

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

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Feast of the Holy Family

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 28
 5:00 PM +Teofilo Lorenzo, +Angel Chan,
 Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, December 29
 7:30 AM For the Parish Community
 9:00 AM +Arzelina Vas Rodrigues, +John
 D'Silva, Thanksgiving to the Holy Family
 11:00 AM +Exequiel & Esperanza Naje,
 +Albert Martin
 12:30 PM +Amado Pangan, +Leslie Bates,
 +Maria Bongat, +Pedro & Sergia Cerdenia

Monday, December 30
 7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Renato and Susan
 Javier, +Sofronio Carolasan

Tuesday, December 31
 7:30 AM Open
 5:00 PM Mate Brozic

Wednesday, January 1
 9:00 AM For the Parish Community
 11:00 AM For the Parish Community
 12:30 PM For the Parish Community

Thursday, January 2
 7:30 AM Open

Friday, January 3
 7:00 P +Emmanuel Rassam

Saturday, January 4
 9:00 AM +Tony Pavao, +Daniel Carreiro and
 Family
 5:00 PM +Antonio Lobo

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary candle is the lighted candle that is hanging above the tabernacle to signify the presence of Jesus in our midst. If you wish to sponsor a candle, please see the Parish Desk for more information. Thank you to all the families who have sponsored it throughout 2019.

December 30 +Mary D. Kelly
 January 3 Thanksgiving of Branzuela Family
 January 7 +Beatriz Litonje de Vera



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every First Saturday of the month, following the 9 AM Mass until Noon.

Come and pray for vocations

Feast of the Holy Family

This Sunday's great solemnity invites us to contemplate the beauty of the Holy Family. Pope Paul VI says that the Holy Family should "serve as a model of what the family should be. May it show us the family's holy and enduring character and exemplify its basic function in society: a community of love and sharing."

What is a community of love and sharing but one rich with stewardship. We should strive to be true stewards towards the members in our family, bearing their faults with love and sharing our gifts with them. One thing we can all grow in is sharing the gift of our time with our family. Not just time together in the same room, but actual quality and intentional time with one another.

A tangible practice we can adopt is being faithful to the family dinner, a dinner without external distractions like the television or radio in the background. This involves being totally present to those in our family which can help begin to alleviate the rampant loneliness that ravages our culture. We can then move outwards and be stewards of our time with our second family, our parish community. Let us ask ourselves this week, how can we play our part in making our family more like the Holy Family in Nazareth.

Everyone is invited

FEAST OF THE BLACK NAZARENE

Friday, January 10, 2020
 Rosary at 6:30 PM
 Holy Mass at 7 PM



Fellowship after the Mass in the Parish Hall

Contact: Evelyn (905) 828-7872 Tessie (905) 507-1902

We invite our young people to join the Legion of Mary Junior Praesidium

meets in the Parish Hall every Sunday starting at 2:30 PM

The Blessed Mother awaits you...



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

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)

Discover the Source of True Freedom

The Exodus event can be seen as the defining moment in Israel's history, for it was then that God called Israel out of slavery in Egypt and to a life of freedom as his people. We will study the Book of Exodus together through the lens of Christ and the Church to show that, more than just seeking to free his people physically from the domination of Pharaoh, God desired to free his people from the far more dangerous grip of sin. Because of this, the Exodus story is not just Israel's story, but our story as well; it reveals to us who God is and what he calls us to be.

Bible Study
 every Tuesday, January 21, 28, February 4,
 25, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Update on our Bank Loan to construct the church	
Opening Balance	\$4,714,913.86
Less Payment	\$ 1,976
Total Loan to date	\$4,712,983.86

Altar Servers Needed!

We are inviting children who may be interested to serve at the Altar. This ministry is open to boys and girls who have already receive their First Communion. Parents, please encourage your children to participate in this form of ministry.

Summer Activity for our children

We are hoping to offer the Summer Bible Camp to the children of the parish. In order make this possible, we need volunteers. Would you be interested?

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.

The Importance of the Word of God

January 14 at 7 PM
Blessed Trinity Parish Hall
3220 Bayview Avenue, Toronto

This year Pope Francis will inaugurate “Word of God Sunday”—the third Sunday of Ordinary Time. This will be a time to focus on and celebrate the Sacred Scriptures. Accordingly, our own Cardinal Collins will be speaking about the importance of the Word of God, the Bible in the life and ministry of the believer. Cardinal Collins has his PhD in Sacred Scripture, and notably, in the Book of Revelation. As well, he regularly broadcasts Lectio Divina sessions on the Bible. His engaging style and love for Jesus and the Church will be most evident as he shares with us his thoughtful insights on the central place the Bible has for Catholics today. All are welcome. CONTACT: Fellowship of St. Joseph of the Association for Hebrew Catholics EMAIL: ahctonto@gmail.com

An Evening at the Seminary
January 25 starting at 4:45 pm
St. Augustine’s Seminary
2661 Kingston Road, Toronto

Have you ever thought about becoming a priest? Spending an evening at the seminary offers discerners a glimpse into the place where priestly formation begins. The evening includes Holy Mass in the beautiful seminary chapel, dinner, a talk by Director of Vocations Fr. Chris Lemieux, and a tour of the seminary. CONTACT: Office of Vocations PHONE: 416-968-0997 EMAIL: vocations@archtoronto.org

The Use of the Parish Hall

Our Parish Hall is not available for rent at the present moment. We do allow the use of the Parish Hall for reception after a funeral. Our Parish Finance Council in our recent meeting have considered the proposal, but since we depend only volunteers to clean, our Church is not ready. Hopefully, when our finances get more stabilized; when there will be no more suprised expenses associated with the construction project, then we may be able to hire a custodian and a business manager to look after this. Thank you for your understanding.

Third Gathering for First Reconciliation and First Communion Candidates

January 19, 2020
January 26, 2020
starting at 9:30 AM in the Parish Hall

Raptors 905

February 1, 2010
2:00 pm
Paramount Fine Foods Centre
5500 Rose Cherry Place,
Mississauga

Join the Raptors 905 for a post-game “Faith & Family” panel with Chaplain Herbie Kuhn (team chaplain for the Toronto Raptors & Raptors 905). Enjoy fellowship with the panel as they discuss the importance of their faith. We’ll have coaches and players run drills with everyone in attendance on the court from 5:00 to 5:30 p.m. We hope to see you there! CONTACT: Andrew Fraser PHONE: 416-815-6174 EMAIL: Andrew.Fraser@mlse.com

MESSAGE OF THE PASTOR

We are about to end the year 2019. I wish to greet all of you a Happy and Prosperous New Year!

2019 was a great year for our parish community. We continue to grow. About 320 Families have registered. 98 were baptized, 8 weddings, and 3 funerals (our loss is heaven’s gain).

As we look forward to the New Year, we pray that the remaining outstanding items to finish the construction of our church will be completed. We also hope that we will have many more volunteers, so we can setup more programs that will address the various spiritual needs of our growing family.

I, personally, would like to bring back our Bible Summer Camp. Although the young people are quite involved in so many ministries of our parish, I still would like to offer them more opportunities for them to deepen their relationship with Jesus.

There are so many wonderful things that we can do as a community. We can do this if you are willing to offer a bit of your time and talent . Anything is possible.

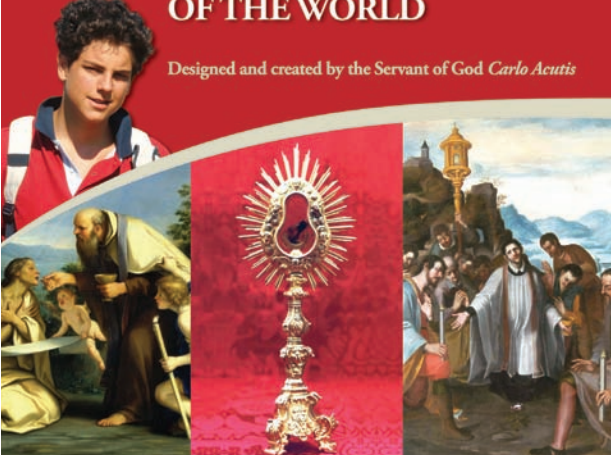
February 29 to March 8, 2020

ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA PARISH IS HOSTING

Vatican International Exhibition

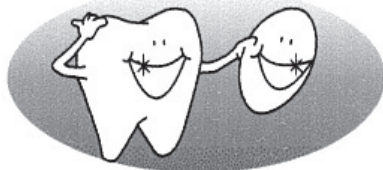
THE EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD

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This Vatican-approved International Exhibit features 2’x5’ vinyl panels. Each panel tells the story of a Eucharistic miracle. The exhibit’s purpose is to increase awareness of the Real Presence of our Lord in the Eucharist and promote Eucharistic Adoration.

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