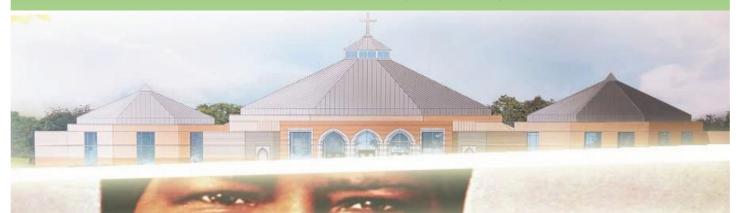
# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

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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

St. Bernard of Clairvaux St. Faustina St. Edith Stein St. Simon Stock St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary School

#### 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

March 19 Victoria Hermes March 23 Clarissa Fernandes March 27 Charlie, Mr. & Mrs. Attard March 31 Thanksgiving for Honorio & Diane Oliveira March 4 Joseph & Maxima Kattar March 7 Thanksgiving for D'Souza Family March 11 Thanksgiving for Pereira Family March 15 Thanksgiving & Healing for D'Mello Family March 19 + Alarcon & Dela Cruz Family March 23 Thanksgiving for Prollamante Family March 27 Thanksgiving for Rajkumar & Family March 31 Thanksgiving for OJeda-**Carvajal Family** April 4 + Mario Carvajal April 8 Healing of Florentino Peniera April 12 Thanksgiving for Garcia Family April 16 Patrick & Eva Mendes April 20 Thanksgiving for Alincastre & **Gonzaga Family** April 24 Thanksgiving for Kevin & Choonok White April 28 Thanksgiving for Kevin & Choonok White May 2 Thanksgiving for Celeste White May 6 + Charles & Adeline Gomes

SUNDAY OFFERING	
Offertory	\$ 4,325.40
Building Fund	\$ 1,575
Funeral	\$ 300
Blessed Mother Statue	\$ 100
Station of the Cross	\$ 250
Baptism	\$ 157
Family of Faith	\$ 100
Mass Intentions	\$ 330
Blinds	\$ 1,597.65
Candle Offering	\$ 113.50
Liturgical Fund	\$ 200
London Life	\$ 185.08
Total	\$ 9,233.23



If we truly desire to be in touch with the divine, to realize the holy in our lives, we must do as Jesus did with Peter, James, and John. They put aside all that ordinarily filled their days and nights to enter into a time of silence and prayer. Jesus frequently went apart to the desert or a mountain to pray. On this occasion, he invited his chosen few to share his sacred space and time, just as he invites each of us this Sunday. In the deep silence, Jesus prayed. He prayed as the Transfiguration blazed upon the mountaintop, he prayed as Moses and Elijah appeared with him, resplendent in glory. We, too, must make time in our lives for solitude, silence, prayer. We may not have desert or a mountain, but we can still carve out a space for silence and prayer. Noise and crowds have a way of drowning out the small voice of God. We cannot afford to let that happen.



### Living the Gospel by helping young mothers

Anika became a mother at the age of 19. Soon after, her fiancé became increasingly controlling. Feeling isolated, she reached out to a ShareLife agency called Rose of Sharon. She and her son attended almost every program offered, including one called Healthy Relationships. Anika realized she didn't have to tolerate her partner's behavior. Rose of Sharon helped her find an affordable apartment so she and her son could move out. "I never thought I could make it on my own," says Anika. "But with the help of Rose of Sharon, here I am doing it." March 31 is ShareLife Sunday

# Rite of Recognition of the Elect and of Calling to Lenten Renewal

Our parish is honoured this year to host the Rite of Recognition of the Elect and of Calling to Lenten Renewal with the Most Reverend John Boissonneau this Sunday, March 17 starting at 3 PM. We welcome with open arms our Regional Bishop, the Elect who are preparing to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil, the Candidates who will be received into Full Communion, and fellow Catholics who are completing their initiation (Confirmation and Eucharist), their sponsors, families, pastors, deacons, and catechists from the many parishes in the Dufferin-Peel and Mississauga. You are all cordially invited to attend. A simple reception at the Parish Hall will follow the Service hosted by the Daughters of Isabella.



Thank you to the School Community of St. Bernard of Clairvaux for their gift of an outdoor statue of their patron saint, which will grace our church garden. The statue can be seen in our parish hall until such time that it will be installed in the garden in late Spring or early Summer.

## **Church Window Blinds**

We have installed two more blinds for our church windows this week in order to protect you from being blinded by the sun when you come for Sunday Mass. Our parish would greatly appreciate if you can help defray the cost of the blinds by adding a few extra dollars in your offering. Whatever amount will be appreciated. Please use one of the envelopes

in the pews and indicate where the donation is going to be applied. We also accept donations via Credit Card. Thank you for your generosity.

Our Parish is hosting ACTS Retreat this year Women's Retreat May 2 to May 5, 2019 November 14 to November 17, 2019

Men's Retreat May 30 to June 2, 2019 November 21 to November 24, 2019

Retreat Location Queen of the Apostles Renewal Centre 1617 Blythe Road Mississauga. ON L5H 2C3

## **Mass Intentions**

**Saturday (March 16)** 5:00 PM: + Camilo Francis, + Agnes D'Costa, +Isabella Fernandez

Sunday (March 17) 7:30 AM: +Carolina & Sua Hin Lao

9:00 AM: Thanksgiving for Milagros Umali, +Benjamin Barretto

11:00 AM: +Maria Cheung, +Cesar Salgado, +Rosita Rovelo & +Tomas Rovelo Sr.

12:30 PM: +Lina de Montbrun, +Richard Valere

Monday (March 18) 5:00 PM: Thanksgiving for Martin Mathew

Tuesday (March 19) 7:30 AM: For the Healing of Ryan Chang

Wednesday (March 20) 7:00 PM: +Manuel Quinsay

Thursday (March 21) 7:30 AM: +Jose Maria Prollamante

Friday (March 22) 7:00 PM: +William Goddard, +Doreen & Peter Paiva

Saturday (March 23) 9:00 AM: Open

5:00 PM: +Juanito Umali, +Esmeralda Cardozo, +Lugerio Vaz, +Avelino & Mericia Vaz

Update on our Parish Bank Loan	
to construct the church	
Opening Balance	\$4,930,000
Less: Payment	\$ 10,000
Total Loan to date	\$4,920,000

We have paid \$50,575.77 in interest last January. Your regular contribution to the Joint Family of Faith Campaign and the Building Fund collection help us to pay our obligations.

