

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

Mississauga, ON L5N 7W2

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SCHOOLS

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

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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 29
 5:00 PM: +Theo Fernandes, +Dan Reese,
 +Joseph Fernandez, +Anthoni Pillai, For All
 Departed Souls

Sunday, March 1
 7:30 AM: Open
 9:00 AM: Open
 11:00 AM: +Charmaine Hatiskar, +Peter Lai
 Nguyen, parents & brother, +Departed souls
 of R.J. D'Souza Family
 12:30 PM: +Silverio Manriza Sr.

Monday, March 2
 7:00 PM: Open

Tuesday, March 3
 7:30 AM: +Funmi Ogundule, +Anthonpillai
 Jesuthasan

Wednesday, March 4
 7:00 PM: +Maria Felice Petruzzo,
 +Benedetto & Angelo Mariantonia D'Amato,
 +Salvatore Santorelli

Thursday, March 5
 7:30 AM: +Michael Mascarenhas

Friday, March 6
 7:00 PM: +Damsey Vaz, +Esmey D'Souza,
 +Jose, Viboc & Francisco Habi-Leh,
 +DeeDee Quiming

Saturday, March 7
 9:00 AM: +Tony Pavao
 5:00 PM: Thanksgiving for Nunez Ferreira,
 +Marjorie Fernandes

SANCTUARY CANDLE

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

March 3 Thanksgiving for the Sol Cruz
 Family
 March 7 Thanksgiving for Blonie Deza
 March 11 Special Intention for Ilyn De Leon



**The Way
 of the
 Cross every
 Friday
 of Lent
 following
 the 7 PM
 Mass.**

First Sunday of Lent

As we begin this great season of Lent it is
 important to take some time to reflect on
 how we plan to best spend this time to grow
 as stewards of Christ. We often associate
 Lent with fasting and penances, which are
 undoubtedly good. However, it is important
 that if we are going to give something up, we
 should strive to replace it with something
 good as well, for Aristotle famously said that
 "nature abhors a vacuum."

This leads us to the practice of "fasting and
 feasting" in Lent. Through this practice we are
 able to cultivate strong stewardship through
 fasting from things that are unvirtuous and
 feasting on charitable and wholesome acts.
 Let us take some time to prayerfully reflect
 on how we can implement the following list
 this Lenten season.

Fast from judging others; feast on the Christ
 dwelling in them. Fast from emphasis on
 differences; feast on the unity of life. Fast
 from words that pollute; feast on phrases
 that purify. Fast from discontent; feast on
 gratitude. Fast from anger; feast on patience.
 Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation.
 Fast from negatives; feast on affirmatives. Fast
 from self-concern; feast on compassion for
 others. Fast from problems that overwhelm;
 feast on prayer that strengthens. In essence,
 let us fast from anything that prevents us
 from being good stewards and feast on those
 practices that strengthens us.



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

Sacramental Preparation

Those who are preparing for First Eucharist
 will have the fourth gathering on March 1
 and/or March 8 at the Parish Hall starting at
 9:30 AM.

Reception of Confirmation Cross will also be
 celebrated this weekend.

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

We are seeking volunteers!

We are looking for volunteers for our Vacation
 Bible School. We encourage our High School
 and College students to participate in this
 activity for the children as volunteers. Please
 see Agnes Lim or Liz Capule if you are
 interested.

FAITH FORMATION

Come and Join
 us every Thurs-
 day evening of
 the Lenten Sea-
 son to explore
 the Sacrament
 of Reconcilia-
 tion and what
 that means for
 our lives today
 Starting at 7:30
 PM in the Parish Hall.



It is important to remember that Confession
 is not just a place to get our slates wiped clean.
 It is a powerful encounter with Jesus Christ
 in which he pours his healing love into our
 hearts. It is an encounter with Mercy himself.
 We will watch together a half-hour video
 on Confession: An encounter with mercy
 followed by group discussion. This study
 will help us to celebrate the sacrament of
 Confession this Lenten & Easter Season.

LIVING THE GOSPEL BY
 SHARING OUR BLESSINGS

"The needs of our brothers and sisters in
 Christ are greater than ever before. In order
 for ShareLife agencies to continue their
 vital work, it is crucial we meet our parish
 campaign goal of \$13.8 million. Our goal
 can be met, but only with your help. As you
 contemplate the blessings God has entrusted
 to you, please join me in giving to ShareLife
 to the best of your ability." – Cardinal Thomas
 Collins
 March 29 is ShareLife Sunday. Please give
 generously.

Update on our Bank Loan to construct the church	
Opening Balance	\$4,631,475.93
Less Payment	\$ 1,150
Total Loan to date	\$4,630,325.93

Offering of February 23 2020	
Offertory	\$ 6,043.15
Building Fund	\$ 1,150
Candle Offering	\$ 222
Mass Stipend	\$ 420
Liturgical Fund	\$ 198
From the box	\$ 39.85
Sanctuary Candle	\$ 100
Total	\$ 8,173

LECTIO DIVINA

MEDITATION

Picture Jesus sitting beside you and saying the same three responses he gave to the devil. He says:

“One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.”

“You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.”

“The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.”

Which of these three responses of Jesus speaks the most to you and your life right now? How so?

RESOLUTION

Considering the statement of Jesus that relates most to your life now, and at least one practical way to implement Jesus’ teaching this week.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name.
 Thy kingdom come.
 Thy will be done
 on earth, as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread,
 and forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us,
 and lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Tax Receipts are available for pick-up at the parish desk. Please see Ben or Clifford after the Mass. Thank you for your generosity!

We invite all the children to attend our special Liturgy of the Word this Sunday, wherein they will watch the 11 minute video:

“The Miracle at Every Mass”

Every Sunday, we get to witness a miracle. Sometimes it can be difficult to wrap our minds and hearts around this fact. In the video that they will be watching, Fr. Riley will give the children a special, close-up look at the Eucharistic miracle at every Mass.

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

Silent Retreat for Women at Manresa

March 13-15

starting at 7:00 pm

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre
 2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering

A silent retreat in the Jesuit tradition. Deacon Kevin Kelly, SJ, will facilitate the retreat, “Finding Hope in Confusing and Challenging Times.” COST: Suggested offering \$220 per person. This includes accommodation, meals, program and spiritual direction. PHONE: 905-839-2864 EMAIL: registration@manresa.ca

Silent Retreat for Men at Manresa

March 20-22

starting at 7:00 pm

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre
 2325 Liverpool Rd., Pickering

A silent retreat in the Jesuit tradition. Fr. John Sullivan, SJ, Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, will facilitate the retreat, “Rooted and Grounded in Love.” COST: Suggested offering \$220 per person. This includes accommodation, meals, program and spiritual direction. PHONE: 905-839-2864 EMAIL: registration@manresa.ca



The Young Man that inspired our Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit

The Vatican announced Saturday the approval of a miracle attributed to the intercession of Venerable Carlo Acutis, an Italian teenager and computer programmer, who died in 2006.

The miracle involved the healing of a Brazilian child suffering from a rare congenital anatomic anomaly of the pancreas in 2013. The Medical Council of the Congregation for Saints’ Causes gave a positive opinion of the miracle last November.

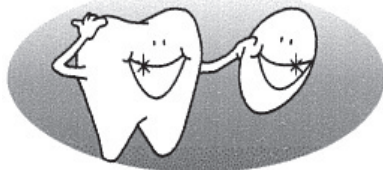
With Pope Francis’ approval of the miracle promulgated by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints Feb. 21, Acutis can now be beatified.

The beatification is expected to take place in Assisi. Acutis is currently buried in Assisi’s Church of St. Mary Major.

Acutis, who died of leukemia at the age of 15, offered his suffering for the pope and for the Church. He was born in London on May 3, 1991 to Italian parents who soon returned to Milan. He was a pious child, attending daily Mass, frequently praying the rosary, and making weekly confessions. In May 2019, Acutis’ mother, Antonia Salzano, told CNA News-room: “Jesus was the center of his day.” She said that priests and nuns would tell her that they could tell that the Lord had a special plan for her son.

“Carlo really had Jesus in his heart, really the pureness ... When you are really pure of heart, you really touch people’s hearts,” she said.

Exceptionally gifted in working with computers, Acutis developed a website which catalogued Eucharistic miracles. This website was the genesis of The Eucharistic Miracles of the World, an international exhibition which highlights such occurrences.



Dr. Cecille Rubic-Pangilinan
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