

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 Assisstants

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, December 7
5:00 PM: Thanksgiving for Cipriano Orfano, +Antonio Lobo, +Patrick D’Costa, +Manuel Fonte, +Manuel Quinsay

Sunday, December 8
7:30 AM: Open
9:00 AM: Intentions for Daniel’s Family, Healing for Ashton, +Mary, Benjamin D’Almeida & Souls of Family, +Damsey Vaz, +Olga & Visito Pachew, +Vislia Coelho
11:00 AM: Thanksgiving for Sia Family, +Edgardo Capul, +Paul Mizzi, +Josefina M. Dimen, +Paul Nguyen Voc
12:30 PM: +Ceciliya & Peter Navaratnam, +Dennis Boria, +Eduardo Roque Querubin Jr., All faithfully departed

Monday, December 9
7:00 PM: Maria De La Luza Blanco Soto

Tuesday, December 10
7:30 AM: +Lolita Grant, +Frank, Mabel D’Silva, Terry & Souls of Family

Wednesday, December 11
7:00 PM: Thanksgiving for Belen Aramburo, +Christopher Colaco, +Paul Mario Fernandes

Thursday, December 12
7:30 AM: +Vivian D’Sylva

Friday, December 13
7:00 PM: Open

Saturday, December 14
9:00 AM: +Ilda M. Carredio
5:00 PM: +Evangalina & Manuel Resendes, +Jovencio Batara, +Christopher Colaco

Sanctuary Candle

December 10 + Arturo Odviar
December 14 Victoria Heimes

Thank you to all the families that lighted a candle for our sanctuary lamp. If you are interested and would like to offer a candle, please see the desk.

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.

Second Sunday of Advent

As Christmas carols take over radio stations and shopping malls are filled to capacity, it is easy to lose track of the true purpose of Advent. Essentially, Advent is a time to prepare for the Lord’s coming on Christmas Day as well as his final



coming at the end of time. It is also a moment to remind ourselves that our own individual judgement days is coming too, where we will stand before the throne of God and give an account of how we have used all the gifts and blessings we have received.

Cardinal Collins in his Pastoral Letter on Stewardship states that “A steward is a servant entrusted for a time with the goods of the Master...and must eventually give an account to the Master for the way in which [the gifts] have been cared for and made fruitful.” This Advent season reminds us to conduct a humble examination of how are we best using our God-given gifts for His glory and the good the Church.

Are we staying faithful to our practice of prayer? Are we using our time to serve and journey with others? Are we taking an active role in the life of the parish community? Are we serving the less fortunate in our community, remembering Christ’s words to serve the poor? Are we living for the present world or for the world to come? Let us take this Advent to re-examine how we are being stewards of the gifts in our lives and recommit to fully living the Gospel.



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

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

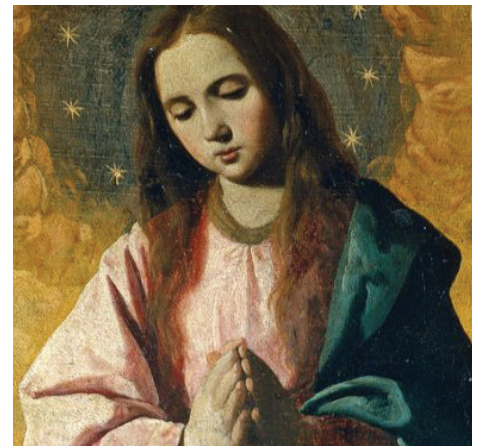
The Rite of Christian Inittian of Adults is for you. Classes are held in the parish every Sunday at 10 AM. See Ana and Albert Angco and the RCIA Team.

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.

Sacrament of Reconciliation during Advent

Fr. Mark and Fr. Gerard 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.



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 celebration

Guest Priest

We are graced as a parish community to have a guest priest this Christmas. Fr. Gerald will be assisting in our sacramental life and He will also be staying at the Rectory. Welcome Fr. Gerald and feel at home among us!

Sunday Offering	
Offertory	\$ 4,173.15
Building Fund	\$ 2,921.55
Liturgical Fund	\$ 162.30
Mass Stipends	\$ 445
Landscaping - Fence	\$42,500
Blinds	\$ 200
Candle Offering	\$ 95
Family of Faith	\$ 2,930
Shepherd's Trust	\$ 75
Total	\$53,502

THANK YOU!

Update on our Bank Loan to construct the church	
Opening Balance	\$4,719,373.41
Less Payments	\$ 2,921.55
Total Loan to date	\$4,716,449.86

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 help.

Your Donation Envelopes for 2020 are now available. They are arranged in alphabetical order. If you do not see your envelope box, please approach Ben or Clifford at the Reception desk.



Bring in the New Year with your family 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
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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 during the Christmas Novena)

For your safety during the Winter months

Snow accumulation in our slope roof especially during Heavy snow days may trigger an avalanche around the church perimeter. We will be closing the inner courtyards and we ask fellow parishioners to please use the main entrance or the hall entrance to enter or exit our worship space. Please be aware also that our church is standing on a ground that has a higher water table. Wet areas do not easily dry and can freeze quickly. Thank you for your cooperation.

Join Fr. Mark on a Tour and Pilgrimage to Bulgaria, Serbia, Medjugorje, Croatia, and Slovenia

from May 24 to June 6, 2020 (15 days) - \$4,190 (Toronto departure, hotel accommodation, 2 meals daily, all sightseeing as per itinerary, including all taxes and tips) arranged by International Heritage Tours Tel. 416-444-6666. See flyerj in the Bulletin Board or take a copy from the Reception Desk for more information.



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord
December 24
5 PM, 7 PM, 9 PM, and 12 Midnight

December 25
7:30 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, and 12:30 PM

Feast of St. Stephen
December 26
7:30 AM

(Please note that the Office will be closed for December 26 and will resume normal office hours on December 27)

Feast of St. John, Apostle
December 27
7 PM

Feast of the Holy Innocents
December 28
9 AM

Feast of the Holy Family
December 28/29
(see Sunday Schedule)

6th Day of the Christmas Octave
December 30
7 PM

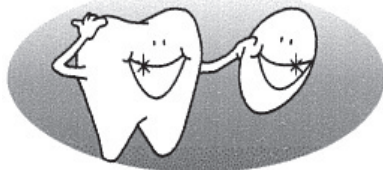
7th Day of the Christmas Octave
December 31
7:30 AM

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
December 31
5 PM

January 1
9 AM, 11 AM, and 12:30 Noon

Feast of Sts. Basil and Gregory
January 2
7:30 AM

(Please note that the Office will be closed for January 2 and will resume normal office hours on January 3)



Dr. Cecille Rubic-Pangilinan
Dentist

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