

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

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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 25
 5:00 PM +irma Song, +Arcelina Francisca Vaz, For the Souls in Purgatory, For the deceased family members and special Intention of Margaret Ngo

Sunday, January 26
 7:30 AM For the Parish Community
 9:00 AM +Claudia Lee Len, +Filomena Rivera
 11:00 AM +Chan Sun, +Antonio Mendoza
 12:30 PM +Jan Rosol, +Edwin Dumapada, Thanksgiving of Francheska Carolasan

Monday, January 27
 7:00 PM Open

Tuesday, January 28
 7:30 PM Open

Wednesday, January 29
 7:00 PM Special Intention of Maria Borja, +Lourdes Livinko, +Mary Pereira, +Lourdes Pestano

Thursday, January 30
 7:30 AM +Cecilio, Teodora, Conrado, Narcisa Nicomedez, Florentino Gorospe Sr.

Friday, January 31
 7:00 PM +Richard & Philomena Veigas

Saturday, February 1
 9:00 AM +Tony Pavao

5:00 PM +Tony Patrick Frankling, +Antonio Lobo, +Angel Chans, Souls in Purgatory

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 27 Thanksgiving for D'Souza Family
 January 31 Special Intention for Kye Soo Kim
 February 4 Roosevelt Fernandes



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.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday, the Scripture readings challenge us to consider the means by which our baptismal integrity is sustained and, when necessary, restored, viz., through the daily process of conversion in Christ.

Isaiah describes the conversion process in terms of darkness and light. Those who turn from the dark of self and sin in order to attend more closely to God and to goodness will find their way illumined by joy and forgiveness.

Paul reminds us that the process of daily conversion is hampered, and the unity of the community is threatened, if we allow factions, quarrels, and rivalries to darken our days and to cloud our vision.

Matthew announces the beginning of Jesus' public ministry and the conversion of humankind with imagery borrowed from Isaiah. With Jesus, the light of life has dawned; those who were living in darkness and who were overshadowed by death are summoned to him. "Reform your lives," calles Jesus and thenm "Come after me"; he extends the same invitation to us todayand each day of our lives.

Pope Francis calls on God's people to deepen their faith through Scripture. He writes, "A profound bond links sacred Scripture and the faith of believers. Since faith comes from hearing, and what is heard is based on the word of Christ, believers are bound to listen attentively to the word of the Lord, both in the celebration of the liturgy and in their personal prayer and reflection" (Aperuit Illis, 7).

Reading Scripture on your own is important. There are many Bible translations/editions available, so if you need help getting the right Bible for you, feel free to speak with Fr. Mark. He will be happy to assist you.

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>.

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.

Does our child have to be baptized in order to attend a Catholic school?

It is important to check with the School Board that has jurisdiction where your child will attend school. The trustees of each Board interpret the admission requirements in their own way. Some School Boards require proof of a parent's Catholic Baptism, especially if the child has not been baptized. This establishes their eligibility to direct their taxes to the Catholic Board. This is a government, not a Church stipulation. If the child is not baptized, the parents are usually encouraged to meet with the Pastor of their parish (or his delegate) to discuss this issue. Baptism is never to be seen as a means to enroll in the Catholic school.

Update on our Bank Loan to construct the church	
Opening Balance	\$4,696,839.90
Less Payment	\$ 50,024
Total Loan to date	\$4,646,815.98

Offering of January 12, 2020	
Offertory	\$ 4,001.65
Building Fund	\$ 984.10
Candle Offering	\$ 118.25
Mass Stipend	\$ 250
Liturgical Fund	\$ 150
Baptism	\$ 250
Total	\$ 5,714

Tell The Government You Oppose Expanding Assisted Suicide - Deadline - January 27, 2020

The Government of Canada is asking for public feedback on their plan to expand access to medically-assisted suicide. We encourage you to complete the government's survey before it closes on Monday, January 27, 2020.

Last year, the Quebec Superior Court ruled it is unconstitutional to limit access to assisted suicide only to those with life-threatening illnesses. The federal government is planning to change assisted suicide legislation throughout the country in response to this ruling.

The federal government has previously stated it is interested in studying:

Assisted suicide for non-imminent death: which would allow people with mental illness, for instance, to access assisted suicide.
 Advanced directives: which would allow individuals to authorize their hastened death after they have lost mental capacity.
 The government's survey is long, convoluted and doesn't provide many opportunities to challenge the expansion of assisted suicide. It also assumes Canadians support assisted suicide. However, we strongly encourage you to fill it out before January 27.

The government needs to know that Canada's 13 million Catholics oppose assisted suicide, in all its forms. We must do all that we can to protect those who are vulnerable should an expanded criteria be introduced.

In the survey, there are a few opportunities to provide additional comments. In those spaces, it would be helpful if you respectfully

told the government, in your own words, that you oppose assisted suicide. In addition to the information noted below, the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition provides guidance on a suggested approach to each question of the survey. You can find that resource here.

Your personal stories would be most helpful, but here are some arguments and facts that could help you make your point:
 Instead of expanding assisted suicide, let's properly fund social services that will make life worth living: People at the end of their lives fear pain and loneliness. Palliative care addresses both those concerns. Yet only 30 per cent of Canadians have access to palliative care. In its 2017 budget, the federal government promised \$6 billion for home care over 10 years, but where is that money? The government should give Canadians the opportunity to die comfortably in palliative care rather than choosing assisted suicide due to a lack of options.

While we disagree with any form of assisted suicide, given the current law, assisted suicide should not be expanded to those without life-threatening illnesses: Mental illness can be one of the toughest challenges a person can face. Those challenges are made worse when you cannot find a mental health professional. Eighty-five per cent of Canadians think mental health services are among the most underfunded areas in the Canadian health care system. Again in the 2017 budget, the federal government promised \$5 billion over 10 years for mental health services; but where is that money? Let's help people with mental illness rather than encouraging them to consider assisted suicide.

Advanced directives will lead to abuse: Advanced directives do not give a person the opportunity to change their mind about their death. Who knows if a person with dementia wants to die? But when someone else decides when a person dies, it opens the door to abuse (i.e. killing someone for their inheritance or because the sick person is considered an inconvenience).

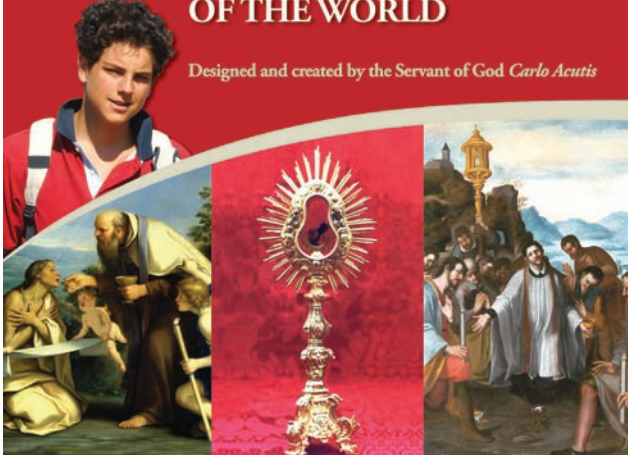
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This is an insufficient consultation: Assisted suicide is literally a matter of life and death. Yet the government is only giving Canadians two weeks to complete a survey that assumes respondents support assisted suicide. Please tell the government it needs to better discuss this complicated issue with Canadians before it proceeds with legislation.

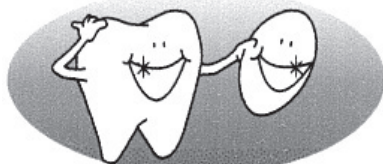
We thank you for your engagement and we ask you to continue to watch this file. The government is expected to start work on its five-year review of assisted suicide later this year, so there will be more work to be done to help the vulnerable. We pray for all those who are sick and suffering and those who care for them.

Follow this link to add your voice: <https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/cons/ad-am/index.html>



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