

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 Asistants

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 22
 5:00 PM: +Ashley D'Souza, +Dorris & Xavier Pillay, +Charles Desa, +Joseph Patrick D'Costa

Sunday, February 23
 7:30 AM: Thanksgiving for Aicee Carl Sarmiento
 9:00 AM: Thanksgiving for Estrella Catral, +Carmen Cerdenia, +Pedro Sergia, +Pelagia Legaspi
 11:00 AM: +Lilia & Guillermo Rodriguez, +Czeslawa Kaminski, +Daniela Gozdiewicz, +Henryk Wichlacz
 12:30 PM: +Esperanza Gunto, +Ceciliya & Peter Navaratnam

Monday, February 24
 7:00 PM: +Arturo Pelimiano, +Carmen Cerdenia, +Pedro Sergia

Tuesday, February 25
 7:30 AM: +Maria & Fred Lauer, +Caterina Pham Thia Nga, +Caterina Tran Thi Tham

Wednesday, February 26
 7:00 PM: Special Intention for Jaime Mercado, Special Intention for Karl Towes, +Jermaine Johnson

Thursday, February 27
 7:30 AM: Open

Friday, February 28
 7:00 PM: +Kenneth Barton

Saturday, February 29
 9:00 AM: Open
 5:00 PM: +Theo Fernandes, For All Departed Souls

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today, our Lord Jesus Christ invites us to pray for wisdom and for strength especially when we are hurt by someone. Jesus teaches us not to be victims; not to fight fire with fire either. We are not to be involved in a way that causes the fire to blaze even more, cause injury, and domination.

It takes a lot of determination to live up to the demands of the Sermon on the Mount. We console ourselves that we are a work in progress. So, let us not be discouraged but pressed on. Complacency is out of the question. We need to do our best until we become perfect as the Heavenly Father is perfect. To be perfect like the Heavenly Father is to love like He loves, to forgive like He does, to be patient as He always is.

Rest assured that we do not do this on our own. God is always giving us the grace each moment. Recognize the ways that God is reaching out to us in love. In a few days, we begin our Lenten observance. Let us help each other become even holier than the last Lenten season.

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

Inviting single Catholic men 17 years 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



ASH WEDNESDAY
 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

We are seeking volunteers!

We are hoping to setup a summer camp for our young people. To make this possible, our parish is looking for volunteers. Would you be able to spare time during the summer to make a difference? Please see Agnes Lim or Liza Capule if you are interested.

SANCTUARY CANDLE

If you wish to sponsor a candle, please see the Parish Desk for more information.

February 24 Thanksgiving for Manelia & Cipriano Orfano
 February 28 Thanksgiving for Prollamante Family
 March 3 Thanksgiving for the Sol Cruz Family

Come and Join us every Thursday evening of the Lenten Season to explore the Sacrament of Reconciliation and what that means for our lives today
 Starting on February 27 at 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

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

POOR BOX

As Christians we are always encourage to be mindful of those who have none, a special box for the poor is prepared at the desk to receive your donation. Thank you.



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	\$4,632,433.58
Less Payment	\$ 957.65
Total Loan to date	\$4,631,475.93

Offering of February 16, 2020	
Offertory	\$ 5,337.25
Building Fund	\$ 927
Candle Offering	\$ 136
Mass Stipend	\$ 370
Liturgical Fund	\$ 183.50
Sanctuary Candle	\$ 60
Total	\$ 7,045

LECTIO DIVINA

MEDITATION

As you sit and listen to Jesus as he teaches, you suddenly hear him say, "Offer no resistance to one who is evil." What? aren't we supposed to fight against evil in the world? What can this mean?

Reflect for a moment on what Jesus himself did when he was arrested and crucified. What does his example mean for you right now, today, in your life?

RESOLUTION

This is one of Jesus' hardest teachings. During this week, reread the Gospel and take some time to pray about how this can apply to you and your family. If there is someone you consider an "enemy," bring your relationship before the Lord and ask to be shown how to demonstrate love to that person.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Assist me, O Holy Spirit,
 in all my trials of life,
 enlighten me in my ignorance,
 advise me in my doubts,
 strengthen me in my weakness,
 help me in all my needs,
 protect me in temptations
 and console me in afflictions.
 And help me to go the extra mile,
 to love, serve, and forgive my enemies.
 Graciously hear me, O Holy Spirit,
 and pour your light into my heart,
 my soul, and my mind.
 Amen.

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.

**Are you expecting a
 Donation Tax Receipt?
 Please see the Parish Desk**

What is Ash Wednesday?

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the liturgical season of Lent. Palms from the previous Palm Sunday are burned – ashes from these palms are distributed on Ash Wednesday as a sign of penitence. In 2020, Ash Wednesday falls on February 26.

Why do Catholics traditionally give something up during Lent?

To do penance in preparation for the greatest feast in the Christian calendar.

What is fast and abstinence?

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are universal days of fast and abstinence. Catholics still consider Fridays throughout Lent as days of abstinence. Anyone over the age of 18 and under the age of 59 are obliged to fast and abstain. Fasting, in the Latin Church, is the limitation of food and drink – typically to one main meal and two smaller meals, with no solid foods in between. Abstaining, in this context, is the refraining from certain kinds of food or drink, typically meat. In lieu of fasting, one may substitute works of charity.

**Knights of Columbus
 2020 Charities Lottery**

On February 22& 23, the Knights will be selling their Annual lottery tickets in support of the Special Olympics and the Arthritis Society 500 prizes to be won ranging from a grand prize of \$200,000.00 to 235 prizes of \$100.00 Other prizes include cars, a truck a boat and a motorcycle. Tickets are \$5.00.

**EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES OF
 THE WORLD EXHIBIT**

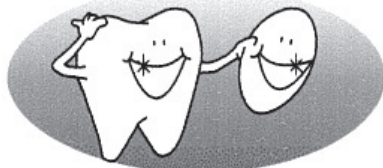
Saturday, February 29 to Sunday,
 March 8 - 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Church is
 Closed Monday, March 1)
 St. Josephine Bakhita Parish
 3200 Thomas St., Mississauga

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.

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

OUR GRATITUDE TO FR. MARTIN,
 FR. BOBBY, FR. FELIX, AND FR.
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 SACRAMENTS FOR US.



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