

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

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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



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)

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.

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Celebration of Marriage Mass with Cardinal Collins

February 9, 2020 - 3 PM

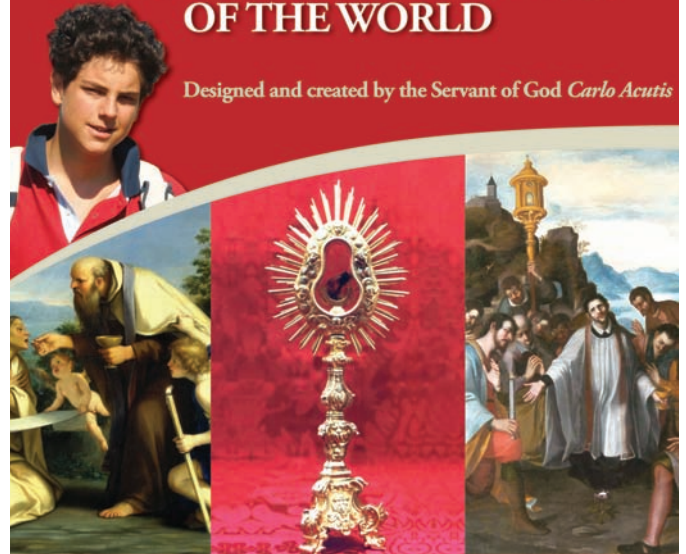
As part of Marriage Sunday 2020
celebrations, Cardinal Thomas Collins
will preside at a special Mass to
honour couples celebrating milestone
anniversaries in 2020. If you (or a couple
you know) are celebrating a 25th, 40th,
50th or 60+ wedding anniversary in
2020, they are invited to join in this
special celebration. The Mass will take
place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 9
at St. Isaac Jogues Parish (1148 Finch
Ave., Pickering). A reception will follow
Mass. The Mass is open to all, but due
to space restrictions those wishing
to attend are asked to register online
or by phone. Milestone anniversary
celebrants will be assured of reserved
seating. Registration and other
important information can be found at:
www.archtoronto.org/marriage or by
calling (416) 934-3400, x 523.

February 29 to March 8, 2020

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Vatican International Exhibition THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD

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and promote Eucharistic Adoration.

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3200 Thomas Street, Mississauga



**Bring in the New Year with
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New Year's Eve Dinner/ Dance

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Time 6:30 PM

Adults \$50 children 12 and under \$25

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Sunday, December 15
 7:30 AM: +Ernesto Ciarlariello
 9:00 AM: Thanksgiving for Karlo Azanon, Thanksgiving for Inacio & Paula Lee Len, +Juliana Gorospe, +Ivy Pasamonte, +Louis & Estella D'Souza & Departed Souls of Family
 11:00 AM: Thanksgiving for Ian De Leon, Special Intention for Lolitan Tan, +Ronnel De Leon, +Marcelo Samaniego, Jose Mendoza St., +Irene & Ireneo De Leon
 12:30 PM: +Arzelina Francisca Vaz Rodrigues, +Eusebeio & Lourdes Naluz, +Edward Co, +Isabel Liwag - Co

Monday, December 16
 7:00 PM: Open

Tuesday, December 17
 7:30 AM: Thanksgiving for Iren D'Almeida, +Dennis Borja, +Antonio Quinto, +Benjamin Ordonez

Wednesday, December 18
 7:00 PM: +Librida Pillar

Thursday, December 19
 7:30 AM: Thanksgiving for Rachel Sol Cruz, +Lee Wuk Len

Friday, December 20
 7:00 PM: +Dolores Stamina

Saturday, December 21
 9:00 AM: Open
 5:00 PM: +Aleixo Pereira, +Mike Di Luna

SANCTUARY CANDLE

December 14 Victoria Heimes
 December 18 + Segundina Macanas Corpuz
 December 22 Thanksgiving for Prollamante Family

Your Donation Box of Envelopes 2020 is available for pickup in the narthex. If you can't find your box or if you have never had a box of donation envelopes before and wish to receive one, please approach Clifford, Ben, or Daniel at the Parish Desk to request it. Also, please ensure that we have your correct information. Thank you.

Third Sunday of Advent

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.” These are the words proclaimed in the entrance antiphon of Mass for Gaudete Sunday this week. It urges us to constantly rejoice in the Lord, and as good stewards of Christ, we should always strive to live lives inundated with the joy that flows from the Lord.



In order to do this, we must understand the difference between joy and happiness, for the Lord never promised us happiness. Instead He says, “I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.” (Jn 15:11). Happiness is a result of our good circumstances, because we feel good, or we had something positive happen to us, etc. Joy on the other hand goes much deeper. Henri Nouwen describes it as “the experience of knowing that you are unconditionally loved and that nothing - sickness, failure, emotional distress, oppression, war, or even death - can take that love away.

So joy is the ability to remain happy due to our awareness of being beloved sons and daughters of God even amidst the trials of our life. Henri Nouwen further describes joy as a choice we must make every day. How often in our difficult lives do we take solace and rejoice in our identities of being beloved children of God? This Gaudete Sunday let us strive to be more intentionally joyful, and to pray to Christ for strength, for He says, “Ask and you will receive, so that your joy may be complete” (John 16:24).

Christmas Initiative with St. Vincent de Paul Society

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.



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)

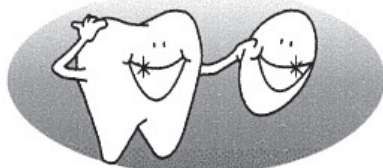
Sunday Offering

Offertory	\$ 5,838.75
Building Fund	\$ 1,536
Mass Stipend	\$ 415
Liturgical Fund	\$ 207.80
Blinds	\$ 603.16
Sunday Missal	\$ 19.65
Candle Offering	\$ 110
From the box	\$ 28.80
Total Offering	\$ 8,754.16

Update on our Bank Loan to construct the church

Opening Balance	\$4,716,449.86
Less Payments	\$ 1,536
Total Loan to date	\$4,714,913.86

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