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

Deacon Gerry Steyn Deacon Michael Ho Deacon Roman Lim

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

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.

Our Sanctuary Light

If you wish to sponsor a candle, the suggested donation is \$20. We assign the date in the order that the offering is made. Please see the reception desk if you would like to make an offering.

December 17 + Dolores Sta Mina

December 21 Frances Khor

December 25 Susanna & Michael D'Sa

December 29 Victoria Hermes

January 2 Victoria Hermes

January 6 + Alysious & Sabina Pinto

January 10 Thanksgiving for Arbie &

Caridad Sarmiento and Family

January 14 Jeevaratnam Family

January 18 Jeevaratnam family

January 22 Louis Nazareth

January 26 Theodora Fernandes

January 30 Aline Liew Yee

February 3 Chari Agellon

February 7 Thanksgiving for Branzuela

Family

February 11 Thanksgiving for Lim Family

February 15 Victoria Hermes

February 19 Alex & Patricia Prollamante

February 23 Castelino Percy & Family

February 27 Margaret Silvery & Family

March 3 Cris Sia

March 7 Thanksgiving for Anastasia &

Johan Jackson

March 11 Thanksgiving for Arbie and

Caridad

March 15 Victoria Hermes

March 19 Victoria Hermes

New Year's Eve Dinner and Dance

Monday, December 31, 2018
Cocktails: 6:30 PM Dinner: 7:30 PM
St. Josephine Bakhita Parish Hall
\$50 for Adults \$25 for children (12 and under)

Christmas Nine Day Mass

Simbang Gabi Misa de Aguinaldo **December 15 to 23 at 7 PM**

Amidst all the busyness of the Christmas season: buying gifts and parties, it is so easy to miss out on the real reason for the holidays. We invite everyone to join us for nine consecutive evenings to spiritually prepare for the Birthday of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Please note that there will still be the regular 7:30 AM Mass on Tuesday and Thursday, 9 AM on Saturday during the Christmas Nine Day Mass

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

December 15 to 23 at 6 PM

Parish Christmas Potluck Party

December 23 following the 7 PM Novena Mass



Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord

December 24

5 PM, 7 PM, 9 PM and 12 Midnight

December 25

9 AM, 11 AM, and 12:30 PM

Octave of Christmas

December 26 to December 30 Regular Mass Schedule

December 31

New Year's Eve Mass 5 PM

January 1

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God 9 AM, 11 AM, and 12:30 PM

January 2 Regular Mass Schedule



Gaudete Sunday

Gaudete means 'rejoice' and certainly that is the mood of our Readings today. In the last few weeks, the readings have been centering on the crisis side of life, but today, we are told not to 'fear'. God will be with us, he will be in our midst, and we should not let anything discourage us. The Saviour who is to come 'will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love." This is what we look forward to, then, our renewal in the love of God with the birth of his son. And God is happy about all this as week, God us to be redeemed. God's love for us has not diminished despite what we have done and do to him. In fact, God is singing joyfully because of us. He is pleased to send his Son, he is pleased with our redemption.

Update on our Parish Bank Loan to construct the Church

Opening Balance	\$4,994,535.29
Payment to Principal	\$ 50,000
Total	\$4,944,535.29

The Payment to Principal of \$50,000 was made last week. We are grateful for your continued support of our Building Fund and The Family of Faith.

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Thank you to all the Parish Choirs

For leading us in an Advent of Lessons and Carols

Last Sunday, December 9

Mass Intentions

Saturday (December 15)

9:00 AM: +Eusebio & Lourdes Naluz

5:00 PM: +Jovencio Batara, +Christopher Colaço, +Alysious & Sabina Pinto, +Sandra Cecilia Villasmil De Marin, + Michael Pillay, +Anne D'Souza

Sunday (December 16)

7:30 AM: Open

9:00 AM: For the Departed souls of Jackie Simeon & Family, +Tomas Rovelo Sr.

11:00 AM: Thanksgiving for Ian DeLeon ad Family

12:30 PM: Thanksgiving for Max & Tel Dela Cruz (40th Wedding Anniversary), +Sandra Cecilia Villasmil De Marin, +Michele Di Luca, +Richard Valere & Lina de Montbrun

Monday (December 17)

7:00 PM: +Benjamin Ordoniz, +Sandra Cecilia Villasmil De Marin

Tuesday (December 18)

7:30 AM: Thanksgiving for Roberto & Melisa Perez (30th Wedding Anniversary), +Francis Xavier Menezes

Wednesday (December 19)

7:00 PM: Thanksgiving for Donald & Cecilia Obedoza (20th Wedding Anniversary)

Thursday (December 20)

7:30 AM: +Zenaida Sison

Friday (December 21)

7:00 PM: +Arturo Dela Cruz, +Manuel Quinsay

Saturday (December 22)

9:00 AM: Open

5:00 PM: +Joseph Bauzon, +Alfredo & Tony

Fonseca



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