

CHRISTIAN UNITY, THE LAST DESIRE OF JESUS

In the last prayer before his death, Jesus asked the Father one final wish: "That they all may be one, like you and I are one". Probably, Jesus had already a premonition that we Christians would fall into fights and divisions along the centuries. So, if we love Jesus, we have to work for the unity of all those who believe and follow Him.

Division of the Christian Churches happened one thousand (Eastern Churches), and five hundred (Protestant Churches) years ago, for mostly political reasons. The people of today remain separated even though they have no fault or reason to remain separated. As a matter of fact, very few Catholics know why we are separated from the Protestant or from the Orthodox. Actually, we have no reason to be separated today.

It is true that we have grown apart and as a consequence developed different ways of believing and different ways of worship. But this is precisely the reason why we have "ecumenism"; by knowing one another better, we will be able to accept one another better and begin to get closer, as Jesus had asked us.

The theme of this year's "week of prayer for Christian Unity" is: "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit" (Jn. 15:5-9). We can love one another, even if we are different from one another. There are three levels of unity: unity of love, unity of action, and unity of belief. Certainly, we can have a unity of love; we all are united in the love of Jesus. If we are all embraced by Jesus, that means that we are already united with one another. Certainly, we can have a unity of action, by doing works of charity together with those in other religions, especially if they have the same values and believe in the same Jesus. Finally, we pray that we come to a unity of "theology" and understanding of the same faith; but already we are united in two thirds of our existence as Christians.

Ecumenism (sometimes misinterpreted as lack of fidelity to our traditions) is an obligation of all Christians, if we want to respond to the last wish of Jesus: That all may be one!



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Jan. 23, 2020

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
1:00pm NO MASS (Intentions at 11:30am)
4:00pm NO MASS (Intentions at 11:30am)
6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

Monday, Jan. 25 Conversion of St. Paul

8:00am + Purificacion Mercado
7:00pm + Franco & Tito Condotta

Tuesday, Jan. 26 Sts. Timothy & Titus

8:00am + Frances Perrotta & family
7:00pm + Irene & Gerald Hendricks

Wednesday, Jan. 27 St. Angela Merici

8:00am + Michael Di Lena
6:00pm (*Novena in honor of Mother of Perpetual Help*)
7:00pm MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

Thursday, Jan. 28 St. Thomas Aquinas

8:00am + Tom Think Ton
7:00pm Thanksgiving to St. Jude
8:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

Friday, Jan. 29

8:00am + Veronica Calayag
7:00pm Thanksgiving from Janet Leonard

Saturday, Jan. 30

8:00am + Ugo Canderle
6:00pm Special intentions for Agnes Lobo

Sunday, Jan. 31 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am + Egisto Morson
10:00am MESSA CON PIU INTENZIONI
11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
1:00pm NO MASS (Intentions at 11:30am)
4:00pm NO MASS (Intentions at 11:30am)
6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

2020 TAX RECEIPTS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE

2021 Envelopes are available at the
main entrance

AVISOS EN ESPAÑOL

El MARTES 26 de ENERO, 2021 (8:00 pm), continúa el CURSO VIRTUAL DE BIBLIA #1 en Español a través de ZOOM. Favor registrarse con el Padre José Plascencia (tel. 289-788-6844).

El MIÉRCOLES 27 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 28 de ENERO, 2021 (8:00 pm) PARTICIPEMOS en la SANTA MISA VIRTUAL en ESPAÑOL.

El VIERNES 29 de ENERO, 2021 (7:30 pm) la RENOVACIÓN CARISMÁTICA CATOLICA HISPANA NOS INVITA A PARTICIPAR en la ASAMBLEA VIRTUAL DE ORACIÓN Y ALABANZA a través de ZOOM. El tema de reflexión será: "Cállate y sal de este hombre".

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).

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

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

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

By the expressed desire of Pope Francis, today we also celebrate the third Sunday of the Word of God. Something new, but so important in the life of all Christians. We may think that the Protestants are the "Christians of the Book" and we Catholics are the "Christians of the Eucharist". In reality, both are both; both Catholics and Protestants are Christians of the Word and of the Eucharist.

When we go to Mass we always celebrate the Word of God and then the Eucharist. But the Pope wants us to get closer to the Word of God on a daily basis. As much as we need the material food for our body daily, we need the spiritual food for our soul daily. St. Jerome used to say: "Ignorance o, is ignorance of Jesus Christ". Bust most of all, lack of the Word of God is equal to spiritual starvation. "I am the vine. You are the branches!"

Many times we are not able to respond to the challenges of our life, because we do not have the light and the strength of the Word of God. If we are interested in our spiritual life, we should approach the table of the Word of God every day. Try it! You will see the difference that it makes in your life.

2021 1st Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion Preparation

Virtual Parents Information Session & Start of Registration

Monday, January 25 - 7:00 pm - St. Timothy
Tuesday, January 26 - 7:00 pm - St. Catherine of Siena and other schools
Wednesday, January 27 - 7:00 pm - Mary Fix and Daniel Zanon

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82417873518>

Meeting ID: 824 1787 3518

Virtual doors open at 6:30pm

For more information, contact Vicky Nisce:
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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL assisted 58 needy families this Christmas helping 91 adults and 76 children in the parish community through our Giving Tree Campaign. The average family received \$125. in food assistance and \$97. in assistance to purchase gifts. Thank you to everyone who donated to the Giving Tree Campaign to help the less fortunate.

