

MANY OF HIS DISCIPLES TURNED BACK

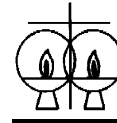
The mystery of the Eucharist is even today too difficult to comprehend for many people even for many Catholics. More than 50% of them do not believe in the real presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

Seeing that many of his disciples were leaving Him, Jesus does not attempt to clarify or water down the truth; He tells them: “Do you also wish to go away?” He cannot diminish the mystery of his presence in the Eucharist. This is the reality, either you take it or leave it.

Today we have in Christianity many truths very difficult to understand and accept, but Jesus is not going to water down or adjust the truth of our faith to the situations of our time. Surely Jesus is very patient with our weaknesses, but He cannot change the truth to make it palatable to our taste. For example, one difficult thing to accept today is “contraception”. Most of young people, because they are not able to control their lust, they resume to the pill in order to avoid unwanted pregnancies; at times they also recur to abortion. Another issue is “gay marriage” which is portrayed as a “human right”, while for Jesus is a grave sin. Another coming up is “euthanasia”, which is falsely portrayed as a dignified death. Finally, especially in our schools, we are facing the deceitful gender theory, as if God did not know what He was doing when he created beautiful babies as men and women!

Certainly, we can try to explain the many difficult situations in which we are overwhelmed in our times, but the truth remains the truth. We have a choice: either we take it as it is, or we leave it. Jesus was ready to lose all his disciples, but He would not change the truth for their sake.

It is the same today. If we want to be Catholics, we must take the Gospel as Jesus has given it to us; it would not serve the good of the people, if we were to accommodate and adapt the truth to their likings. They would remain cheated of the real truth and would not be able to save themselves. Half a ladder will not bring you to the second floor. Half a truth will not satisfy your soul. Either we take it as it is or we abandon the word of Jesus. But St. Peter comes to our rescue and says: “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life”.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Aug. 21, 2021 St. Pius X

8:00am Thanksgiving for Wedding Anniversary of Claire & Jojo Joseph
1:30pm WEDD: Victor Trawinski & Cassandra Seminara
3:00pm WEDD: Michael Zahra & Francesca Vessio
6:00pm + Ann Janice D'Souza

Sunday, Aug. 22 Queenship of the Bl. Virgin Mary

8:30am + Luciano Checchia
10:00am MESSA CON PIU INTENZIONI
11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
1:00pm + Joao Sr., Joao Jr. & Antonio De Freitas
4:00pm + Michele Sanfilippo
6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

Monday, Aug. 23 St. Rose of Lima

8:00am + Sandra Valentini
7:00pm + Carmen Elva Gonzales Hernandez

Tuesday, Aug. 24 St. Bartholomew

8:00am Thanksgiving for Mervyn Mendis
7:00pm Thanksgiving for Coelho Family

Wednesday, Aug. 25 Sts. Louis & Joseph Calasanz

8:00am + Romeo C. Bitong
6:00pm *Novena in honor of Mother of Perpetual Help*
7:00pm MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

Thursday, Aug. 26

8:00am + Frances Perrotta
7:00pm + Kevin Saldanha
8:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

Friday, Aug. 27 St. Monica

8:00am + Federico Mobo Jr.
7:00pm Special intentions for Annaliese Gieblar

Saturday, Aug. 28 St. Augustine

8:00am + Manuel, Maria & Gilberta Veivieros
12:00pm WEDD: Michael Fusillo & Chanel Danbrook
6:00pm + Carl Ellioff

Sunday, Aug. 29 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am + Lucy Fernandes
10:00am MESSA CON PIU INTENZIONI
11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS
1:00pm + Aurora Arellano
4:00pm + Mima & Franco Giordano
6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

AVISOS EN ESPAÑOL

El JUEVES 26 de Agosto, 2021 (8:00 pm), participaremos en la SANTA MISA en ESPAÑOL.

El VIERNES 27 de Agosto, 2021 (7:30 pm) participaremos en la ASAMBLEA VIRTUAL DE ORACIÓN Y ALABANZA del grupo de la Renovación Carismática Católica Hispana parroquial, a través de Zoom.

DE LUNES A VIERNES ESTÁ EXPUESTO el SANTÍSIMO SACRAMENTO EN EL TEMPLO de 8:30 am a 5:30 pm. Dediquemos un tiempo para la ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA INDIVIDUAL. HOY, rezaremos el SANTO ROSARIO (5:30 pm) y luego participaremos en la SANTA MISA 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/>

FITNESS FOR FUN every Tuesday 10:30am to 11:30am in Zanon Hall. Line dancing for beginners. Perfect for Seniors but open to all.

SHARE LIFE Continue to send your contributions. Thank you very much for support.

ITALIAN HOUR OF GRACE Every Friday at 3:00pm the Italian Community will have an hour of "Virtual Prayer" through Zoom Phone: 1-647-374-4685, then 833-8668-7031#, then 109039# and you can pray with the group.

A RICH MENU

Here at our Parish we take advantage of our summer with a rich menu of spiritual formation. We believe that this is an exceptional time for regaining our time lost with Covid.

THE WEEKLY ACTIVITIES which are offered both in person and in Zoom or streaming are as Follows:

1 – Every Tuesday evening at 7:30pm we have the **ADULT SPIRITUAL FORMATION**. We are following an exciting program of PARISH RENEWAL with Julianne Stanz to prepare "Missionary Disciples" for the New Evangelization. *All are invited; you may come in Person at Zanon Hall; you may follow in Streaming through our Web Page and you can come into ZOOM: 838 4962 4663.*

2 – Every Thursday evening at 7:30pm we have THE BIBLE STUDY. We are at the end of the BOOK OF REVELATION and then we will continue with Jeff Kevin's UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE. All invited: *All are invited; you may come in person at Zanon Hall; you may follow in Streaming through our Web Page and come into ZOOM: 838 4962 4663.*

3 – Every Saturday morning from 9:00am to 10:00am we have AMORIS LAETITIA, a reading and reflection on Pope Francis encyclical, in preparation to the Year of Amoris Laetitia, which will end with the World Meeting of Families in June 2022.

THE MONTHLY ACTIVITIES are as follows:

1 – **First Friday:** Eucharistic Adoration and ALL NIGHT VIGIL. The Eucharistic Adoration is immediately after the 7:00pm Mass (Confessions are available before mass) and then it will continue for the whole night till 6:00am in the morning. ALL INVITED.

2 – **First Saturday:** CHILDREN ROSARY GROUP at 1:00pm in Church. Parents bring their children to recite the Rosary in front of the Blessed Mother. ALL INVITED, just come and join.

3 – **First Tuesday** at 6:00pm NOVENA TO ST. ANTHONY (in Tamil) in church before the evening Rosary. All Invited.

SPECIAL PRGRAMS:

1 – CCO (**Catholic Christian Outreach**) FAITH FORMATION for Adults. A special program of 6 weeks for small groups (6) conducted by a leader (now) through Zoom. Please get in touch with Vicky Nisce, to join a group and then form your own group.

2 – ECFL (**Early Child Family Life**) – A special program (beginning on October 16) on Saturday mornings here in the Main Hall. It will teach children from 0 to 7 years to interact with their parents in the development of the faith for the whole family. The program will last till December 11. You have to register; please call Vicky Nisce at the office.