# 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. 116 - 1

# **Our Sanctuary Light**

May 13 Thanksgiving for Garcia Family May 17 Patrick & Eva Mendes May 21 Thanksgiving for Alincastre & Gonzaga Family May 25 Thanksgiving for Kevin & Choonok White May 29 Thanksgiving for Kevin & Choonok White June 2 Thanksgiving for Celeste White June 6 + Charles & Adeline Gomes June 10 Anne, Bernard and Victor Montuba

June 14 Thanksgiving for Eleuteria Quinsay

June 18 Thanksgiving for Arlette Koo June 22 Thanksgiving for Chow Family June 26 Healing & Thanksgiving for Milagros Umali

June 30 Thanksgiving for Diana & Mark Pinto

July 4 Special Intention for Flavia Chutino July 8 Thanksgiving for Alincastre Family July 16 Thanksgiving for Kam & Shirley Lam

July 20 Thanksgiving for Inacio & Paula Lee- Len

If you would like to offer a candle to signify the presence of Jesus in the Tabernacle, the suggested donation is \$20. Please see the Reception Desk. Thank you.

SUNDAY OFFERING	
Offertory	\$ 6,254.45
Building Fund	\$ 2,364.20
Mass Intentions	\$ 250
Blinds	\$ 240
Candle Offering	\$ 52.90
Liturgical Fund	\$ 185.50
ShareLife	\$ 5,999
Stations of the Cross	\$ 250
Baptisms	\$ 120
From the box	\$ 4.40
Total	\$15,720.45



While we love the image of the Good Shepherd, most of us lack firsthand acquaintance with either a shepherd or with sheep. So let's look at a comparison, one that is much more familiar to us. While we are not likely to be greeted by a flock of sheep when we open the oor, many of us have been greeted by - a dog!

Anyone who has ever shared a home with a

dog for a long time will see the parallel immediately. For in this case, you are the good shepherd, the one who cares for another totally. Just as we are completely dependent on God for everything, so, too, your dog is totally dependent on you. A relationship is established that is truly unique. The bond is impossible to describe, but also impossible to deny. In fact, if you want to find out just important you are, try calling someone else's dog! It is a real egodeflator.

Magnify that many times over and listen again to the opening words of today's gospel: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me." What greater blessing could there be than this: The shepherd knows my voice and I know his. There is instantaneous, constant communication as we seek to become one with this Good Shepherd. The closer, the more intimate that relationship, the better will we comprehend the words of our Shepherd: "no one can take them out of my hand."

# Congratulations to the four priests who were ordained for the Archdiocese of Toronto on May 11, 2019

Fr. Renan Roberto Costa, Fr. Eduardo de Oliveira Paixão, Fr. Mauricio Gilo Sanjines Calatayud, and Fr. João Gilberto Veras Ferreira. Please include them in your prayers and sacrifices for their perseverance and fruitful ministry.

# Living the Gospel by helping those with addictions Our Current Total Collection for ShareLife is \$13,799.20

It had been two years since Adam spoke in full sentences. When he moved into Covenant House's housing program, he would only say a word or two. Over time, a youth worker succeeded at connecting with Adam and he gradually opened up. Adam finished high school and joined a mentorship program, setting his sights on a career in computer science. With his new voice and positive relationships, his future is open to so many possibilities. June 2 is the next ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously.



# The Junior Praesidium of the Legion of Mary

Thank you to our young people who have volunteered to form the first junior praesidium of the Legion of Mary in our parish. We invite all our young people from seven (7) to eighteen (18) to become a member. The junior praesidium meets every Sunday at 3 PM in the Parish Hall

#### Mass Intentions

### Saturday (May 11)

5:00 PM: Thanksgiving for Domingo Branzuela, Special Intention of Labella & Matugas Family, +Benedetto D'Amato, +Angelo & Antoinetta D'Amato, +Felice & Maria Petruzzo

# Sunday (May 12)

7:30 AM: +Theresa Chu, +Pastora & Regalado Ruiz 9:00 AM: +Peter & Catherine Lobo, +John Mendonca, +Angeline & Michael D'Souza 11:00 AM: +Julieta Patricio, +D.J.A. Benedict, +Peter Lai Nguyen, +Peter Tu Pham, +Maria Thin Vu 12:30 PM: +Dominic & Maria Di Luca, +Maria Rojas,

+Maria de la Luz Blanco Soto

# Monday (May 13)

7:00 PM: +Evelyn Macalaguim, +Maria de la Luz Blanco Soto

Tuesday (May 14) 7:30 AM: +Maria de la Luz Blanco Soto

# Wednesday (May 15)

7:00 PM: Thanksgiving for Paul Family, Thanksgiving for Boy & Wai Moreno, +Maria de la Luz Blanco Soto, +Anthony Victoria, +Deceased Members of Martins & Rodrigues Families

Thursday (May 16) 7:30 AM: +Fred Albi

Friday (May 17) 7:00 PM: +Gertrudes Lorenzo, +Jacques Monast

Saturday (May 18) 9:00 AM: For the Parish Community

5:00 PM: +Maria Bui, +Peter Nguyen, +Paul Nguyen, +Maria Nguyen

Update on our Parish Bank Loan		
to construct the church		
Opening Balance	\$4,901,316.90	
Less: Payment	\$ 2,364.20	
Total Loan to date	\$4,898,952.70	

# **Happy Mother's Day**

Good and Gentle God,

we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women of theory who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings. Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly.

Give them the faithful support of husband, family and friends as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children.

Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain them through the trials of motherhood. Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most.

Amen.

### Sacrament of Confirmation

# Congratulations to all the young people from our parish community that received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The first group of Confirmandi from St. Faustina, St. Simon Stock Schools, and Public/Private Schools received the Sacrament on Thursday, May 9. The second group of Confirmandi from St. Bernard and St. Edith Stein Schools will receive it on Thursday, May 16. The Sacrament of Confirmation is conferred by His Excellency The Most Reverend John Boissonneau, D.D. Auxiliary Bishop for the Western Pastoral Region

# On Stewarship

#### By H.E. Thomas Cardinal Collins

As we seek to enter into the experience of stewardship, it is essential that we avoid being short-circuited by emphasis upon its most obvious but superficial aspect, the sharing of material goods. If we start with that, with the fund-raising for apostolic purposes, we will go no further, and stewardship will become just another program. No, we can only be satisfied with deep stewardship, which means a profound inner conversion as individuals and as a community in which we become committed to living generously in every way, as the Gospel calls us to do. Deep stewardship begins with gratitude and ends with accountability. Stewardship is sometimes called "the attitude of gratitude." We recognize gratefully that everything in life is a gift of God. We do not ultimately own anything, but are entrusted with time, talent, and treasure for use during our brief passage through this life. And at the end of life, we take nothing with us, except the life which arises out of generous love. If each of us is profoundly aware that all is gift, then we are freed from possessiveness, and can be good stewards of what has been entrusted to us in life, sharing generously and so at the end of life returning all to the Lord with increase. Like the servants in the parable, we will be called to account for the way in which we have used what has been entrusted to us.



