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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

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SCHOOLS

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

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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 18
5:00 PM: +Herminia D'Sa, +Joseph D'Souza,
+Toma Xuan, +Fatima Pinero

Sunday, January 19
7:30 AM: Open
9:00 AM: +Julie Ann Canicula, +Monsignor
Terrance D'Souza
11:00 AM: Open
12:30 PM: Thanksgiving for Tess Rayo,
Laurie Rosas & Gabrielle Carolasa, +Antonio
Sr., +Darius Lana, +Richard Valere & Lina de
Montbrun

Monday, January 20
7:00 PM: Rev. Amador Foz

Tuesday, January 21
7:30 AM: +Fanny Tabboga

Wednesday, January 22
7:00 PM: Open

Thursday, January 23
7:30 AM: +Basilio Plete

Friday, January 24
7:00 PM: +Timoteo Nillos

Saturday, January 25
9:00 AM: Thanksgiving for Mary Lee Luk
Len
5:00 PM: +Arceling Francisca Vaz
Rodrigues, For Souls of Margaret Ngo's
Family, Special Intention for Margaret Ngo

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 23 Thanksgiving for Father Sebastian
January 27 Thanksgiving for D'Souza Family
January 31 Special Intention for Kye Soo Kim

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>.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our First Reading from the Prophet Isaiah was first addressed to a people who have suffered exile, but it can also speak to us today. We may not be in exile literally, but more often than not, we have been exiled from God due to our own making. We sometimes wonder where God is and there is a great temptation to give up on God. The good news is that God had not given up on His people. Neither does God with us. Even in our unfaithfulness, God does not cease to be concerned about us. He is always drawing us to Himself - showing us the way back to Him.

God has great plans for us. It is for this reason that He gave us His only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus is the Chosen One, sent by the Father, to shed light into our darkness. In Jesus, we are called to reflect that light, so that in every place, in every aspect of our lives, and in every relationship that we have, God's love may be felt.

Last Sunday, we celebrated the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan by John. The moment that Jesus emerged from the water, John saw the heaven opened like a curtain that is torn in two and the Holy Spirit dropped on Jesus and the voice of the Father was heard, declaring this same Jesus as His Beloved Son. This gave rise to John exclaiming: "Look, there is the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world." And again, "Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that He is the Chosen One of God."

At the moment of our own baptism into Christ, we, too, have become children of God. We, too, have received the gift of the Holy Spirit. We share in that wonderful privilege.

As we can see later on, the Baptism of Jesus marked for him the start of his public ministry. Like Jesus, as the baptized, we, too, are called to ministry. There is so much need around us. We need to recognize those needs so that we can appropriately respond to the best of our ability.

Certainly, we need to look at this not only as individuals, but also as a parish community. Reflecting on God's Word and in quiet prayer, in what way as a parish community are we called to serve?

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

starting at 2:30 PM in the Parish Hall

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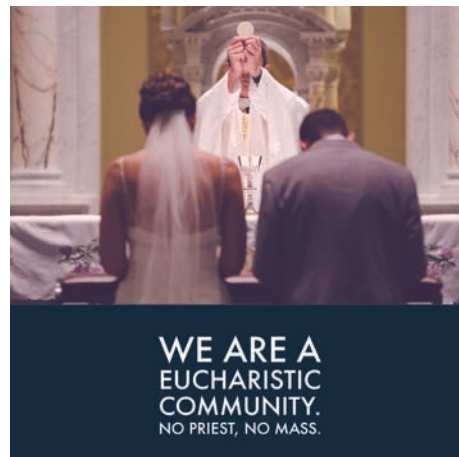
Third Gathering for First Reconciliation and First Communion Candidates

January 19, 2020
January 26, 2020

starting at 9:30 AM in the Parish Hall

Bible Study

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



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-toronto.ca/eveatsem>.

Our parish community has dedicated a Eucharistic Adoration every First Saturday of the month from 10 AM to 12 Noon. Join us to pray for vocations.

Update on our Bank Loan to construct the church	
Opening Balance	\$4,698,614.90
Less Payment	\$ 1,775
Total Loan to date	\$4,696,839.90

Offering of January 12, 2020	
Offertory	\$ 5,171.40
Building Fund	\$ 1,775
Candle Offering	\$ 144.40
Mass Stipend	\$ 290
Liturgical Fund	\$ 77
Confirmation	\$ 35
Baptism	\$ 265
Black Nazarene	\$ 1,943
From the box	\$ 21.20
Total	\$ 9,011

The Devotion to the Infant Jesus

Special devotion to the Divine Child is present in many parts of the world. The famous of this devotion is that of the Infant Jesus of Prague. Princess Polyxenia of Lobkowitz had received as a wedding gift from her mother the statue of Jesus dressed in royal robes and wearing a king's crown, which was previously brought from Spain! In 1628, the princess entrusted the statue to the Carmelite Friars, but soon after trouble came into the city and the Fathers had to flee and were unable to take with them the statue. The invaders seized it and threw it into a pile of rubbish. In 1635, the Carmelites returned to the city and found the statue amidst the rubbish. One of the Friars, Fr. Cyril, heard a voice that spoke to him: "Have mercy on me and I will have mercy on you. Give me hands and I will give you peace. The more you honour me, the more I will bless you." When Fr. Cyril unwrapped the statue, he noticed that both hands of the statue were broken off. The statue was restored and copies of the statue have circulated throughout the world.

When Spaniards came to the Philippines in 1521, they brought a statue of the Infant Jesus with them. Upon the baptism of the first natives, Ferdinand Magellan gave the statue as a gift. The Filipino people have treasured this gift for 500 years. Many saints, like St. Therese of the Little Flower, had a great devotion to the Infant Jesus. May we too receive many blessings through this devotion to God's Infant Son.

Tax Receipts

Your Donation Tax Receipts will be reading at the end of the month. Our Parish Office is ensuring that all donations have been accounted for before we closed the Book of 2019. We thank our parishioners for their patient understanding. We also ask the parishioners with envelope number to get their tax receipt at the Parish Desk. This will save the parish from buying a lot of stamps. Parishioners who have donated through Family of Faith, ShareLife, and Donate Now (using credit card) will be receiving their tax receipt directly from the Archdiocese. Thank you for your generous financial support of the parish.

PLEASE DONATE TO THE AUSTRALIAN FIRE RELIEF

In recent weeks, devastating fires have raced across Australia, killing dozens of people and leaving thousands of others homeless. There are concerns that hundreds of millions of animals have died as an estimated 10 million hectares of bush, forest and park land has burned. Hundreds of fires continue to burn across the county as months of summer weather still lay ahead in Australia.

The Archdiocese of Toronto is now accepting donations to help those affected by the Australian fires. Donations will be sent to the Australian St. Vincent de Paul Society, which will provide: Emergency financial packages to those who have lost their homes or have been impacted by the fires in other ways.

Food, clothing, generators, household furniture, vouchers and other essential items. Direct support with crisis accommodation or making referrals onto a range of other organisations and specialised services. Much-needed emotional support and counselling.

One hundred per cent of donations are used to support those affected by the fires.

You can make a donation on the Archdiocese of Toronto's website or by phoning the Development Office at 416-934-3411.

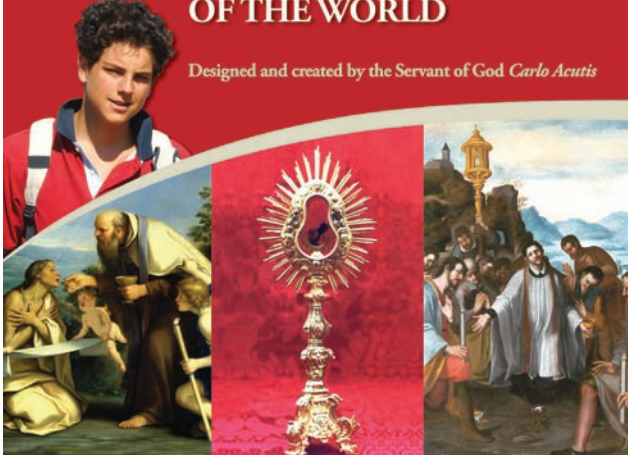
February 29 to March 8, 2020

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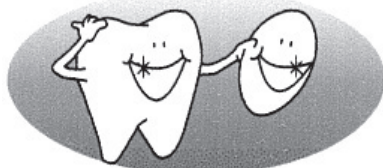
FAQ's Regarding Baptism

May a Catholic serve as a godparent at a non-Catholic baptism?

A Catholic may act as witness at a non-Catholic baptism, but not as a sponsor. The only situation in which a Catholic may be a godparent (sponsor) in "another ecclesial Community" is in an Eastern Orthodox Church "if he/she is so invited" (Directory for the Application of the Principles and Norms of Ecumenism, 98, a, b).

In the future, may I change the Baptismal sponsors?

On occasion, one or both of the people who served as godparents are no longer a part of the child's life or they have moved a great distance and the possibility of an ongoing relationship is compromised. In this type of a situation, parents may wish to change the Baptismal record and add the name of a new godparent. Although a new person may now hold a place of prominence in the faith life of the child it is not possible to alter the Baptismal register. The register is a legal record and the original godparents were a witness to the event. It would be untruthful to remove the name of the original witness and replace it with a new name, perhaps someone who was not even present at the Baptism.



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