

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, February 1

5:00 PM: Thanksgiving to St. Sabastian,
+Tony Patrick Frankling, +Antonio Lobo,
+Angel Chins, For Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, February 2

7:30 AM: For the Parish Community
9:00 AM: +Viola Pajatim
11:00 AM: +Lucas Miranda Ubeldo,
+Audrina Pereira, +Antonio Mendoza,
+Antonia Llige, +Peter Lai Nguyen parents
& brother
12:30 PM: Thanksgiving for Josua
Christyantton, Thanksgiving for Janet
Rinaloi, +Romeo Villegas

Monday, February 3

7:00 PM: +Florentine Heredia, +Zenaida
Palisoc Illes, +Anthonipillai Jesuthasan

Tuesday, February 4

7:30 AM: +Benedetto D'Amato

Wednesday, February 5

7:00 PM: +Kenneth Barton, Barbara
Rodricks

Thursday, February 6

7:30 AM: +Jose & Petra Feril

Friday, February 7

7:00 PM: Thanksgiving to the Heavenly
Father, +Benedict Ventius, +Annika Mae
Dizon

Saturday, February 8

9:00 AM: Thanksgiving for Prollamante
Family, Special Intention for Daughters
of Isabella, Special Intention of Matthew
Florenz P. Reyes
5:00 PM: +Salvador Lara, +Vincent D'Souza,
+Dennis Borja

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.

February 4 Roosevelt Fernandes

February 8 Joseph & Celine Vaz

February 12 Lee Len, Inacio



The Squires will be selling their famous Chocolate Roses for Valentines on weekend of February 8 & 9

Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

I would like to suggest three brief thoughts for reflection on this Feast. The first: the evangelical image of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple contains the fundamental symbol of light; the light that comes from Christ and shines on Mary and Joseph, on Simeon and Anna, and through them, on everyone. The Fathers of the Church connected this radiance with the spiritual journey...as "philokalia", love of the divine beauty, a reflection of God's divine goodness (cf. *ibid.*, n. 19). On Christ's Face the light of such beauty shines forth.

Secondly, the evangelical image portrays the prophecy, a gift of the Holy Spirit. In contemplating the Child Jesus, Simeon and Anna foresee his destiny of death and Resurrection for the salvation of all peoples and they proclaim this mystery as universal salvation.

The consecrated life is called to bear this prophetic witness, linked to its two-fold contemplative and active approach. Indeed consecrated men and women are granted to show the primacy of God, passion for the Gospel practised as a form of life and proclaimed to the poor and the lowliest of the earth. "Because of this pre-eminence nothing can come before personal love of Christ and of the poor in whom he lives.... True prophecy is born of God, from friendship with him, from attentive listening to his word in the different circumstances of history" (*ibid.*, n. 84).

In this way the consecrated life in its daily experience on the roads of humanity, displays the Gospel and the Kingdom, already present and active.

Thirdly, the evangelical image of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple demonstrates the wisdom of Simeon and Anna, the wisdom of a life completely dedicated to the search for God's Face, for his signs, for his will; a life dedicated to listening to and proclaiming his word. "Faciem tuam, Domine, requiram: 'Your face, Lord, do I seek' (Ps 27 [26]:8).... Consecrated life in the world and in the Church is a visible sign of this search for the face of the Lord and of the ways that lead to the Lord (cf. Jn 14:8) The consecrated person, therefore, gives witness to the task, at once joyful and laborious, of the diligent search for the divine will" (cf. Congregation for the Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, *Instruction The Service of Authority and Obedience. Faciem tuam, Domine, requiram* [2008], n. 1).

Pope Benedict XVI, 2011

Update on the Coronavirus

In recent days, two active cases of the coronavirus have been identified in the Toronto area. The Archdiocese of Toronto has been monitoring the situation closely and we have been in communication with local health authorities. It has been determined that, at this time, there is no need to adjust any liturgical practices or other activities at the parish level. Recognizing that we have received inquiries from some parishes, we wanted to provide you with an initial update. We will continue to monitor the situation and communicate with local health officials in the days ahead. Below you will find a quote from the January 28, 2020 statement of the Toronto Public Health Medical Officer.

"At this time, the risk to our community remains low. I want to remind residents that the best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to this virus with prevention measures including washing your hands frequently, covering your cough or sneeze and staying home if you are ill. I also understand that members of the public may have questions and once again, I encourage you to visit credible, evidence-based sources to get the facts. We are updating our website regularly as new information is available to help keep you informed. For more information, please visit www.Toronto.ca/coronavirus."

- Dr. Eileen de Villa, Medical Officer of Health, Toronto Public Health – Jan. 28/20

We encourage you to ensure that responsible hygiene practices are in place (hand washing/ use of hand sanitizer especially for those distributing communion, altar servers, etc.). We wish to remind our parishioners that if you are feeling ill you should remain home and consider scheduling an appointment with your doctor should symptoms persist. We will continue to provide additional updates as appropriate. Thank you for your continued cooperation.



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every Tuesday, February 4, 25, March 3, 10,
17, 24, 31 starting at 7 PM
Parish Hall

Update on our Bank Loan to construct the church	
Opening Balance	\$4,646,815.98
Less Payment	\$ 10,000
Total Loan to date	\$4,636,815.98

Offering of January 12, 2020	
Offertory	\$ 5,278.25
Building Fund	\$ 792.10
Candle Offering	\$ 132.35
Mass Stipend	\$ 835
Liturgical Fund	\$ 157
From the Box	\$ 46.10
Total	\$ 7,240.80

LECTIO DIVINA

PRAYER:

Imagine that you are in the Temple when Mary and Joseph arrive with Jesus. You see Simeon approach and allude to the prophecies from Isaiah about the coming of Israel's redeemer. You look at the baby in Mary's arms. What do you think? Do you believe that it is possible that this child could be the Messiah? Next, you hear Simeon's stark words about the opposition the child will face and the suffering Mary will endure as a result. What enters your mind when you realize that accepting Jesus as the Messiah also means accepting the sword and the cross?

RESOLUTION:

This week take some time to consider what it means to realize that accepting Jesus as the Messiah always means accepting the crosses that are to come. What cross are you carrying right now that you can offer to Jesus?

CLOSING PRAYER:

I grieve for you, O Mary most sorrowful, in the affliction of your tender heart at the prophecy of the holy and aged Simeon.

Dear Mother, by your heart so afflicted, obtain for me the virtue of humility and the gift of the holy fear of God.

Hail Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.



Join us for a Movie Night
FRIDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 2020
 Starting at 7:30 PM
 Parish Hall

EARS TO HEARTS TO HANDS

February 5, 2020 starting at 7:00 pm
 St. Ignatius Loyola Parish
 2300 Burnhamthorpe Rd. W., Mississauga

Join the Western Regional Young Adult Ministry Spiritus Vitae for an evening that will deepen your faith alongside a vibrant community of young adults (ages 19-35). Sr. Joan Stafford, OSU, from the Good Shepherd Ministries will explain how we can do corporal works of mercy with a prayerful heart and in the spirit of prayer. We will have intimate group discussions and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament by the worship band IV24. Socializing and snacks in the parish hall.

CONTACT: Georgina EMAIL: gabrego@archtoronto.org



Feast of St. Blaise
 Holy Mass and Blessing of Throats
 7 PM, Monday, February 3, 2020

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF THE WORLD EXHIBIT

Saturday, February 29 to Sunday, March 8 - 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Church is Closed Monday, March 1)
 St. Josephine Bakhita Parish
 3200 Thomas St., Mississauga

Please join us as we host the Vatican approved "Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit." The exhibit, which was designed and created by Venerable Carlo Acutis, features panels that each tell the story of a Eucharistic miracle and allow you to "virtually visit" the places where the miracles took place.

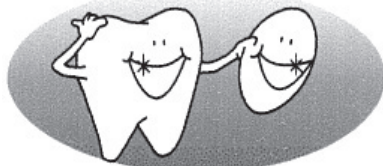
Our Parish Feastday

Our Parish community will be celebrating the Feastday of our Patron Saint on February 8.

We will dedicate the whole weekend of February 8 and 9 to celebrate it. This will be our twelfth anniversary as a parish and our second year in our permanent place of worship.

We have much to be grateful for as a parish community.

Through the intercession of our beloved sister and model of hope, St. Josephine Bakhita, we pray that we all grow together as a community of disciples, filled with the fire of charity to make Jesus known and loved.



Dr. Cecille Rubic-Pangilinan
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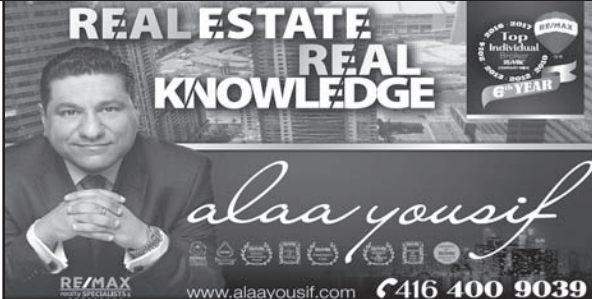


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