

RETURN...

The first Sunday of Lent begins with a great calling back to our God. 'Return, and I will make with you a new covenant'. The story of Noah and the Ark during the great flood is a clear invitation to something NEW. Come back and I will sign a new contract, a new covenant. Never again I will destroy humanity! I will put a rainbow in the sky to remind me of this "new" covenant.

This is the first meaning of Lent: come back to God. He is waiting to sign another covenant with you. It does not matter what happened before, NOW is the time, now the kingdom of God is near, repent and believe the good news.

It is time to restart ANEW. During this pandemic we are just waiting to go "back to normal". NO, we cannot go back to the past, we have to sign a new contract with God; we have to make something new for the future. Life never goes back to the past; it can only live in the present and aims at the future. What can we learn from COVID-19? What else that is NEW can come out of it? How am I going to start a NEW COVENANT with my life and with my God?

The time of the final battle is here. Jesus is driven to the desert to face the devil. Imagine that it is the Holy Spirit who brings Jesus into the desert to be tempted! Yes, because it is the final confrontation. The Holy Spirit is bringing Jesus to confront the devil; like David confronting Goliath; the time of victory has now come; the time is fulfilled.

Are we ready for the battle? Has the time come for us to confront the issues of our life? Are we going to choose the narrow road or are we going to get out the easy way, as the devil is telling Jesus? How has the COVID-19 changed my life? Am I just scared, or am I ready for another season of life? Am I confident in the power of Christ for my life? The battle is on, now it is up to us to engage in the fight!

**MASS
INTENTIONS****Saturday, Feb. 20, 2021**

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

Monday, Feb. 22 **Chair of St. Peter**

8:00am Special intentions for Devadason Family
7:00pm + Rocco Li Trenta

Tuesday, Feb. 23 **St. Polycarp**

8:00am + Sandra Valentini
7:00pm + Flora Almeida

Wednesday, Feb. 24

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

Thursday, Feb. 25

8:00am + Dorothy Troy
7:00pm + Domenico Colussi
8:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

Friday, Feb. 26

8:00am + Frances Perrotta & Family
6:30pm *Stations of the Cross*
7:00pm + Duilio Bertolo

Saturday, Feb. 27

8:00am + AJ Cletus
6:00pm + Genara, Serafin & Ponciano Santos

Sunday, Feb. 28 **2nd Sunday of Lent**

8:30am + Deceased Scalabrinian Sisters, Priests &
Brothers

10:00am MESSA CON PIU INTENZIONI

11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

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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 23 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 24 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 25 de FEBRERO, 2021 (8:00 pm) PARTICIPEMOS en la SANTA MISA VIRTUAL en ESPAÑOL.

El VIERNES 26 de FEBRERO, 2021, NO HABRÁ ASAMBLEA de ORACIÓN y ALABANZA de la RENOVACIÓN CARISMÁTICA CATÓLICA HISPANA, para que participemos en el SANTO VIACRIUCIS VIRTUAL (8:00 pm) con el Padre José Plascencia.

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 DE CUARESMA RECEMOS JUNTOS el SANTO VIACRIUCIS VIRTUAL a las 5:20 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 VIACRUCIS 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



LENT TOGETHER.

Ash Wednesday and **Good Friday** are days of obligation of abstinence and fasting for people of 16 – 65 years of age. For the others we are invited to do penance, but it is not an obligation.

“Sacrifice” means to make sacred, to offer it up to God; it could be either physical (by giving up something that you like) or spiritual (that is something like TV, iPhone, tablet...) It would be great if we all as a parish would stop for one day or half a day ALL SOCIAL MEDIAS, and devote that time to be together with our God.

Every Friday we will celebrate the STATIONS of the CROSS. This will be done virtually (until we are in lock down). 3:00pm Stations of the Cross in Italian, at 6:00pm we will have Holy Rosary; at 6:30pm we will have the Stations of the Cross in English; at 7:00pm the Holy Mass and after the Mass, Stations of the Cross in Spanish.

CONFESSIONS are available every day. Just inquire at the office.

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.

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>

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL Instead of food donations that are not allowed in the church due to COVID restrictions, SVDP would appreciate a donation of a **grocery store gift card** during this Lenten season. Your gift card donation can be dropped off into any collection basket before Easter or mailed directly to the church. Year-end tax receipts will be issued in 2022 for donations above \$10. Thank you for your continued support.