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Feast of the Holy Family

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

**"THE GRACE OF GOD HAS APPEARED,
Bringing Salvation and joy to all."**

Why am I happy this year at Christmas?

In spite of all those who have died unexpectedly, because of Covid, I am still here singing and celebrating "life" on earth, as the Angels are celebrating the majesty of God in heaven.

I am happy for my family; even though so far away, they still love me and they still have a place for me in their hearts and in their homes.

I am happy for my age and for my health! At seventy-four I can say that I had a pretty good life; I had a chance to make so many friends, to visit so many countries and leave a good remembrance in most of those places.

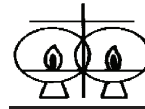
I am happy for my education and my formation. I can still remember many of my teachers and professors with happy memories, even though many times I was not the best of students, I still feel that I had a very good personal formation, which equipped me for the mission I was called for the rest of my life.

Most of all **I am happy** that God has chosen me to be his minister and representative here on earth. I think I will never be able to understand the immensity of this calling. It is not easy to take the place of God, to speak in the name of God, to forgive in the name of God, but most of all to become the "Body of Christ" at the altar. When I say: This is my body, I always ask myself: Is that true in our life? Are you really "transubstantiated" into what you say you are? Are you really becoming the body of Christ?

And finally, **I am happy** because I am preparing for a whole eternity of joy and incredible bliss. What a happy moment when the Lord will call me to join that happy family in heaven for all eternity, together with so many relatives and friends. I will be able to see my grandmother again, and I am sure she is waiting for me in a little corner in heaven, as she was waiting for me every time I was going home from the seminary for my vacations; her smile was for me the best sign of encouragement and joy; she only saw me in my Novitiate dressed as a little priest, but for her that was enough to know that her grandson had been chosen by God Almighty to become a missionary at the service of the Almighty God.

Yes, I am happy to know that Jesus is coming back again and He is choosing me once more to be His friend, His minister and His love.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR FRIENDS on behalf of the fathers, deacon, brothers and sisters here at the parish. Blessings to all our families. Fr. Walter.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Dec. 25, 2021 Nativity of the Lord

8:30am + Deceased of Gaudette Family

10:00am MESSA CON PIU INTENZIONI

11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

1:00pm Danilo, Cirilla & Luigi Berdusco, Umberto
& Maria Giurin & Bortolozzo Family

2:30pm FILIPINO MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

Sunday, Dec. 26 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

8:30am + Vivian & Philomena Texeira, Duarte &
Ubin D'Souza, Dr. Primo Carneiro

10:00am MESSA CON PIU INTENZIONI & *Ritiro*

11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

1:00pm + Deceased of D'Souza & D'Agrella Families

4:00pm Special intentions of Milena Pereira

6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

Monday, Dec. 27 St. John

8:00am + Estrella Claravall & deceased family

7:00pm + Juan Teodoro Aguirre

Tuesday, Dec. 28 Holy Innocents

8:00am + Maggie Conceptio Mathias

7:00pm + Raquele Gentile & Antonio Marsilio

Wednesday, Dec. 29 St. Thomas Becket

8:00am Thanksgiving for Jude Andrade

7:00pm MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

Thursday, Dec. 30

8:00am Thanksgiving from Usha Jeyapaul
+ Richard Mendis

1:00pm WEDD: Derek Roopchan & Teeney Acheriel

7:00pm Thanksgiving from Menezes Family

8:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

Friday, Dec. 31 St. Sylvester I

8:00am Special intentions for Andrade Family

4:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

6:00pm + Nicolangelo Cacciacarro

8:00pm ENGLISH MASS & Adoration

Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022 Mary, Holy Mother of God

8:30am + Deceased of Gaudette & Gauthier Families

10:00am MESSA CON PIU INTENZIONI

11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

Sunday, Jan. 2 Epiphany of the Lord

8:30am + James Ben

10:00am MESSA CON PIU INTENZIONI & *Ritiro*

11:30am MULTIPLE INTENTIONS MASS

1:00pm + Amelia Peregrina Vaz

4:00pm Thanksgiving for Helen Stroz

6:00pm MISA CON INTENCIONES MULTIPLES

AVISOS EN ESPAÑOL

El VIERNES 31 de DICIEMBRE, 2021 (4:00 pm) participaremos en la SANTA MISA DE FIN DE AÑO.

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

HOY, a las 5:30 pm rezaremos el SANTO ROSARIO, y a las 6:00 pm participaremos en la SANTA MISA.

Los siguientes son los enlaces del Internet para participar VIRTUALMENTE en el SANTO ROSARIO y en la SANTA MISA:

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

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

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

ITALIANO

FESTA DELLA BEFANA Sabato 8 gennaio nella Sala Scalabrini dalle 2:00 alle 4:00pm. Unitevi a noi per un pomeriggio di divertimento, giochi e rinfreschi. Ci saranno regali per bambini dai 3 e 12 anni. Per favore registrate i bambini entro il 30 dicembre.

CATECHISM for FIRST RECONCILIATION and FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

In January we begin the Catechism program for our children and parents. On Saturday, January 8, from 9:00am to 12:30pm we will have the (make-up) **RETREAT FOR PARENTS**, who could not participate in December.

On January 14, 15, 16 we will begin the first session for children and parents.

It is **VERY IMPORTANT** for parents to participate at every session with their children. We have to remember that Jesus does not come only for the children, but **FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY**.

2022 Mass Book is open

2022 Envelopes can be picked up at the main entrance of the Church. Anyone who had a number over 1100, please check the binder with the parishioners list for your new number.

Sunday Missals available at the office - \$5.00



SCALABRINI THE FOUNDER

Why did the Founder give us St. Charles as our Patron? Because he saw in St. Charles:

A Shepherd who laid down his life for his sheep, stood by them when they needed him to the point of endangering his life, and went searching for them, visiting meticulously each parish in his diocese even crossing into Switzerland.

A Leader who, through prayer and penance, sought to sanctify himself first and then reform the Church of Milan from years of mounting corruption, from widespread ignorance, from moral and intellectual laxity among the clergy and from scandals in the men and women religious institutes.

An Apostle who restored the mystery of the Eucharist to its rightful place in the liturgy, within the churches and in the spiritual life of his people.

A Teacher who fought to preserve the integrity of the Catholic faith through the Catechism to counteract the consequences of the Protestant Reformation.

For this our Founder wrote. *"He was one of those men of action, who do not hesitate, do not bend or ever retreat: who throw into every act the whole strength of their conviction, all the energy of their will, their whole personality, all of themselves, and win. Dearly beloved, pattern yourselves after him."*

INVITATION to "thank the Lord" for the graces bestowed on us this past year. On **December 31** we will have a special **mass at 8:00pm**, followed by Eucharistic Adoration and then we will go downstairs for a celebration, like last year. We will not wait for midnight, but we will welcome the new year around 11:00pm. Vicky will organize the evening; get in touch with her.

For the Schedule, please note:

SATURDAY, December 25th, (Christmas Day) Masses only in the morning: 8:30am – 10:00am (Italian) 11:30am, 1:00pm and also 2:30pm Tagalog. **THEN NO MORE MASSES.**

SUNDAY, December 26th, Regular Sunday Schedule.

FRIDAY, December 31st, (New Years EVE):

4:00pm Spanish Mass

6:00pm English Mass

8:00pm English Mass with Adoration

and then **SOCIAL** in the Main Hall.

SATURDAY, January 1st, Masses only in the morning (8:30am – 10:00am - 11:30am) and **NO OTHER MASSES**

SUNDAY, January 2nd, Regular Sunday Schedule.

The St Vincent De Paul Christmas program has now helped over 50 families. The average assistance provided was over \$220 per family. Thank you to all that donated to our Giving Tree Campaign.



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