# 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 Asisstants
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 Mississauga, ON L5N 7W2 (289) 997-2105

#### **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 8 5:00 PM: +Salvador Lara, +Vincent D'Souza, +Dennis Borja

Sunday, February 9 7:30 AM: Open

9:00 AM: Thanksgiving for Caroline Gorospe 11:00 AM: Thanksgiving for Terence Tan, +Penny Cousaro, +Kathleen Dovgala 12:30 PM: Thanksgiving for Dev Rodrigo, +Constancia Ocsan, +Aurelia Linsangan,

+Dadi & Nancy Amalsad

Monday, February 10 7:00 PM: +Sukander & Suryanti Angriawan

Tuesday, February 11 7:30 AM: For All Abandoned Souls

Wednesday, February 12 7:00 PM: +Conrado, Eduardo, Alberto & Cecilio Nicomedez

Thursday, February 13 7:30 AM: +William Sy, +Arturo & Fely Dela Cruz

Friday, February 14 7:00 PM: +Pilar & Luis Furigay, +Avelino Vaz

Saturday, February 15 9:00 AM: Thanksgiving for Rajkumar Family, Thanksgiving for Chris, Sally & James Fernandes, +Manuel Pavao

5:00 PM: +Virgilio & Francisco Briones

#### 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 8 Special Intention for Inacio Lee-Len

February 12 Thanksgiving for Paul Family February 16 Thanksgiving for Victoria Hermes



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

#### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Salt and light are two common entities, universally familiar to all of humanity. However, salt and light are also remarkably distinctive in that they significantly impact their surroundings, both by their presence as well as their absence. Salt rescues the human palate from blandness by imparting flavor to food. Salt preserves from decay and cures that which would otherwise rot into uselessness. When salt is absent, its contribution is sorely missed. So also with light. Light illumines and reveals; light chases the darkness that can enshroud evil and breed fear. Light is a necessary catalyst for growth and well-being. Because of their qualities, light and salt readily lent themselves to the scriptural authors when they appealed to the consciences of their listeners.

Isaiah, in our first reading, promises his listeners that if they turn from their evil ways, they will once again become a source of light rather than a pall of darkness for the world. Paul, in our second reading, reminds us that the pathways of humankind will not be illuminated by wordly wisdom, however, brilliantly displayed, but only by the power of God in Jesus Christ and in him crucified. In the gospel, JESUS challenges those whom he calls to be salt and light to be conspicuous, that is, to live in such a manner that our presence, both individually and collectively will positively and salvifically impact the world and the lives of those who live in it. In a word, to be salt and light is to accept to share in the ministry of evangelization.

#### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATON

For Confirmation Candidates
Third Gathering
starts at 2:30 PM
Saturday, February 15
Saturday, February 19

Reception of Confirmation Cross February 22/23 February 29, March 1 Saturday Vigil Mass at 5 PM and Sunday Mass at 9 AM, 11 AM, and 12:30 PM

# CELEBRATION OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

will be held on February 25-29 starting at 5 PM in the Church What are some ways that you might be able to take your faith beyond the walls of the church?

# Make Your Home a Place of Harmony, Goodness, and Nobility

A good Catholic home is the source and mainter of the Catholic way of life. It is true that we have Catholic schools to teach our children, but real lessons of life are best learned in our homes, such as, self-control, self-sacrifice, sublime faith, and splendid trust. Even if you choose not to enrol your children in a Catholic school for some reason, your children's Catholic faith will be secured. It is important that as parents, you make your home a training ground in character-building. Home is a place in which the young grow in harmony with all that is good and noble, where hardship, happines and work are shared.



ASH WEDHESDAY
February 26, 2020
Mass with the distribution of Ashes
7:30 AM and 7 PM
Liturgy of the Word and Distribution of
Ashes
St. Bernard of Clairvaux School at 9 AM

St. Faustina School at 10:30 AM St. Simon Stock School at 1 PM St. Edith Stein School at 2 PM



LEARN THE KEYS TO AUTHENTIC FREEDOM

COME AND STUDY THE BOOK OF EXODUS

WITH US

every Tuesday, February 25, March 3, 10, 17,

24, 31 starting at 7 PM

Parish Hall

Update on our Bank Loan to construct the church	
Opening Balance	\$4,636,815.98
Less Payment	\$ 3,130.30
Total Loan to date	\$4,633,685.68

Offering of February 2, 2020	
Offertory	\$ 3,742.60
Building Fund	\$ 3,130.30
Candle Offering	\$ 170
Mass Stipend	\$ 450
Liturgical Fund	\$ 170.50
Family of Faith	\$ 100
Total	\$ 7,764

#### LECTIO DIVINA

#### **PRAYER**

Imagine Jesus saying to you, "You are the light of the world." What does that mean to you? Does it make you feel encouraged or overwhelmed? Now, in the stillness of your being, ask Jesus to reveal to you a way that you can become a light to the world. What comes to mind? Is it something you are currently doing or something new that your are being called to do?

#### RESOLUTION

Now hear Jesus say, "Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father." What is one good deed that you can do this week that will glorify the Father? Choose a specific day and time to do it so that it doesn't go the way of unfulfilled good intentions.

#### CONCLUDING PRAYER

Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. Amen.

#### THE COME AND SEE WEEKEND March 13-15, 2020 at St. Augustine's Seminary

Inviting single Catholic men 17 yeas and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of become one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Please register online at www.vocationstoronto.ca or call 416-968-0997

#### PRESENCE: THE MYSTERY OF THE EUCHARIST

We encourage all the children of the Parish to participate in the Special Liturgy of the Word Celebration on the weekend of February 29 and March 1

The Children will watch together the short video
The Miracle of Every Mass

The Miracle of Every Mass will help children encounter the wonder and mystery of what is taking place on the altar in the Mass. The Eucharist is a priceless and precious gift that Jesus freely gives, even to little children.

"All my life has been a gift of God. People are instruments and I thank them for having helped me to gain the gift of faith." (Bakhita)

#### 2020 Lift Jesus Higher Rally March 7, 2020 starting at 9:00 am Metro Toronto Convention Centre 255 Front St. W., Toronto

The theme of this year's rally is "JESUS, LIGHT OF THE WORLD." Featuring inspired talks by: Ralph Martin; Christy Dupuis; Monsignor Gregory N. Smith; and keynote speaker Fr. James Mallon. An adult High Mass (with Sunday readings) will be celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins; a youth Mass (with Sunday readings); a separate youth event with great music, dynamic talks and inspirational skits (ages 13-18). COST: \$25 for adults, \$15 for youth CONTACT: Catholic Renewal Ministries PHONE: (647) 243-9441

#### Calling All Girls

March 27, 2020 starting at 7:00 pm Le Treport Banquet Hall, 1075 Queensway East, Mississauga

An evening of short high-powered talks! Meet new people – Learn the truth- Talk about it Discover who you are – Have Fun -Avoid Mistakes – Improve your relationships

#### Speakers & Topics:

- Dr. Sandra Sagrati Get Uncomfortable? How to Experience Less Anxiety and Stress
- Adeodata Czink What Makes a Lady a Lady?
- Stephanie Benedetti How to Work with the Holy Spirit to Energize Your Vision
- Dorothy Pilarski The Power of Prayer

Register at http://dynamicwomenfaith.com/ Questions? CONTACT: 416-907-1042 Register early to avoid disappointment

# EUCHARISTIC 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

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.

#### 30th Annual Ordinandi Dinner

March 3, 2020 starting at 6:15 pm 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: 416-300-4154 EMAIL: mariobiscardi@sympatico.ca ORDER FORM: http://bit.ly/OrdinandiDinner2020

LORD, GIVE US SAINTS!

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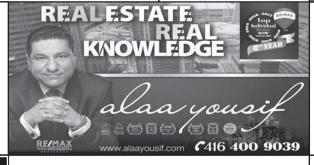
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