

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

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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 INTENTION

SATURDAY (January 21)
5 PM +Ron de Ocampo, +Noreen Lobo

SUNDAY (January 22)
7:30 AM +Florence Bengert
9:00 AM +Ms. Sanchez, +Florinda Luciano, +Maria Nguyen, +Rolando Lymarque
11:00 AM Thanksgiving of Pilita Enriquez, +Ana Maria Lan Tan
12:30 PM Thansking to Sto. Nino

MONDAY (January 23)
7:00 PM +Kimberly Marie, +Helen Balappa

TUESDAY (January 24)
7:30 AM +Mother Rosemarie Enriquez

WEDNESDAY (January 25)
7:00 PM +Eduardo, Viginia & Edeliza Maruhom, +Gerundio & Dulce Lape, +Esmey D'Souza, +Josefina Ruivivar, +Nelson Masironi

THURSDAY (January 26)
7:30 AM Open

FRIDAY (January 27)
7:00 PM +Rogelio Gerardo Exerea

SATURDAY (January 28)
9:00 AM Open
5:00 PM +Ilyn de Leon, +George & Jason Mistry, +Henry Valere

Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is waiting for you

every Monday 6 PM to 7 PM
Tuesday to Friday 12 noon to 7 PM

Drop by at the church for a quick hello to Jesus and if you are so inclined spend sometime for a conversation with Him.

A SIMPLE INVITATION

In the early morning, just at the dawn of a new and bright day, Jesus calls the four would-be disciples to follow him. Whether they realized it or not, the light of a new day was dawning on them.

We cannot but be amazed at the simplicity of Jesus' call. There is no hint that, until this moment, Jesus knew any of these four individuals or that they knew him. Jesus simply offered them a task, a challenge, an invitation: "Follow me." He made no grand and glorious promises. He did not even sit down with them to discuss his goals and objectives for their proposed partnership. There was only the simply, but perplexing "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of people." And Peter, and Andrew, James and John did just that.

Indeed, this same simple and direct invitation which Jesus makes to each and every one of us. Our decision to follow Jesus, to respond to the light, is not something we make just once. It is a decision we make and remake every day of our lives. And like those early disciples, we have no guarantees about where it will take us or what it will mean.

For, when we stop and think about it, there is something terrifying about this light which dispels the darkness. Even though it reveals Jesus to us, it also in many ways blinds us in regard to what lies beyond. Jesus invites us to follow, and so are may follow him, but with no idea as to where his call might lead us.

The beauty of faith is that it leads us joyfully into the unknown.

OFFERTORY

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Candle Revenue	\$ 272.05
Liturgical Fund	\$ 83.00
Black Nazarene	\$ 431.00
Missal	\$ 30.00
Confirmation	\$ 50.00
Rectory Fund	\$ 261.16
Missal	\$ 40.00
Flowers	\$ 39.00
Total	\$ 8,525.11

YOUTH MINISTRY

We are hoping to revive our summer camp activity for the young people. In order to do this, we need parishioners who are willing to assist in the program. Would you consider offering your time and talent to help in any way you can? Please forward your name to the parish to the attention of Fr. Mark or Susan.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Families are asking about Children's Liturgy. Pre-Covid time, we had a Children's Liturgy in all Masses except the 7:30 AM Mass. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we are able to offer it again to all our children in the parish? But in order to do it, we need volunteers. Please forward your name to the parish to the attention of Fr. Mark or Susan. We will provide the training necessary to fulfill your ministry well.

There are so many things we can do, but without your help we can't accomplish anything for the Kingdom of God.

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Quick answers to common arguments

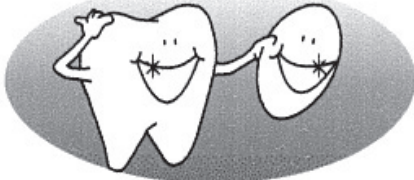
It's my life, my death, my
freedom my choice, my right!

- Euthanasia and assisted suicide are not private matters. These acts involve third parties such as physicians, pharmacists, family and friends who then have to carry the guilt of having killed another human being.
- For many vulnerable citizens, legalizing euthanasia would only provide the illusion of choice – choice as a lie. Given the reality of Canada's aging population and growing healthcare costs, they might be forced to accept euthanasia in order to avoid financial strain on the healthcare system. Their so-called "right to die" might soon become a "duty to die".
- Changing Canadian law to allow euthanasia would have a profound effect on many vulnerable people. Even if euthanasia respects the autonomy of some, it endangers the lives of many others including persons with disabilities, the elderly, and those struggling with depression or severe illness. Such a law would be a guaranteed recipe for abuse of the vulnerable; it would be incapable of protecting them from coercion by family members and others.
- No one is an island. My choices and decisions have an impact on others and on society as a whole. My freedom and my rights have limits; they must respect the freedom and rights of other people. Personal freedom, self-determination and individual rights are not absolutes. They can be overridden to protect other values in society (for example to protect the rights of vulnerable citizens and the common good).

I want to die with dignity.

- There is nothing dignified about swallowing a pill or getting a needle that will ensure a quick death. Euthanasia does not restore dignity; it eliminates the sometimes lonely and guilt ridden person in a way which is not always as painless as people would like to think.
- Dignity is not determined by physical or mental health, by autonomy or by usefulness to society. Human dignity is founded on the inherent worth of each human person, which can never be taken away by external factors or circumstances. The simple fact of being human gives us a dignity which no other living beings possess.
- Palliative care provides a dignified death by giving patients the pain management and the social, emotion and spiritual support they require to live a good death with courage. Giving this support, of course, takes time and perseverance
- We are relational beings capable of loving and caring for others. Our sense of dignity is inextricably tied to the respect that we have for each other as human beings. If people feel they are losing their dignity, it is our responsibility to make them feel valued again. How do they see themselves in our eyes? We all have the power to respond with friendship, love and solidarity to the illness of others in order to uphold and protect their "right to life" until the moment of natural death. We need each other in death as we need each other in life.

Source: Catholic Organization for Life and the Family (www.colf.ca)



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