

GOD WANTS TO MARRY YOU.

Today the first reading and the Gospel talk to us about the deep relationship that God wants to establish with each one of us. He wants to have the same relationship that a man and a woman madly in love for each other experience the profound intimacy and unity with each other. There isn't any other image more convincing of the crazy love that God has with me and you.

Marriage is the most profound and fulfilling reality in a human relationship. And it shows the profound relationship that God wants to have with each one of us. Marriage is the strongest experience that brings us to know personally the love of God for us. If we can experience such a deep and transforming love for a person, imagine how powerful the love of God is for each one.

So the real meaning of Marriage does not end with ourselves, not even with our family and our children; love is from God and brings us back to God, like the wife is constantly brought back to the love of the husband. This is the real meaning of Christian marriage, that is, to open the door to the transforming attraction that we have for God in our human existence. If marriage does not bring us to God, then marriage does not fulfil the reason for what it has been created.

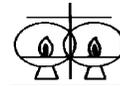
It is very interesting to see that Jesus begins his work of eternal salvation exactly at a wedding feast in Cana of Galilee. Like in the Old Testament, He continues to show us that life with God is like a wedding banquet, a celebration of unity and joy, an explosion of love and intimacy between God and His creature. This is the reality of the love of God for you. God wants to marry you! God wants to be more united to you than you are united to your husband and wife. Marriage (together with priesthood) is the greatest bond of love between God and man. Marriage should bring us to the best experience we have of God here on earth.

But, is this the understanding of marriage that we have today? Even the best Christian couples, do they know that their marriage is meant to prepare them to the eternal intimacy with God? Our marriage on earth is like an "engagement" or "honeymoon" that precedes the eternal intimacy of marriage with God. Didn't we Christians miss the greatest opportunity to show the real meaning of marriage to the world? Actually, we Christians have bought into the wrong ideas the world has offered us and our children, especially in our times.

The New Evangelization is beginning to appear in our church, but it has to reach its principal aim, that is, to transform our good families (or broken families) into real "sacraments" of grace and opportunity for new life. What does it mean that our Christian homes are "domestic Churches"? What does it mean that the father of the family has to represent God the Father for that family? What does it mean that the union of husband and wife has to

duplicate the union of Christ and His church? What does it mean that God is present at your table, at your suffering in your unconditional love for your family?

Christian marriage, like at the wedding feast in Cana of Galilee, is the place where the Christian church begins new life. Marriage is the cradle of the new catholic church. Pope Francis is inviting us this year to reflect on the encyclical "Amoris Laetitia" as the first step to renew our families and unpack all the graces still hidden in the whole sacrament of Marriage for our church for the whole world.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Jan. 15, 2022

8:00am + Rocco Oppedisano

6:00pm + Adnan Zohrob

Sunday, Jan. 16 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Thanksgiving from Pacifico & Lourdes Limbo

10:00am MESSA CON PIU INTENZIONI

11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

1:00pm + Karen, Azzareya & Dominic Abilay

2:30pm FILIPINO MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

4:00pm + Vittorio Romoli

6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

Monday, Jan. 17 St. Anthony

8:00am Thanksgiving from Pires Family

7:00pm + Wojciech, Maria, Jozef & Frank Kopaczka

Tuesday, Jan. 18

8:00am + Adamo & Eva Marchegiani

7:00pm Special intentions for Terry Brown

Wednesday, Jan. 19

8:00am + Gerald & Irene Hendricks

Thanksgiving for Richard Hendricks

7:00pm MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

Thursday, Jan. 20 Sts. Fabian & Sebastian

8:00am + Maggie Conceptio Mathias

7:00pm Special intentions for Mary Pietrangelo

8:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

Friday, Jan. 21 St. Agnes

8:00am + Han Marra

7:00pm Special intentions for Kevin O'Marra

Saturday, Jan. 22 St. Vincent

8:00am + Caterina Natale

6:00pm Thanksgiving for Ashley & Letitia Pinto

Sunday, Jan. 23 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am + Deceased of Eduardo Travassos

10:00am MESSA CON PIU INTENZIONI

11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

1:00pm + Jose Constancio Vaz

4:00pm + Agostinho & Maria Lucinda Mota

6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

AVISOS EN ESPAÑOL

El MARTES 18 de ENERO, 2022 (8:00 pm), continuamos el CURSO VIRTUAL DE BIBLIA #1 con el Padre José Plascencia, a través de Zoom

El MIÉRCOLES 19 de ENERO, 2022 (8:00 pm), continuamos el CURSO VIRTUAL DE BIBLIA #2 con el Padre José Plascencia, a través de Zoom.

El JUEVES 20 de ENERO, 2022 (8:00 pm), participaremos en la SANTA MISA en ESPAÑOL.

El VIERNES 21 de ENERO, 2022 (7:30 pm), participaremos en la ASAMBLEA VIRTUAL DE ORACIÓN Y ALABANZA del grupo de la RENOVACIÓN CARISMÁTICA CATÓLICA HISPANA parroquial.

De LUNES a VIERNES ESTÁ EXPUESTO el SANTÍSIMO SACRAMENTO EN EL TEMPLO de 8:30 am a 5:30 pm. Dedicemos un tiempo para la ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA VIRTUAL.

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 en la SANTA MISA EN ESPAÑOL:

<https://www.facebook.com/parroquiasantacatalina.de.sienna.9>

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpfixRYsl7vLmI4hDDWEmNA>

<https://stcatherine.ca/live-mass/>

SCOS ENGLISH PRAYER GROUP meets virtually every week on Saturdays at 2.30pm. Do join in either by app at www.gotomeet.me/cletusc OR by phone at (647) 497-9391 Access code 481-676-325# and follow prompts. Send thanksgiving & prayer requests to Jane at (647) 898-7518 or by email to dunbarjane@hotmail.com. All parishioners, families & friends welcome!

2022 Mass Book is open

2022 Envelopes can be picked up at the main entrance of the Church.

**Sunday Missals
available at the office - \$5.00**



SCALABRINI THE FOUNDER

“Your Eminence, people from all sides have been urging me to get the project on behalf of our emigrants off the ground. I have suspended it in expectation of a response (from the Holy See). Since I have not received anything yet, I wonder if I could open an Institute here in the meantime, as I had planned, which would accept priests who want to dedicate themselves to the evangelization of the emigrants in America and would also accept the youngsters from the Italian settlements who give signs of a priestly vocation.” *J.B. Scalabrini, Letter to Card. Simeoni, September 21, 1887, SLV, pg. 435*

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY - January 18 to 25, 2022

The Word ECUMENISM for many people has become a dubious word; however it actually refers to the last will of Jesus before his passion: “That they all be one”.

The fact that we Christians are so divided and even inside the catholic church) is a scandal for the rest of the world. If we, who believe in the Gospel, cannot agree on the foundations of our faith, how can we expect the “pagans” to believe in us? There are three levels of unity: First in prayer; second in love and action; third in beliefs. Certainly we can be united in the first two points, waiting and praying that soon we may all be one flock under one shepherd (Jesus Christ).

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE BACK TO NORMAL.

Beginning with Sunday, January 16 we are back to normal schedule for Masses and sacraments (ex. **Baptisms on Saturday January 22**). In reference to other activities and meetings we still continue to do everything online. (If there is any change we will let you know through “Flocknote”).

For Catechism we will give you further information, since we would like to do the classes IN PERSON. It is very difficult to transmit the faith on remote!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL Giving Tree program assisted 55 families and gave an average of \$241 per family. Thank you to those that donated to the Giving Tree program.