THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

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SUNDAY MASS

Saturday 5 PM Sunday Mass 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM, and 12:30 PM

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7:00 PM Tuesday, Thursday 7:30 AM Saturday 9:00 AM

DEVOTIONS

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena Every Wednesday following the 7 PM Mass

Daily Rosary before every Mass

Chaplet of the Divine Mercy every Friday after the 7 PM Mass

Solemn Vespers and Benediction Every First Saturday at 4 PM

Sacrament of Baptism

Parents who wish to have their children baptized must fill out the online baptismal request form available in our parish website

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4 PM or any time by appointment

OUR MISSION

The Mission of the Parish is to be a Catholic, multicultural community of faith, called to witness and proclaim, to celebrate and share the Hope and Charity we have in Jesus Christ as exemplified by St. Josephine Bakhita, our "Universal Sister" and "Model of Hope for the Twenty-first century". We are a people who weave together this neighbourhood as:

- A community of faith, committed to live the Greatest Love of Jesus Christ Crucified, and Mary, Mother of Charity at the foot of the Cross.
- A community of prayer, nourished by the Word of God, the Eucharist, and the traditions of the Church, reflected in the way we live and celebrate.
- A community that welcomes every man and woman, child and youth, to equal discipleship.
- A community that is missionary, open to the needs of the world, committed to the promotion of justice, peace, and the stewardship of creation.
- A community that is not afraid to face its pain and yet deeply trust "in the hope that saves."

We believe that each one is called to be the strand that God will use to weave a tapestry that is intricate and exquisite in this place.

PASTORAL TEAM

Pastor

Rev. Mark Achilles Villanueva

Deacons

Rev. Mr. Gerry Steyn Rev. Mr. Michael Ho

Administrative Assistant

Cecilia Vaz

Assistants

Daniel Mathew Clifford Jumapit

Office Hour

Monday 5 PM to 9 PM Tuesday to Friday at 9 AM to 9 PM Saturday 9 AM to 7 PM Sunday 9 AM to 3 PM

Rectory

3600 Forest Bluff Crescent Mississauga, ON L5N 7W2 (289) 997-2105

Schools

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Sacrament of Marriage

Couples planning to be married must contact the pastor one year in advance. A Marriage course is required. For additional information, please contact the pastor.

OFFERINGS	
Offertory	\$ 5,447.07
Building Fund	\$ 1,060
Liturgical Fund	\$ 320
Stipend	\$ 365
Sanctuary Light	\$ 40
Pew	\$ 50
Tabernacle	\$ 100
Candelabra	\$ 1,650
Marian Altar	\$ 50
ShareLife	\$ 5,581.30
Angels	\$ 2,500
Baptism	\$ 140
Candle stand	\$ 267.65
Total	\$17,601

Living the Gospel by supporting the Deaf community

Imagine you were a Deaf child and your parents and siblings didn't know sign language. Your parents could gesture in a rudimentary way, but how do you share your joys, fears and needs? Silent Voice teaches American Sign Language and Deaf culture to families so they can share a common language. Says one grateful parent, "I'm so passionate about Voice Silent because their Family Communication Program rescues children from social isolation." Last year more than 750 Deaf children and adults received help through ShareLife-supported programs at Silent Voice.

April 22 is the next ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.

Our Sanctuary Light is offered by:

March 22 Lan Family

March 26 Jacintha Fernandez

March 30 Rosemary Mathew

April 3 Laetitia & Antonio Jesu

April 8 Irwin and Vilma D'Souza

April 12 Priyanka D'Souza

April 17 Leroy DeSouza Family

April 21 Fernandes Family

If you wish to light a 5-day candle on our sanctuary lamp, the donation is \$20

How well do you know the different parts of our church?

The Altar is the centerpiece, the most important part of the church to which everything else flows from. The word "altar" comes from a Hebrew word meaning "place of sacrifice." The Christian altar is one of the earliest elements of the liturgy. In the first years when Christianity was illegal, the Eucharist was typically celebrated in the homes of the faithful. The altar could have been the dinner table in the home or the wooden chest in which a bishop would carry needed materials for celebrating the Eucharist from place to place.

Our altar is a square table to remind us that the Eucharist is both a sacrifice and a meal. In Jesus's time, altars where animal sacrifices took place as atonement for sin were common under Jewish norms and traditions. The passion of Christ was the ultimate sacrifice, to atone for the sin of mankind. Therefore, the Christ's sacrifice is enacted each Mass at an altar. The altar is also a table because we are all "called to the Lord's supper." The sense of the Catholic altar as a table calls to mind the last supper and the tables around which the early Christians celebrated the Eucharist, as well as the fact that we as a faithful community are sharing in the saving meal.

The top of the altar is called the mensa, a Latin word for table, it is made of stone. The altar will be consecrated by the Archbishop and becomes the symbol of Christ: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone" (Mt. 21:42)

At the Solemn Dedication, Relics of martyrs and saints will be placed in a compartment constructed specially for this purpose underneath the mensa.

Paschal Triduum

March 29 Holy Thursday

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper and Washing of the Feet 7 PM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament till Midnight

March 30 Good Friday

12 PM and 3 PM

7 PM Station of the Cross

March 31 Holy Saturday

8 AM Morning Prayer

7 PM Easter Vigil

April 1 Easter Sunday

7:30 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, and 12:30 PM

Easter Egg Hunting after the 7:30 AM Mass

Pastor's Desk

Time is the measuring device to which we all seem to be in short supply. In our youth we plan to live life to the fullest, to experience all of it, to learn, to seek, to discover, to marry. If only we have enough time!

When we marry we may plan to buy a house, have children, provide the necessities, and yes, even some luxuries for our families. If only we have enough time!

If we have children, we plan to see that they are educated and have as good or a better start in their careers than we did. If only we have the time!

If we are unemployed for some reason, we generously have faith in our abilities to find new opportunities to use the skills that we have developed. If only we have enough time.

We generally believe that we can control much of our own destiny, but we also usually recognize that time is a gift from God, and day-by-day we see certain signs that make us aware of our own mortality. There will come a time when there is no more time, as we know it. And so, we are reminded of this by Jesus: "O Jerusalem, how often would I have gathered her brood under her wings, and you would not. You will not see me until you say, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." (Lk. 13:34-35)

Wish List for the Church

These items can be sponsored by one individual or group of individuals. Donation can be given in full or by installment.

- The Catholic Book of Worship that you have in the pews are not fully paid. About 256 books have been spoken for. There are still 244 books that need to be sponsored. If you wish to sponsor a copy or several copies, the cost is \$22 per copy.
- We got a good deal for the chairs that we need for the Parish Hall, Each chair costs \$45. About 72 chairs have been donated. We are still looking for 228 chairs to be sponsored.

Are you retired?

Are you looking for a reason to wake up in the morning?

Do you miss going to work?

Volunteer your time at the Reception Desk of the Parish

Answering the calls, welcoming fellow parishioners and guests, helping whatever you can to make a difference. Please let us know if you are interested.

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Cost: \$4690 (Toronto departure including all taxes and tips)

Parish Finance Committee Meeting

Brochures are available at the desk

April 24, 2018 at 7:30 PM at the Church Hall

MASS INTENTION

Saturday (March 24)

5 PM +Juanito Umali & Evelyn Macalaguim, +Esmeralda Cardozo, +Ashley D'Souza, +Mary Pillai, +Olive D'Souza

Sunday (March 25)

7:30 AM +Joseph Moolaseril
9:00 AM +Aquilino & Filomena Rivera,
+Ireneo de Leon Sr. +Irene & Ronnel de
Leon, +John De Souza
11:00 AM For the Parish Community
12:30 PM Thanksgiving of Victor Jr.
Thanksgiving of Yvette & Mike
Regueiro, +Rosario Guillermo

Monday (March 26)

7:00 PM +Caroline Pereira, +Dolores Godawen, +Charles Cahn

Tuesday (March 27)

7:30 AM +Juan R. Orogo, +Leoncia Lukang

Wednesday (March 28)

7:00 PM +Nimfa Gamboa, +Irwin Coelho, +Eric Lukang

Thursday (March 29)

7:00 PM The Lord's Supper

Friday (March 30)

12:00 PM Good Friday Service 3:00 PM Good Friday Service

Saturday (March 31)

8:00 AM Morning Prayer 7:00 PM For the Parish Community

To offer a Mass intention, please see the desk when you come to church or call the parish office. You can also use the form on our parish website.

Ministry of Lectors' Meeting

Monday, April 16, 2018 7:45 PM



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