

ABRAHAM and his son ISAAC GOD the FATHER and His Son JESUS



“Take your son and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering”! What kind of God is this, who demands the human sacrifice of his son? And who is that man who has the courage to raise the knife over his baby? Human sacrifices were the highest form of worship in the ancient cultures. To offer in sacrifice a daughter meant sure victory in battle. The sacrifice of a son meant the sure protection of a God, against any enemy. Today we do not sacrifice to Baal or Moloch, but we raise the knife against an innocent baby in the womb of its mother; we execute poor humans in jail for crimes they never committed; today we offer human sacrifices to Satan through power, pleasure and pride.

BUT... there is a human sacrifice that has put a stop to all this: the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. Abraham was ready to slaughter his baby son in order to prove his faith to God; now it is God who is slaughtering his only Son to prove His faith in us. This is the end of “human sacrifices”, because Jesus’ sacrifice is for all and for all eternity. One sacrifice is the pre-figuration of the other. Abraham stops the chain of human sacrifices because God the Father offers his ultimate sacrifice of His only Son, Jesus.

It is an incredible contradiction, that God, while is asking to kill the only son of Abraham, the only possibility for a generation, he promises him that “by your offspring shall all nations on earth gain blessings for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice”.

- Would I be willing to sacrifice my son or daughter to God?
- Do I realize that God the Father has sacrificed His only Son for me?
- Do I understand that only through the sacrifice and obedience to the word of God, I can gain the blessing for my family and my community?

Saturday, Feb. 27, 2021

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

Monday, Mar. 1

8:00am Special intentions for Reynato Ramirez
7:00pm + Fr. Aldo Uderzo

Tuesday, Mar. 2

8:00am Special intentions for Reynato Ramirez
6:30pm *Novena in honour to St. Anthony*
7:00pm Special intentions for Clelia & Laretta
Morson

Wednesday, Mar. 3

8:00am Special intentions for Reynato Ramirez
6:00pm (*Novena in honor of Mother of Perpetual Help*)
7:00pm MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

Thursday, Mar. 4 St. Casimir

8:00am Special intentions for Reynato Ramirez
7:00pm + Elena Pasqual
8:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

Friday, Mar. 5

8:00am + Agnes Wong
3:00pm *Stations of the Cross - Italian*
6:30pm *Stations of the Cross*
7:00pm + David Miles & Luigi Zanatta

Saturday, Mar. 6

8:00am + Salatiel Guasca
6:00pm + Arcangelo Di Michele, Maurizio & Cesidio Flammini
7:30pm ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament

Sunday, Mar. 7 3rd Sunday of Lent

8:30am + Luchi Lan Garciano
10:00am MESSA CON PIU INTENZIONI
11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
1:00pm NO MASS (Intentions at 11:30am)
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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 2 de MARZO, 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 3 de MARZO, 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 4 de MARZO, 2021 (8:00 pm) PARTICIPEMOS en la SANTA MISA VIRTUAL en ESPAÑOL.

El VIERNES 5 de MARZO, 2021, es el PRIMER VIERNES DEL MES. Por lo tanto, NO HABRÁ ASAMBLEA de ORACIÓN y ALABANZA de la RENOVACIÓN CARISMÁTICA CATÓLICA HISPANA, para que participemos en la SANTA MISA Y ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA en INGLÉS (7:00 pm), y el SANTO VIACRIUCIS VIRTUAL EN ESPAÑOL (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 5:25 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 VIACRUCIS, la SANTA MISA y la ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA:

<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.