la NOVENA Y POSADAS DE NAVIDAD, la SANTA MISA, y la ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA:

<https://www.facebook.com/parroquiasantacatalina.de.sienna.9>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpfixRYsl7vLmI4hDDWEmNA>

<https://stcatherine.ca/live-mass/>

### **2021 Mass Book is open**

### **2021 Envelopes are available at the main entrance**

### **Sunday Missals available in the office** **\$5.00**

**PARISH MISSION** on December 14, 15 & 16 after the 7:00pm Mass. Watch on livestream.

**SENIORS' MASS** on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am.

### **HOW TO CELEBRATE ADVENT IN YOUR HOME**

The lockdown gives us the opportunity to celebrate AT HOME the lighting and blessing of the ADVENT WREATH.

Please gather your family (especially children) and prepare together the wreath; if you can, please use real material (styrofoam, green shrubs, 3 purple candles, 1 pink and 1 white and some Christmas decoration). You are going to bless it with a special prayer, each week. (If there are children, for safety it is better not to light the candles). You should explain the meaning of each symbol.

### **MAKE YOUR OWN ADVENT WREATH.**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iq9mzyjfKvQ>

### **IDEAS FOR THE ADVENT WREATH.**

<https://www.google.com/search?q=advent+wreath+ideas&oq=advent+wreath&aqs=chrome.3.69i57j0i131i43313j0l4.6980j0j15&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8>

### **CHILDREN'S ADVENT PROGRAM:**

<https://www.catholicbrain.com/campaign/1172954/2020adventprogram>

### **PRAYERS FOR THE ADVENT WREATH.**

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5838b6136a4963d2566f347e/t/5a1e378b4192021369a38a96/1511929741668/Advent+wreath+prayers+for+advent+2017.pdf>

*The St. Vincent de Paul Society have begun their "Giving Tree Campaign" that helps needy families of the parish at Christmas. Please mail a gift card (and the activation slip) for Freshco, Food Basics or Loblaws to the attention of SVDP at the church. Any donation over \$10 will be issued a tax receipt next year. Thank you for remembering the poor at Christmas.*

**YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH** – Pope Francis has just declared 2021 the year of St. Joseph. This is a great opportunity to challenge our “men” of the parish to reclaim their role of shepherds of their family, especially in reference to their faith. We will be planning for the future.