

COME AND SEE.

Faith is not based on an ideology, but on a living experience of the person of our Lord Jesus. The account for today's Gospel is very clear and very meaningful for us all.

First, we have John the Baptist who is pointing at Jesus as the Lamb of God. This is a great definition, which was very clear to the Jews of that time; they knew very well what a 'lamb of sacrifice' was all about in the temple. Now, as John is saying, this is the lamb of sacrifice offered by God to fulfill His promises; (remember Abraham's reassurance to his son Isaac: God will provide).

Two of John's disciples follow Jesus, who asks them: "Who are you looking for?" I am sure that Jesus knew that they were looking for Him, but the question wants to go a bit deeper: What are you really looking for? He invites them to go examine their motives; He wants more than just a simple feeling of curiosity; he wants to clarify their intentions and at the same time to strengthen their resolute.

The disciples respond with another question: "Where are you staying?" This is a clear sign that they were looking for an experience of life, not just an information or an intellectual definition.

Jesus responds to the challenge with an invitation: "Come and See". They have to make up their own mind through a personal experience. Come and see for yourselves. You make your own decision. And in fact, the Gospel says that they remained with him "that whole day".

Finally, Andrew goes home and invite his brother Simon to make the same experience. Jesus on the spot changes his name and begins building his church on this rock (Peter).

Faith is not a matter of words, but a matter of experience. Many times, we remain at the level of words and thoughts and we are not transformed by living experiences. That is why it is so easy for many people to abandon their faith; it has nothing to do with their lives! Evangelization is exactly the ability to allow people to make their own experience of the Lord. Come and See! This is the invitation for each one of us!



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Jan. 16, 2021

8:00am + Rocco Oppedisano

6:00pm + Karen, Azzareya & Dominic Abilay

Sunday, Jan. 17 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Thanksgiving for 45th Wedding Anniversary of John & Maria Agius & 97th Birthday of Antonia Galea

10:00am MESSA CON PIU INTENZIONI

11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

1:00pm NO MASS (Intentions at 11:30am)

2:30pm FILIPINO MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

4:00pm NO MASS (Intentions at 11:30am)

6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

Monday, Jan. 18

8:00am + Phyllis D'Souza

7:00pm + Franco Condotta

Tuesday, Jan. 19

8:00am Thanksgiving for Odette Almeida

7:00pm Thanksgiving from Benefrida Strong

Wednesday, Jan. 20 Sts. Fabian & Sebastian

8:00am + Ruben Gueco

6:00pm (*Novena in honor of Mother of Perpetual Help*)

7:00pm MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

Thursday, Jan. 21 St. Agnes

8:00am + Tom Think Ton

7:00pm + Caterina Natale & deceased family

8:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

Friday, Jan. 22 St. Vincent

8:00am + Tessie Pereira

7:00pm Thanksgiving for Ashley & Letitia Pinto

Saturday, Jan. 23

8:00am + Sandra Valentini

6:00pm + Antonio Cavasinni

Sunday, Jan. 24 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am + Graciano Baron

10:00am MESSA CON PIU INTENZIONI

11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

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AVISOS EN ESPAÑOL

El MARTES 19 de ENERO, 2021 (8:00 pm), participaremos en la ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA VIRTUAL DE LA COMUNIDAD HISPANA.

El MIÉRCOLES 20 de ENERO, 2021 (8:00 pm), continúa el CURSO VIRTUAL DE BIBLIA #2 en Español a través de ZOOM. Favor registrarse con el Padre José Plascencia (tel. 289-788-6844).

El JUEVES 21 de ENERO, 2021 (8:00 pm) PARTICIPEMOS en la SANTA MISA VIRTUAL en ESPAÑOL.

El VIERNES 22 de ENERO, 2021 (7:30 pm) la RENOVACIÓN CARISMÁTICA CATÓLICA HISPANA NOS INVITA A PARTICIPAR en la ASAMBLEA VIRTUAL DE ORACIÓN Y ALABANZA a través de ZOOM. El tema de reflexión será: "Instituyó Doce, para que estuvieran con él, y para enviarlos a predicar".

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).

Los siguientes son los enlaces del Internet para participar VIRTUALMENTE en el SANTO ROSARIO y la SANTA MISA:

<https://www.facebook.com/parroquiasantacatalina.desienna.9>

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

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

THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

One of the main activities for the "Year of St. Joseph" will be the preparation and celebration of the CONSECRATION to St. Joseph, both individually and as a family.

The actual celebration will be on March 19, 2021 feast of "St. Joseph Patron of the Universal Church"; we will prepare with 33 days of special reflection on the life and virtues of St. Joseph, which will start on February 15, 2021. We hope to have it both in English and Spanish. There will be a video conference each day and on Saturday morning we will share the content of the whole week together (either in person if possible or in zoom).

You need to register, because we have to buy a book that goes with it, which we have to order from the US. The cost will be \$25. CAN.

Just send an email to: office@stcatherine.ca or call by phone (905) 272-1454. Thanks.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

For Grade 7 students who have not registered yet, please do so as soon as possible.

<https://www.stcatherineyouth.ca/registration>

2021 Envelopes are available at the main entrance

Sunday Missals available in the office \$5.00

**Teach me
Your ways,
O Lord...**