

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 11
 5:00 PM: Thanksgiving for R.J. D'Souza & Family, +Joseph Patrick D'Costa

Sunday, January 12
 7:30 AM: For the Parish Community
 9:00 AM: Special Intention for Chito Navarro, +Manuel D'Cruz, +Ivy Pasamonte
 11:00 AM: Thanksgiving for Fernando Family
 12:30 PM: Thanksgiving for Isabelle & Stefan Pereira, Thanksgiving for Vicky & Paul Holganza, +Peter Sequeira, +Domenic Caracciolo, +Roma De Vera

Monday, January 13
 7:00 PM: +Fanny Tabboga

Tuesday, January 14
 7:30 AM: +Basilio Plete

Wednesday, January 15
 7:00 PM: +Fiona Khor, +Mary Low

Thursday, January 16
 7:30 AM: +Jose Sol Cruz, +Emilio Pestano

Friday, January 17
 7:00 PM: +Kirin Dy Tan

Saturday, January 18
 9:00 AM: For the Parish Community
 5:00 PM: +Herminia D'Sa, +Joseph D'Souza

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.

- January 11 Thanksgiving for Branzuela Family
- January 15 Special Intention of Dorothy Pereira
- January 19 +Beatriz Litonjue De Vera

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

We are celebrating the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from January 18 to 25, 2020. The theme is "They Showed Us Unusual Kindness" (cf. Acts 28:2). Welcoming strangers — whether they are from other cultures or beliefs, immigrants or refugees — is both to love Christ and to love as God loves. Hospitality should be a hallmark of every Christian. It is important that Christians of all denominations collaborate to be examples of Christ's love. We should extend the same kindness to people in need that St. Paul encountered in Malta. For more information, <http://bit.ly/WeekofPrayerChristianUnity>.

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord



A person would almost have to be stone deaf and totally blind to miss the connections between the Mass and social justice. It is good for us this Sunday to pray for ears to hear, eyes to see and a heart to feel what we are really about when we celebrate Mass.

What the incarnation is really about is the Word of God emptying himself and becoming one of us. The life of Jesus shows him reaching out to those in need; the hungry, blind, deaf, lame, possessed, outcast and sinner. He laid down his life to save the world. He calls us at the Eucharist and through the Eucharist to do this in memory of him.

At Mass, try to sing the songs about the goodness of the world and the beauties of creation and the abundant blessings of God through the heart of an African mother still holding in her arms the infant who just starved to death, or with the heart of the father who just discovered the mutilated body of his son, or from the heart of an innocent prisoner awaiting execution on death row.

Do we rush through a penitential rite, perhaps briefly giving thought to our impatient words at home or at work? But do we think of the hundreds without work while the government leaders we voted into office are enacting policies that are neither helpful nor constructive. Talk about needing the Lord's mercy! That mercy must be infinite, because our personal and social sins are enormous.

We must be certain of that mercy to be able to follow that penitential rite by singing "Glory to God and peace to God's people on earth." How do we worship God, give him thanks and praise in a world of such sin? We need to ask him again and again to take away that sin and have mercy on us.

Second Gathering for Confirmation Candidates
 January 18, 2020
 January 25, 2020

starting at 2:30 PM in the Parish Hall

Third Gathering for First Reconciliation and First Communion Candidates

January 19, 2020
 January 26, 2020

starting at 9:30 AM in the Parish Hall

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 28, February 4, 25,
 March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

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 to make this possible, we need volunteers.

Would you be interested?

Please sign in with Agnes, our volunteer coordinator, at the front desk.

Cleaning the Church

Our church needs regular cleaning. The easiest way is to hire a custodian. Right now, our parish is not in a financial position to hire.

We are very grateful to parishioners who have stepped up



to give their time and energy to ensure that our church, hall, and office are always clean. Please consider helping by volunteering even just an hour or two of your time. See Serge Poirier if you are interested. An extra hand makes cleaning fun.

Update on our Bank Loan to construct the church	
Opening Balance	\$4,704,066.11
Less Payment	\$ 5,451.21
Total Loan to date	\$4,698,614.90

Offering of January 5, 2020	
Offertory	\$ 6,122.40
Building Fund	\$ 5,451.21
Candle Offering	\$ 253.05
Mass Stipend	\$ 525
Sanctuary Candle	\$ 40
Funeral	\$ 300
New Year's	\$ 6,042.10
Initial Offering	\$ 1,943
Family of Faith	\$ 100
Total	\$20,776.76

Come and See Weekend



Registration is now open for the St. Augustine's Seminary's Come & See Weekend, happening from March 13 to 15, 2020. If you are discerning a call to the priesthood, this is an invaluable opportunity to experience life at the seminary. You will get to eat, sleep, pray and attend Mass at St. Augustine's, while you discuss your vocation with priests and seminary faculty members.

Fr. Chris Lemieux, Director of the Archdiocese of Toronto's Office of Vocations, says that information and experience are the two most important aids to good discernment. "The Come & See Weekend provides a live-in experience of the seminary where priests are formed," said Fr. Chris. "This weekend helps men more than anything else we offer to answer questions at a critical time in their discernment." The Office of Vocations hosts many discernment events throughout the year – including An Evening at the Seminary on January 27, 2020 – so if you are discerning a call to the priesthood, please visit their website to learn more <https://www.vocation-storonto.ca/eveatsem>.

Basketball Free throw

January 18, 2020
St. Faustina School
Please register with the Knights of Columbus.

Celebration of Marriage Mass – Marriage Sunday 2020
3:00 pm
St. Isaac Jogues Parish
1148 Finch Ave, Pickering

As part of Marriage Sunday 2020 celebrations, Cardinal Thomas Collins will preside at a special Mass to honour married couples in the Archdiocese of Toronto. All married couples are welcome and will have an opportunity to renew their wedding vows. A special blessing will be given to couples celebrating milestone wedding anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th or 60+) in 2020 and group photos will take place after the Mass. A reception to follow after Mass.

Please note that everyone wishing to attend is required to register due to space limitations. Early registration is highly encouraged to avoid disappointment as we anticipate a high demand. Reserved seating will be available only for couples celebrating their milestone wedding anniversaries (25th, 40th, 50th and 60+). Non-reserved seating will be provided on a first-come first-served basis to all other married couples, family members, friends and others attending the Mass (doors open at 2 p.m.).

For more information please
CONTACT: Ella Okonkwo, Office of Formation for Discipleship
PHONE: 416-934-0606, ext. 523

30th Annual Ordinandi Dinner
March 3, 2020
Pearson Convention Centre
2638 Steeles Ave. E., Brampton

Tickets are selling faster than ever this year! Be sure to order soon. Meet and honour the Ordinandi of St. Augustine's Seminary and Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary who with God's grace will be ordained to the priesthood this coming spring. CONTACT: Mario Biscardi PHONE: 416-300-415 EMAIL: mariobiscardi@sympatico.ca

February 29 to March 8, 2020

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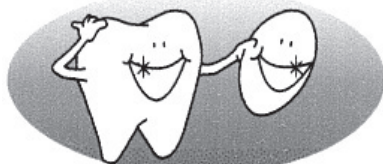
FAQ's Regarding Baptism

Can our child be baptized if we're not practicing Catholics?

Baptism is more than a rite of passage for a child or a washing away of original sin. Baptism is a sharing in the life of the risen Christ. Baptism is also the first step of initiation into the Christian community. During the Rite of Baptism, parents promise to raise their child in the practice of the faith. Parents who are not practicing members of the community may be asked to delay the Baptism of their child until they have re-established that connection by participation in Sunday Eucharist.

Can our child be baptized if we're not married?

Not married in the Church? Your child's Baptism and your marriage are two separate issues. Your marital status may be discussed during your Baptism interview to encourage you to get married (or validate your marriage in the Church) if this is appropriate. However, as long as you are committed to raising your child as a Catholic, he/she may celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism and be welcomed into the Catholic Church.



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