

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

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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 (September 18))
5:00 PM +Kelly Villanueva

Sunday (September 19)
7:30 AM +Jose & Petra Feril
9:00 AM +Ken Singh, +
Ricardo M. Dela Torre, +Victoria
Enojardo, +Linus Meneses
11:00 AM Special Intention of Amy
Yeung and Jerald Ravelo, +Myriam
Salud Flores and Family +Joseph
Pillay
12:30 PM Thanksgiving of Alex,
Nick, and Gagriel Wojdat, +Jarzy
Joseph Wojdat

Monday (September 20)
7:00 PM +Socorro and Feliza
Singson

Tuesday (September 21)
7:30 AM +Salvina L. Morta

Wednesday (September 22)
7:00 PM +Rosario Dy Ong,
+Hermenito Jesus Mendoza

Thursday (September 23)
7:30 AM Thanksgiving of Alber
and Ana Ang Co, +Ester Ordonez,
+Antonio Maluenda, For the souls
in Purgatory

Friday (September 24)
7:00 PM +Mericia Vaz, +Mercy
Venantius

Saturday (September 25)
9:00 AM 25th wedding anniversary
of Momi Mandawe



Join us for Holy Hour
from 6 PM to 7 PM
Monday to Friday

**Could it be that your antipathy towards
another is because of a guilty
conscience?**

The author of the Wisdom describes to us the attitude of the wicked toward those who are good and just: “Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of play false to our upbringing.” Good people are responsive to the presence of God in their lives, but there are those whose lives are not. The latter often suspect the motivation and the sincerity of the former, calling them names, mistreating, or ignoring them because their very presence causes a certain discomfort. They are like an external conscience that makes our sinfulness all the more obvious by comparison.

In our Holy Mass this Sunday, let us pray that we may gain and cultivate wisdom in our lives. Wisdom is a God-given gift that encourages innocence, peace, sincerity, and kindly deeds while keeping jealousy, strife and conflicts in check. Wisdom is the ability to see and judge all things as God sees and judges.

In drawing our attention to the innocence of a child’s heart, Jesus wants us to learn what it means to be good, to do good, and to persevere in goodness.

Sunday Offering	
Offertory	\$ 3,261.05
Building Fund	\$ 1,771.65
Liturgical Fund	\$ 365.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 330.00
Camdle Offering	\$ 132.40
Equipment Fund	\$ 400.00
Baptism	\$ 537.85
Total	\$ 7,613.40

Thank you!

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION
REGISTRATION**

The Parish will be open for Sacramental Preparation Registration for First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation starting on September 15 to 30. Registration will be done online through our parish website and in-person during Office Hours. Baptismal Certificate is required and a Registration Fee.

Children who are not baptized will have to register for the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA for children).

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION
FOR ADULTS**

If you or someone you know wish to explore the possibility of becoming a Catholic in a safe and welcoming environment, our parish will once again offer the Rite of Christian Initiation. Please connect with Fr. Mark by email, phone, or in person.

Church Bulletins

Liturgical Publications will be setting up the advertisements for our church bulletin. The advertising will begin in October 2021 and supports the Bulletin Service. Please support the bulletin and advertise your product or services. Call Liturgical Publications at 905-624-4422

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The 40 Days for Life has designated Thursday, September 30, from 7 AM to 7 PM for our parish community to stand for Life in front of the Abortion Clinic next to the Hospital on Queensway and Confederation. We are calling parishioners to commit 1 hour minimum on that day. Sign-up sheets will be available starting this weeken. Please JC Cadieux for more information.

ShareLife agencies need your support now, more than ever

Since the start of the pandemic, Catholic Family Services agencies have experienced what they describe as a “mental health tsunami.” These agencies continue to provide remote counselling to people suffering with depression, anxiety, addiction, trauma and abuse. Thanks to your support of ShareLife, no one is ever turned away due to inability to pay.

October 3 is the next ShareLife Sunday. Since this weekend is also intended for our Building Fund Collection, Our parish will gather our ShareLife offering on September 25/26. You can give your donation any time or online. Please give generously during the special collection or anytime at sharelife.org.

COVID-19 VACCINE GUIDANCE FOR CATHOLICS

(Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops)

The decision to receive any COVID-19 vaccine is one of individual conscience in consultation with one’s physician or healthcare provider. Choosing to be vaccinated, particularly amid the current pandemic, can be an act of charity which recognizes the need to care for others.

The CCCB echoes the call of the Holy See,¹ by reiterating its appeal to governments to “ensure that COVID-19 vaccines that become available do not create an ethical dilemma for Canadians,”² thus encouraging greater vaccine uptake among the general population and strengthening the common good of our Canadian society.

The recent approvals by Health Canada of the AstraZeneca and Johnson & Johnson vaccines against COVID-19³ have given rise to questions among Catholics about the moral permissibility of receiving vaccines whose development, production, and/or testing has involved the use of abortion-derived cell lines. These questions are important for they concern the sacredness of human life and its inherent dignity.

The Moderna and Pfizer vaccines already

approved in Canada do not use abortion-derived cell lines in their development and production of the vaccine, however in some of their final testing processes, they have used unethically-derived cell lines. These two vaccines currently available in Canada can be morally acceptable for Catholics to receive since the connection to abortion is extremely remote.

In contrast to these vaccines, the AstraZeneca and Johnson & Johnson vaccines utilized abortion-derived cell lines in their development, production, and confirmatory testing.⁴ The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith makes the distinction between the differing moral obligations for those who develop such vaccines and those who receive them. They have reassured Catholics that “when ethically irreproachable Covid-19 vaccines are not available . . . it is morally acceptable to receive Covid-19 vaccines that have used cell lines from aborted fetuses in their research and production process.”⁵

Therefore, when provided with a choice between receiving different vaccines, the vaccine with the least connection to abortion-derived cell lines should always be preferred and chosen when possible. This means that given the currently approved vaccine options in Canada, if/when presented with the choice, one should choose to receive either the Moderna or Pfizer vaccine over the AstraZeneca or Johnson & Johnson vaccine. When no choice of vaccine is available, the AstraZeneca or Johnson & Johnson vaccine (or any other COVID-19 vaccine that may be approved) “can be used in good conscience with the certain knowledge that the use of such vaccines does not constitute formal cooperation with abortion.”⁶

Consequently, if it is possible in a given area or local region to choose a vaccine, Pfizer and Moderna would be recommended at this stage. However, when a choice is not provided or it is quite difficult to have recourse to these said vaccines, given the health urgency at hand and other considerations, nothing morally prevents anyone from receiving in good conscience the AstraZeneca or Johnson & Johnson vaccines or others that may eventually be approved which will have been developed, tested and produced in a similar fashion.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021 IS ELECTION DAY

It is our Christian duty to participate in the elections!

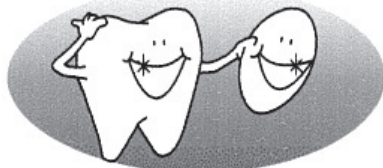
We must pray devoutly throughout the entire voting process, asking for guidance as we try to decide which party or candidate to support. We should share our hopes and fears for society, our neighbours, ourselves and the world. If we do that devoutly, God will open our ears and eyes, guiding us to the vote He wants us to cast — whether or not it is the same vote He might desire from others: Our thoughts are not God’s thoughts, we have no idea what God’s plans are. As with the loaves and fishes, God can make whatever He wants of just a few votes.

We are called to inform ourselves responsibly concerning (a) the teachings of the Church and (b) issues relevant to the election. This involves identifying and consulting responsible news sources and familiarizing ourselves with the values of the Catholic Social Teaching. Comprehensive information concerning Catholic teaching and party positions on the issues can be found at the Catholic Conscience website: www.CatholicConscience.org. As we learn, we should seek out those around us, at home, church, and work and discuss the issues with others, listening respectfully and evaluating all appropriate options.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

September 19, 2021

We encourage parishioners to read the pastoral letter of His Eminence, Cardinal Collins. The Pastoral Letter is available at the church door and online.



Dr. Cecille Rubic-Pangilinan
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