

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD.

Today we are celebrating the “Word of God Sunday” and also the “Ecumenical Sunday”.

In the first reading we see that King Nehemiah, who has restored the temple of Jerusalem, after the return of the remnant of Israel from the Babylonian exile, is asking the people of God to renew their covenant with God; he is asking the priest Ezra to bring out the book of the Law of Moses and demands that the people renews their promises and commitments.

It is very interesting to see how many resemblances there are between this liturgy and the liturgy we celebrate in our Sunday’s celebrations. The priest Ezra brings out the holy book and the Levites read the sacred book from morning till noon; the scribes take time to explain the word to the people (=sermon); the priest is standing on a podium and while he reads the Word of God all the people are standing as a sign of respect. At the end of the reading everybody responds: Amen, Amen.

In the Gospel we have another liturgy at the time of Jesus. As every good Israelite, Jesus goes to the Synagogue on Saturday and, as it was customary, the scroll is given to the guest and he is invited to read the passage, which the rabbi would present to him. Jesus has been given the scroll of the prophet Isaiah where the coming of the Messiah is announced. What a coincidence that Jesus was given to read exactly the passage that refers to Himself: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor”. How appropriate that it was Jesus who read these words which were written just for Him. He actually specifies that the salvation of God is beginning right there: “Today the Scripture has been fulfilled, as you hear them!”

Today we also remember to pray for “Unity among Christians”. All the churches who believe in Jesus are united from January 18 till 25 (The feast of the conversion of St. Paul) in prayer and works of charity to build the unity for which Jesus prayed before his death: “Father that they all may be one, as you, Father and I are one”. Ecumenism is the response to the last will of Jesus; if we love Jesus we do everything we can to respond to His final will.

Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022 **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

Monday, Jan. 24 **St. Francis de Sales**

8:00am All Souls in Purgatory

7:00pm Special intentions for Annaliese Giebler

Tuesday, Jan. 25 **Conversion of St. Paul**

8:00am + Pope John Paul II

7:00pm + Joao Silva

Wednesday, Jan. 26 **Sts. Timothy & Titus**

8:00am + Biagio & Sandra Valentini

7:00pm MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

Thursday, Jan. 27 **St. Angela Merici**

8:00am + Deceased members of Tauro Family

7:00pm + John Marra

8:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

Friday, Jan. 28 **St. Thomas Aquinas**

8:00am Special intentions for Winston Rodrigues

7:00pm + Anton Mahendrarajah

Saturday, Jan. 29

8:00am + Veronica Calayag

6:00pm + John, Ruby & Calabin D’Souza

Sunday, Jan. 30 **4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30am + Maria Vu Thi Yen & Maria Dong Thi Ly

10:00am MESSA CON PIU INTENZIONI

11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

1:00pm + Irineu Sabino Gomes

4:00pm + Ugo Canderle

6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

AVISOS EN ESPAÑOL

El MARTES 25 de ENERO, 2022 (8:00 pm), continuamos el CURSO VIRTUAL DE BIBLIA #1 con el Padre José Plascencia, a través de Zoom

El MIÉRCOLES 26 de ENERO, 2022 (8:00 pm), continuamos el CURSO VIRTUAL DE BIBLIA #2 con el Padre José Plascencia, a través de Zoom.

El JUEVES 27 de ENERO, 2022 (8:00 pm), participaremos en la SANTA MISA en ESPAÑOL.

El VIERNES 28 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. Dediquemos 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

Come one Come all And Glorify the Lord !!!

Join our Virtual Prayer Service on Saturdays at 2.30 pm. BRAND NEW SERIES OF TALKS on EXTRA MILE BLESSINGS every Saturday until Lent! BY RENOWNED & RICHLY ANOINTED SPEAKERS! (Sr. Mary Cruz, Br. Allwyn, Fr. Ben, Fr. Joseph, Fr. Matthias & me). Do not miss. Invite friends & family ! JOIN By APP at <https://www.gotomeet.me/cletusc> OR Phone : 1 (647) 497-9391 Access code 481-676-325# and follow prompts. Send Thanksgiving & prayer requests RIGHTAWAY by WA to Jane at 647 898 7518 or by email to dunbarjane21@hotmail.com.

2021 Tax receipts are available at the office or we can email them to you.

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



SCALABRINI THE FOUNDER

“One of the evils I deplored when I visited the 366 parishes of my diocese for the first time was that of emigration. From my notes, I figured out that at least 28,000 of my people were abroad at that time! Once in a while, some of them would write me very touching letters, describing their disgraceful condition, especially from the religious point of view, urgently imploring me to come to their help. More than once, I personally witnessed the departure of emigrants from the Piacenza train station. I must confess that, at the site of their misery and distress, and the thought of the countless and terrible dangers they would encounter, at the idea of the utter spiritual abandonment they would find themselves in, I felt utterly dismayed. I wept over their fate and decided I would do something about the situation.” *From J.B. Scalabrini, August 10., 1990*

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).

THIS WEEK

For the Second Week we continue our regular activities in ZOOM. (836 4620 6928) (388125)
 Monday – RCIA (7:00pm)
 Tuesday – Adult Spiritual Formation (7:30pm)
 Thursday – Bible Class (7:30pm)
 ALL ARE INVITED ALL THE TIMES.

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