

YOU ARE MY REFUGE, LORD

The supplication of the poor Leper to Jesus in today's Gospel is also our supplication: "If you choose, you can make me clean". We can say: "If you choose, you can change my life, Lord".

First of all, we have to admire the gentleness and respect of this prayer: If you choose! There is no arrogance, no demand, no entitlement; "if you choose". Our prayer should always have this basic attitude of humility. God is in charge and we have no "right" to his grace and healing. We surely can count on His love as a Father, but have no right whatsoever in front of God almighty.

Secondly, the poor leper is asking to "make him clean". It is true that the faithful Jew knew that even physical sickness comes from spiritual evil; that is why he is asking for a cleansing of soul and body. It is interesting that Jesus tells him to go and show himself to the priests first. There is a religious undertone in all this event, which has beneficial consequences on a physical level.

To be clean, that is the pre-condition to all our troubles; clean of intentions, clean of self-interests, clean of future orientation. Many times we do not receive the fruits of our prayer, because we are not clean of self-interest, of pride and other worldly pursuits. God cannot grant our requests, if they will ultimately increase our uncleanness and selfishness.

We must have a clean intention to follow His will. If our prayers go against His Plan for our life, then He has to wait until we line up our vision with His vision and His plan for us.

To be clean, ultimately, requires certainly to be clean of sin. Sin takes us to the opposite direction, away from the plan of God, even though many times it promises us success and joy that we wrongly believe necessary for our life. Sometimes God has to allow failures and sin in our life, to make us realize that we are walking in the wrong direction. We might feel defeated at first, but then we realize that we needed some tough love in order to find our true direction and meaning in life.

Then we finally can say with the psalmist: You are my refuge, o Lord. You are the only one who can make me clean in mind, in heart, in soul and body.

Saturday, Feb. 13, 2021

8:00am + Mumtaz & Fakhira Bourachi
6:00pm + Lost, Forgotten & All Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, Feb. 14 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am + Anthony Almeida
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, Feb. 15

8:00am Special intentions for Crasto Family
7:00pm + AJ Cletus

Tuesday, Feb. 16

8:00am + Michael Colavito
7:00pm + Varghese Zachariah

Wednesday, Feb. 17 AshWednesday

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

Thursday, Feb. 18

8:00am + Keith Rozario
7:00pm Special intentions for Gunaratnam Family
8:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

Friday, Feb. 19

8:00am + Maryann Camilleri
7:00pm + Filippo Menecola

Saturday, Feb. 20

8:00am Special intentions Ratnaraj Family
6:00pm + Agostinho & Maria Lucinda Mota

Sunday, Feb. 21 1st Sunday of Lent

8:30am + Deceased of Bortolotto & Becevello Families
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

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

AVISOS EN ESPAÑOL

El LUNES 15 de FEBRERO, 2021, comienzan los los 33 días de PREPARACIÓN para la CONSAGRACIÓN A SAN JOSÉ (19 de marzo de 2021) tanto en Inglés como en Español. Para obtener más información, favor registrarse en la oficina parroquial o en la página web de Flocknote.

El MARTES 16 de FEBRERO, 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 17 de FEBRERO, 2021, es el MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA Y EL COMIENZO DE LA CUARESMA. Ese día, la iglesia estará abierta desde las 9:00 am hasta las 6:00 pm, para las confesiones, la administración de la sagrada comunión y la imposición de las cenizas. El máximo número de personas que pueden estar dentro de la Iglesia en cada momento es de diez personas.

El MIÉRCOLES 17 de FEBRERO, 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 18 de FEBRERO, 2021 (8:00 pm) PARTICIPEMOS en la SANTA MISA VIRTUAL en ESPAÑOL.

El VIERNES 19 de FEBRERO, 2021 (7:30 pm), la RENOVACIÓN CARISMÁTICA CATÓLICA HISPANA NOS INVITA A PARTICIPAR en la ASAMBLEA de ORACIÓN y ALABANZA. El tema de reflexión será: "VENDRÁN DÍAS EN QUE EL NOVIQ LES SERÁ QUITADO, ENTONCES AYUNARÁN".

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



SCHEDULE UPCOMING EVENTS

February 13 – ROC (Confirmation Catechism via ZOOM).

February 15 – Beginning of the 33 days of PREPARATION for the CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH (March 19, 2021) both in English and Spanish. For more info please get sign up in the Flocknote Web Page.

February 16 – Catholic Moms Group via zoom at 8:00pm.

February 17 – ASH WEDNESDAY and the beginning of LENT.

Masses via live stream at 8:00am and 7:00pm.

During the day (9:00-6:00pm) the church will be opened for confessions, Holy Communion and ashes.

February 18 – Bible Class via Zoom.

February 22 – Baptism Preparation Conference (via Zoom).

LENT TOGETHER

We can celebrate Lent together at home. First we can say the Rosary in one of these hours: 9:00am – Noon – 3:00pm – 6:20pm – 9:00pm - 12:00 midnight 3:00am – 6:00am. During these times you are sure that someone of our parish is already united in prayer.

Second: we can fast together each Friday by bread and water and a small lunch, if our health allows it.

Third we can give up one day of iPhone, or tablet, or computer (only for business) or even better, TV.

PALM SUNDAY and HOLY WEEK – We pray that the government will relax a bit the restrictions, so that we will be able to go back to the 30% capacity and so celebrate in person the resurrection of our Lord. **More info will be coming.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION. *Registration has already started.*

If you haven't done so already, please sign in to Flocknote today to ensure that you will not miss any future updates from the Church. Here is the link: <https://stcatherineofsienachurch.flocknote.com/FirstCommunion20>

Finally, here is the link that will lead you to the schedule and to everything you need to know about registering for the First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion Program of St. Catherine of Siena Parish:

<https://www.stcatherineyouth.ca/first-holy-communion>