

FIAT – Let it be!

The fourth Sunday of Advent, the last one before the celebration of Christmas, invites us to say YES TO GOD.

The young virgin of Nazareth is in deep prayer; a light comes through the window and covers her in an ecstatic presence of the Holy Spirit. In her the Son of God becomes flesh, and she becomes the mother of God.

She is wrapped in the love of God, body and soul. In her humble union with God, she has been presented with the most incredible decision of her life: to give it all to God, so that God may give it all to humanity.

Yes! Be it done to me according to your word! Generations and generations of prophets and kings had waited for that moment! The angels in heaven were all waiting for that moment. The patriarchs and the sages of the past were all waiting for that moment. Finally, a humble and unknown young lady from an unknown town said Yes! And everything was changed; the earth was transformed into the dwelling place of God almighty.

What a marvelous event! What a miraculous re-creation of the whole world! The new heavens and the new earth were now present in that little mother! She became the “ark of the new covenant”! She became the new “temple of the Holy Spirit of God”! She was going to give her flesh and blood to the second person of the Holy Trinity, so that He could walk in flesh and blood among us. She made possible for God to suffer and die on the cross for the salvation of humanity.

Let us remain in silence inside that little house of Nazareth to enjoy and contemplate the miracle of miracles that changed humanity. Next week we will contemplate another little grotto, where the Son of God will take flesh from Mary and become man for the salvation of all men.

**MASS
INTENTIONS****Saturday, Dec. 19, 2020**

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
2:30pm FILIPINO MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
4:00pm Thanksgiving for Mary Pietrangelo
+ Lucy Fernandes
6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES
Posadas

Monday, Dec. 21 **St. Peter Canisius**

8:00am + Pantaleone Romano
7:00pm + Maria Di Tella
8:00pm Posadas

Tuesday, Dec. 22

8:00am + Giuseppe, Michele e Giuseppina Corrente
7:00pm + Paolina Di Michele
8:00pm Posadas

Wednesday, Dec. 23 **St. John of Kanty**

8:00am + Sandra Valentini
6:30pm (*Novena in honor of Mother of Perpetual Help*)
7:00pm MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
8:00pm Posadas

Thursday, Dec. 24 **Christmas Vigil**

8:00am Karen, Azzareya & Dominic Abilay,
deceased of Geonzon & Abilay Families
4:00pm MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS – Family Mass
6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES
10:00pm SOLEMN MASS

Friday, Dec. 25 **Nativity of the Lord**

8:30am + Deceased of Gaudette & Gauthier Families
10:00am MESSA CON PIU INTENZIONI
11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
1:00pm + Danilo, Cirilla & Luigi Berdusco,
Umberto, & Maria Giurin, Bortolozzo Family
2:30pm FILIPINO MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

Saturday, Dec. 26 **St. Stephen**

8:00am + Gerald & Irene Hendricks
6:00pm + Nannino, Tonino & Giuseppina Carfagna

Sunday, Dec. 27 **Holy Family**

8:30am + Vivian & Philomena Texeira, Duarte &
Ubin D’Souza & Dr. Primo Carneiro
10:00am MESSA CON PIU INTENZIONI
11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
4:00pm + Mumtaz & Fakhira Bourachi
+ Luigi, Angela, Giuseppe & Marietta Giuseppe
6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

AVISOS EN ESPAÑOL

HOY, DOMINGO 20 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) y a través del correo electrónico: nmargoth@yahoo.com.

HOY, DOMINGO 20 (JÓVENES), LUNES 21 (VENEZUELA), MARTES 22 (NIÑOS), y MIÉRCOLES 23 (FAMILIA MISIONERA), de DICIEMBRE, 2020 (8:00 pm), PARTICIPEMOS en la NOVENA Y POSADAS VIRTUALES DE NAVIDAD.

El JUEVES 24 de DICIEMBRE, 2020 (7:00 pm - 8:00 pm) PARTICIPEMOS en la MISA VIRTUAL DE NOCHEBUENA en ESPAÑOL.

El VIERNES 25 de DICIEMBRE, 2020 (6:00 pm - 7:00 pm) PARTICIPEMOS en la MISA VIRTUAL DE NAVIDAD en ESPAÑOL.

DE LUNES A VIERNES ESTÁ EXPUESTO el SANTÍSIMO SACRAMENTO EN EL TEMPLO de 9:00 am a 6:00 pm. Dediquemos 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 de NOCHEBUENA, y la SANTA MISA de NAVIDAD:

<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

MERRY CHRISTMAS, DEAR PARISHIONERS.

Yes, Merry Christmas, even though we cannot embrace in person we send to all of you our virtual embraces. Yes, because we love you, as family; we love you as brothers and sisters of Jesus, as children of our beautiful and young mother Mary.

This year it is a very special Christmas! Even though we cannot celebrate together, we can still hold the baby Jesus in our hearts. Nobody will take away the joy of Christmas. Actually, we will celebrate this event with deeper joy than before. Less distractions, less noise, less confusion. In the silence of our house or apartment, we can close our eyes and fly immediately to Bethlehem, next to Mary and Joseph in celestial adoration of the Baby Jesus.

We can feel the quiet joy in our heart! We can fill our soul with sure hope that a new life on earth has begun in the baby Jesus. A new future that this baby is offering to mankind and to each one of us. A newborn baby is completely “new”! There is nothing old in a new baby; so, we can start right now a new day, a new hope, a new life, together with this new Baby of Bethlehem!

MERRY CHRISTMAS
from all of us at St. Catherine.

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.