

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH



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15th Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year B – 10th & 11th July 2021

Sat 10 Jul	5.30pm	For the Donor	
Sun 11 Jul	8.00am	Joseph and Imelda Murphy	52nd Wedding Anniversary
		Roger Pienaar	RIP

Pray for the sick and housebound, especially: Deacon Patrick Mildenhall, Paul Swartz, Bernadette Hilario, Eileen Lombart, Manny Davids, Louisa Fortuin, Shana Salie, Mildred Letwaba, Robert Pieterse, Katrina Titus, Francios Claasen, Wayne Withering, Maud Young, Maureen Malagas, Normelda Neethling, Harriet Colville, Nawaal Arrow, Antonia Nicholas, Morris Isaacs and Vivian Brink.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: *Cf. Psalm 17:15*

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

FIRST READING: *Amos 7:12-15*

Amos was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores when the Lord took him from following the flock and said to him, "Go prophesy to my people Israel."

BEURTPSALM: *Psalm 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14*

Betoon, Here, u troue liefde, en skenk ons u reddened hulp.

(Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and grant us your salvation.)

SECOND READING: *Ephesians 1:3-14*

God chose us in Christ to be blameless and full of love. In him we were chosen to "exist for the praise of his glory."

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Cf. Ephesians 1:17-18*

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might know what is the hope to which he has called us.

GOSPEL: *Mark 6:7-13*

Jesus sent out his disciples two by two to preach the good news. They too nothing with them. In Christ's power they expelled demons and healed the sick.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: *Cf. Psalm 84:4-5*

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young; by your altars, O Lord of Hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

Or: John 6:57

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: As a Christian, do I hear Jesus inviting me to live in total dependence on him as the Apostles did? Is Amos an example for me to continue to speak the truth despite difficulties and resistance? How am I called to be a prophet and missionary in my vocation in life?

Prayer: Mary, Queen of the Apostles, inspire me to serve God in such a way that people may come to know him through my way of life.

PRAYERS: We pray for God's healing on all those who may have contracted the COVID 19 disease. We convey our condolences to those who have lost their loved ones to the disease, and thank those who treated the deceased.

YEAR OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST continues. Our attention is drawn to some of the devotions we already have in the parish, such as the first Friday adoration and the First Sunday Holy Hour and Benediction. Please try to participate in these activities. Similarly, from the 17th – 21st Sundays of the Year in Year B (2021) the gospel readings from John 6 will further enrich us with several reflections on the Eucharist.

RECOMMISSIONING: The recommissioning of the Catechists and Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Eucharist will take place as soon as it is feasible to do them.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA): Registration for the RCIA 2021/2022 has closed. Those who registered will be contacted.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES: in-person (attendance) Sunday school classes is suspended until further notice.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: Currently, the in-person classes are suspended until further notice.

However, the online classes for the 2021 confirmation program continue. See the schedules. The online lessons will be posted on Tuesdays and will be available only for 3 days. After that they may be locked

CONFIRMATION CLASSES			
Tues 13 Jul	Phase 3 only	Online	19h00
Tues 27 Jul	Phase 1 & Phase 3	Online	19h00

Novena to Our Lady of the Assumption (to be said at the end of prayers of the faithful.)

O Mother, Assumed into Heaven, because you shared in all the mysteries of our Redemption here below, Jesus has crowned you with glory. With your most glorious and powerful intercession, help us O loving Mother and present to Jesus our request. (Mention your request) O Queen assumed into Heaven, pray for us. Amen.

MARRIAGES: Parties proposing to enter marriage are to give at least six months' notice of their intention to their parish priest. They are to attend marriage classes prior to the marriage celebration. Contact the office for more details.

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH: continues until the 8th December 2021.

MASS ATTENDANCE ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY: All in-person Mass celebrations are suspended until further notice. Masses and devotions continue on our YouTube channel.

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION: Every Sunday of the year and Christmas day are regarded as holy days of obligation. On these days, the faithful are bound to attend Mass and, in so far as possible, abstain from servile work.

ALTERNATE CELL NUMBER: Fr's new alternate cellphone number is 0679520281.

SOUTHERN CROSS: You can subscribe directly to the print and /or digital version at <http://www.scross.co.za/subscribe>

BAPTISM: This will be by appointments only. Such appointments can only be made when the Lockdown regulations have been eased to allow religious gatherings. To schedule an appointment with Fr for Baptism, please call the office number.

CHURCH ETIQUETTE: During Consecration, no one is expected to be moving around or going to the bathroom. It is a time that does not allow any form of distraction. Secondly, please switch off your cellphone before entering the church. Should it unfortunately ring during Mass. Please just switch it off. Please do not attempt to start going out to answer the phone, neither should you answer the phone during mass inside the church.

PLANNED GIVING STATEMENTS: We would begin to send out the planned giving statements for the months of January to June 2021 from the 3rd week of July. Those whose donations are not up to date are encouraged to bring them up to date as soon as possible. If you would like to receive your Planned Giving statement electronically, please go to the parish website, click on the "Planned Giving Statement" button, complete the request form and click the submit

PLANNED GIVING:

To make your planned Giving (Pledge), please deposit in the Parish bank account or set up a debit order with your bank. Always use your Pledge number as reference.

Bank: Standard

BankBranch: Tyger

Manor

Account number: 270 897 763

Branch code: 050-410

PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

(To be said after the notices)

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from evil. Amen



ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

REFLECTIONS ON ST JOSEPH



Joseph was committed to his family.

Joseph had a unique vocation, which was to care for Jesus and Mary. Consider the early years of his marriage and the raising of Jesus. Consider his fatherly commitment to care for, provide for and protect his Son. We all must seek to imitate Saint Joseph's virtues by protecting the presence of Christ within our own hearts, the hearts of our family and friends and in the world as a whole. Pray to Saint Joseph, asking him to help you follow his example so that the hidden presence of our Lord in our lives will grow and come to full maturation.

EXPANSION OF ST CATHERINE'S SOUP KITCHEN. We have expanded our outreach soup kitchen by commencing an additional soup kitchen outlet in Forest heights. This would cater for children who are in need, particularly within the areas of Forest heights, Spandau, and surrounding areas. We hope this offers some help to people who are really in need of something to eat. The soup kitchen will be run from the residence of Denise Kamies. She will be the coordinator of that soup kitchen. Our Soup kitchen in Kleinvelei operating from the residence of Harriet Colville is still active. Those who would like to donate, like soup items or loaves of bread, are welcome to do so by contacting the Parish office.

VACCINATION DRIVE: We encourage all our parishioners who are within the age range to register for the COVID 19 vaccine on the Government website <https://www.westerncape.gov.za> You can also register via SMS by dialing *134*832# or by calling Covid-19 hotline 0800029999, or through WhatsApp by sending the word REGISTER to 0600123456, then answer every question in the vaccine registration secure chat. You will receive a confirmation message that you are registered and in the system queue. We please request family members to assist their parents and grandparents to register for the vaccine online.

GENERAL NOTICE: Due to the National regulations in terms of the Alert Level 4 restrictions aimed at curbing and containing the COVID 19 pandemic, all in-person Masses are closed to the public. We can only join online for these Masses on our YouTube channel. The link can be found on our Parish Website.

All in-person Catechism classes are suspended until the restrictions are eased. However, online classes for the Confirmation Phases continue as usual. All gatherings by any group associated or operating in the parish are suspended until further notice. Funerals will be celebrated. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Baptism appointments with Fr which fall within the periods of the Alert level 4 Lockdown will be rescheduled to another suitable date.

Parishioners are advised to abide by all the COVID 19 regulations and Protocols at all times, so as to help curb the spread of the Disease.

PRAYER FOR FREEDOM FROM COVID-19

"Loving God, we place into your care all our doctors, nurses, healthcare workers and caregivers. Give them courage of heart and strength of mind and body. Keep them safe from harm. May they know our deep gratitude for all that they do to heal and help those in our families and communities affected by the corona virus. God of all consolation, may they know your protection and peace. Bless them and their families, and keep them safe in these challenging times. Amen."

15th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Amos 7:12-15
 Psalm 85:9-14
 Ephesians 1:3-14
 Mark 6:7-13

Monday, July 12

Exodus 1:8-14,22
 Ps 124:1b-8
 Matthew 10:34 -- 11:1

Tuesday, July 13

Exodus 2:1-15a
 Ps 69:3,14,30-31,33-34
 Matthew 11:20-24

Wednesday, July 14

St. Kateri Tekakwitha
 Exodus 3:1-6,9-12
 Ps 103:1b-4,6-7
 Matthew 11:25-27

Thursday, July 15

St. Bonaventure
 Exodus 3:13-20
 Ps 105:1,5,8-9,24-27
 Matthew 11:28-30

Friday, July 16

Our Lady of Mount Carmel
 Exodus 11:10 -- 12:14
 Ps 116:12-13,15-18
 Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday, July 17

Exodus 12:37-42
 Ps 136:1,23-24,10-15
 Matthew 12:14-21

In this Sunday's Gospel passage, Jesus teaches us about trust. If we're to fulfill our calling as God's missionaries of love in this world, if we're to fulfill our calling to share the Good News, we must trust God and the resources he provides.

And we must trust that he will always provide exactly what we need when we need it, even though it doesn't always seem sufficient. It's important that we don't feed the inclination to distrust him by expecting anything other than what he provides.

Every Mass ends with a re-commissioning rite for the calling we all have. The final blessing is a sending forth after we've been renewed in our relationship with Jesus. His presence in the Word and in the Eucharist and in the Church community re-energizes us (when we pay attention) to boldly go and do all

that he asks of us.

Through the priest, Jesus sends us into the world to be the visible proof that he is real and that he's alive and that he cares. With Jesus, and in him and through him, we are all evangelizers who can make a difference in the world.

Yes, all of us – all of us who have participated in the Eucharistic celebration with conscious awareness of

what we are saying and praying and receiving during Mass. Go forth in bold confidence! Jesus is sending you out from the church with his Spirit and his sufficiency.

However, when we do the packing and decide what to take with us on the mission, we like to take an abundance of stuff, just in case we might need it. Thus, we fail to show others that God is reliable and trustworthy.

To be effective evangelizers, we have to surrender over to God whatever baggage interferes with our mission.

Remember this: Surrender is not truly surrender unless we no longer want what we surrendered. If we still have some desire for it, we're attached to it by a bungee cord that yanks us back to it, yanking us away from our true purpose in life.

Reflect & Discuss:

1. In what areas of your life do you rely upon the Lord?
2. What areas do you still need to entrust to him? What will you do to surrender any distrust?
3. What kind of "food" do others serve you when you rely on God to provide for your needs through them? How does their service to you help them understand God?
4. What kind of baggage should be left at home instead of carrying it into ministry? How does letting go of this better reveal Jesus to others?

