THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

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SUNDAY MASSES

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

WEEKDAY MASS

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every First Saturday of the month from 9:30 AM to 12 Noon.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Parents who wish to have their children baptized must fill out the online baptismal request form available on our parish website. The date of the baptism will be arranged during the interview. A Baptism Instruction for parents and sponsor will also be required.

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, 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 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 Clifford Jumapit Benjamin Alcantara Volunteer Asisstants Marina Taguicana Agnes Lim

Office Hours

Tuesday to Friday 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

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

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 30

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5:00 PM: Thanksgiving for Jayden D'Souza, +Jerry Horan, +Alice Britto, +Departed Souls of R.J. D'Souza Family, +Departed Souls of Huyen Nguyen Family & Friends

Sunday, December 1

7:30 AM: Thanksgiving for Aicee Sarmiento 9:00 AM: +Cipiriano & Pelagia Legaspi, +Dario Bagolor, +Departed Souls of Lobo Family

11:00 AM: Thanksgiving for Lewellyn & Clarissa Fernandes, Thanksgiving for Rodriguez Family, + Peter Lai Nguyen, +Peter Tu Pham, +Maria Thin Vu 12:30 PM: +Juatin Perera, +Antonio Lobo

Monday, December 2 7:00 PM: Thanksgiving for Alfred Victor Aguilar, Thanksgiving for Gloria Sariento

Tuesday, December 3 7:30 AM: +Francis Xavier Menezes, +Ricarte Tayag, +Lydia Soriano

Wednesday, December 4 7:00 PM: +Anton Dinesh

Thursday, December 5 7:30 AM: +Sandra Cecilia Villasmil De Marin

Friday, December 6 7:00 PM: +Ruben & Reynaldo Esteron, +Ohlydia & Emrado Calcetas

Saturday, December 7 9:00 AM: +Petra Santos, +Tony & Manuel Pavao, +Gertrude D'Sylva 5:00 PM: +Antonio Lobo, +Patrick D'Costa, +Manuel Fonte

Sanctuary Candle

November 30 +Alfred Mar December 4 Thanksgiving for Frances Khor December 6 Special Intention for Salvatore Guinci

CHRISTMAS GIVING

We will once again as a parish support the work of St. Vincent de Paul Society with their Christmas Initiative to support struggling families in our community. We are asking our parishioners for gift cards. A donation box will be provided at the desk for you to drop your donation.

First Sunday of Advent

This Sunday marks the beginning of the beautiful season of Advent, a time to deepen our relationship with Christ. In the Gospel, Jesus exhorts us to "keep awake therefore, for



you do not know on what day your Lord is coming." This exhortation doesn't imply that we are expected to never sleep, or sin, again, but that we must consistently strive to move from a life of running towards sin, to a life of running away from sin.

One tremendous way we can do this to receive God's merciful love in the sacrament of reconciliation. It is important to remember that the Lord eagerly and lovingly awaits to forgive us. The whole purpose of the Incarnation was for this reason, as st. John says in his first letter, "in this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins." Jesus became man for our salvation. In going to confession, we are enabling the Lord to fulfill his salvific mission in our lvies which brings him boundless joy.

This cleansing of our sins will greatly help us live as stewards by infusing all of our actions with the grace that flows from the sacrament. In order to receive the graces well, let us foster a sense of contrition for our sins, a firm purpose of amendment for our live and a commitment to penance. Let us take this season of preparation to become stewards by properly preparing our own souls for the coming of Christ in our lives.



Come and Study the Word of God with Fr. Mark on Tuesday, 7:30 PM to 9 PM November 26 and December 3, and 10 Parish Hall

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? Would you like to complete your Christian Initiation?

The Rite of Christian Initian of Adults is for you. Classes are held in the parish every Sunday at 10 AM. See Ana and Albert Angco and the RCIA Team. Are you interested in ministering to children?

Our parish is looking for volunteers to assist in the Children's Liturgy of the Word. It is

a once a month commitment. Training will be provided. Please approach Agnes Lim at the Parish Office if you are interested to participate in this wonderful outreach.

Presentation of Letters of Request for Confirmation

Our young people in Grade 7 and up will be presenting their Letters of Request for Confirmation on the weekends of December 7/8, and 14/15. Let us support our Confirmation candidates in their preparation with our prayers and sacrifices. They will be present in our Masses of Saturday at 5 PM and Sunday at 9, 11, and 12:30 noon.



FEAST OF THE Immaculate Conception

December 9, 2019

6:30 PM Living Rosary 7:00 PM Solemn Mass Candlelight Procession Fellowship

You are all welcome to the celeberation

Sunday Affarind		
Sunday Offering		
Offertory	\$ 5,846.25	
Building Fund	\$ 1,347.50	
Liturgical Fund	\$ 626.95	
Mass Stipends	\$ 655	
Shepherds' Trust	\$ 235	
Blinds	\$ 200	
Candle Offering	\$ 177.45	
First Communion	\$ 25	
Baptism	\$ 45	
Funeral	\$ 300	
Total	\$ 9,458.15	

THANK YOU!

Update on our Bank Loan to construct the church	
Opening Balance	\$4,782,731.93
Less Payments	\$ 63,358.52
Total Loan to date	\$4,719,373.41
Your regular contribution towards the Building Fund helps us eventually to pay for this Bank Loan which has an interest rate of	

4% per annum. Thank you for your generous

Breakfart with Santa hosted by The Daughters of Isabella

O n am until 12 noon

help.

In SJB Parish Hall For Children 10 year and under (Children 2 years and under are free) \$5.00 per person All Children must be accompanied by an Adult Tickets on sale this weekend of Nov 30/Dec 1 Please purchase your tickets in advance - NO tickets will be sold at the door on Sat Dec 7.

Sat Dec 7 from 10

Sacrament of Reconciliation

during Advent Fr. Mark will be available to hear Confession from December 15 to 23 from 6 PM to 7 PM in addition to the usual schedule or at any time by appointment.



Bring in the New Year with your famly and friends

New Year's Eve Dinner/ Dance

St. Josephine Bakhita Parish Hall Time 6:30 PM Adults \$50 children 12 and under \$25

> For Tickets contact JC Cadieux 905-302-0158 Serge Poirier 647-518-4814 Narciso Rodrigues 416-303-1337



CHRISTMAS NOVENA & MASS SCHEDULE from December 15 to 23 7 PM

December 15 is sponsored by Guiding Light Academy December 16 is sponsored by St. Faustina School December 17 is sponsored by St. Bernard of Clairvaux School

December 18 is sponsored by St. Edith Stein School Fr. Mark is celebrating his 29th Sacerdotal Anniversary on this day

December 19 is sponsored by St. Simon Stock School

December 20 to 23 are sponsored by various families and groups in the parish

(please note that our regular scheduled Morning Mass is not cancelled) Bereavement Seminar — Comforting Those Who Have Suffered a Loss December 8, 2019 2:00 pm Holy Cross Catholic Funeral Home -Reception Centre 211 Langstaff Rd. E., Thornhill

Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services extends a warm invitation to those in need of special solace as the Christmas season approaches. Having experienced the death of a loved one makes this festive season not as welcome to those in mourning. Join us for an afternoon of fellowship as we welcome Deacon Curtis Boone, facilitator of the Side by Side Ministry at St. Padre Pio Church in Kleinburg, Ont., as he helps us find "Healing in Our Joyful Sorrow." Deacon Boone will share his thoughts and give "Hope for the Hurting this Holiday Season" through prayer, reflection, support and healing.

All are welcome — Refreshments will be served! CONTACT: Catholic Cemeteries & Funeral Services

St. Augustine's Seminary Lay Formation Program - Topic: Advent Retreat: Reflections on the Blessed Trinity December 14, 2019 9:30 am St. Augustine's Seminary 2661 Kingston Rd., Scarborough

Father Charles Anang will explore the profound depths of the Christian's identity and sublime destiny. Through baptism, he has become the temple of the indwelling Holy Spirit, so as to share in Christ's sonship of the Father. The new child of the Father is to become a new Christ: "We are no longer two people, Jesus and I; we are just one: Jesus alone" (Blessed Dina Bélanger). This reflection offers an opportunity to deepen our relationship with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Holy Mass at St. Augustine's venerable chapel is included with registration. Feel free to invite friends and family to join us on this day.

COST: \$50, includes lunch CONTACT: St. Augustine's Seminary of Toronto PHONE: 416-261-7207 layspiritualformation@sastoronto.org

Your Donation Envelopes for 2020 will be available in the coming days. They will be arranged in alphabetical order, but please check the name. Many families in the parish share the same surnames.



