

GOD SENT HIS SON, not to condemn but to save!

We are in the “GAUDETE” Sunday, that means, the “rejoicing” Sunday. We are already in the fourth Sunday, which brings us very close to Palm Sunday and the Holy Week.

For the adults, who are being baptized on Holy Saturday, the special Gospels of these three Sundays brings to our attention the symbols of our own Baptism, that is “water” (with the parable of the Samaritan Woman at the well), today is “the Light” (with the parable of the blind man from birth) and next week “life” (with the resurrection of Lazarus).

For the rest of the community today we rejoice with Nicodemus and the revelation that God has sent His Son to “save” and not to “judge” the world. Actually, the salvation comes after we have seen the light, which opens our eyes to the faith in Jesus, the redeemer, sent by God Himself.

Yes, today we rejoice because we already see a little light at the end of the tunnel. Not just because the pandemic seems to be under control, but most of all because we are preparing to celebrate the most Holy Week of our faith: the Passion and Resurrection of our Lord and Savior.

Yes, we are happy because people are opening up to life again; together with nature, we can come back to new life. We can restart again, but in a BETTER WAY.

We should learn from all these months of solitude, how we can RE-ORGANIZE our life around the presence of God in our families. We should PRIORITIZE our spiritual life, over our simple day-to-day material living. There is a HIERARCHY of values in our Christian living: let’s put first what is first and after we can enjoy all our own desires and interests.

First is God, second Family and third myself. In seven days of the week, first is Sunday, second is my free time and then my job and personal interests. If we do this, then we know that we have gained something from all these months of isolation; if I go back exactly as before, then I know that I have wasted all this time, we have wasted a great opportunity that God has offered us with the Pandemic.

In a very simple way, let us zero in on two things: Prayer in the home and sanctity of the day of the Lord. Prayer in the house: up to now we were practically forced to go to Mass by streaming in our living rooms; let’s not forget this beautiful opportunity; from now on, every day we promise to say our prayers in the morning and in the evening (possibly the Holy Rosary); let this be a serious commitment for every day of our lives. I would say, don’t sit down at the table until you have done your spiritual duty, your daily prayers, morning and evening.

Secondly, we promise to devote our Sundays to the Lord; not just one hour at mass in church, but THE WHOLE DAY. How? Yes, in the morning you say your prayers, then you go to Mass, then you can enjoy your time with the family (maybe a nice meal) and in the afternoon you find time to do ONE good act of mercy. You can visit someone in the family, or someone sick or lonely; you can do some volunteer work; you can participate in some catechetical or biblical conferences or maybe you can read a good book or watch a movie of a Saint. Then you can finish the day with the Holy Rosary and a good supper. THAT’S A DAY OF THE LORD!

So, you try it and then get your children and grandchildren to do it also. I can assure you that your life will be completely RENEWED by simply doing these two things: Daily Payer and sanctifying the day of the Lord. All together; let’s do it!

**MASS
INTENTIONS****Saturday, Mar. 13, 2021**

8:00am + Pacifico Limbo

6:00pm + Mumtaz & Fakhira Bourachi

Sunday, Mar. 14 **4th Sunday of Lent**

8:30am + Dason Cruz Teyapaul

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. 15

8:00am Special Intentions for Antidormi Family

7:00pm + Lina Mancini

Tuesday, Mar. 16

8:00am + Maria Tran Thi Dau

7:00pm + Adrian D’Souza

Wednesday, Mar. 17**St. Patrick**

8:00am + Florencio Arellano

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

7:00pm MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

Thursday, Mar. 18**St. Cyril of Jerusalem**

8:00am + David Danks

6:00pm FCC SCOS Tridum

7:00pm For our parishioners

8:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

Friday, Mar. 19**St. Joseph, Spouse of BVM**

8:00am + Jose Pangilinan

3:00pm *Stations of the Cross – Italian*

6:00 pm FCC SCOS Tridum

6:30pm *Stations of the Cross*

7:00pm + Agostinho & Maria Lucinda Mota

Saturday, Mar. 20

8:00am + Alfonso, Maria, & Lucia Checchia

5:00pm FCC SCOS Tridum

6:00pm + Deceased of Pinto, Vaz, Soares, Paul, Fernandes, Leo, Silveira, D’Souza & Pereira Families

Sunday, Mar. 21**5th Sunday of Lent**

8:30am + Ana Truong This Hue &

Peter Tran Van Kha

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 16 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 17 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 18 de MARZO, 2021 (8:00 pm) PARTICIPEMOS en la SANTA MISA VIRTUAL en ESPAÑOL.

El VIERNES 19 de MARZO, 2021, NO HABRÁ ASAMBLEA de ORACIÓN y ALABANZA de la RENOVACIÓN CARISMÁTICA CATÓLICA HISPANA, para que participemos en el SANTO VIACRUCIS 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 INDIVIDUAL.

HOY y todos los DOMINGOS DE CUARESMA RECEMOS JUNTOS el SANTO VIACRUCIS VIRTUAL a las 5:30 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

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

This year it will be a memorable celebration of the Feast of St. Joseph, especially because it is during the YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH. In our parish we are very fortunate! Almost 200 people will make their own personal CONSECRATION to St. Joseph.

On March 19, we will have 2 special masses for the people who are going to make their consecration; one at 11:00am in English and one at 2:00pm in Spanish. After the mass we will share THE TABLE OF ST. JOSEPH in the main hall of the parish. We invite the whole parish to accompany in prayer our brothers and sisters in this important commitment in the journey of their devotion and faith.

HOLY SATURDAY – R.C.I.A. & CONFIRMATION

We are planning the celebrations of the Holy Week, as if we were open 30%. It is important that all the ADULTS who need to be baptized (R.C.I.A.) all those who need CONFIRMATION, all those who need to be welcome into the Catholic Church, that they get in contact with the parish office in order to get the necessary papers, the preparation and plan accordingly for their celebration.

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.

SHARE LIFE collection of March 21st will be postponed to April 17/18.

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.