

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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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 (December 4)
5:00 PM Special Intention of
Lawrence Family, +Cassilda
Fernandes, +Rosario Papa

Sunday (December 5)
7:30 AM +Juanito & Milagros
Umali, +Evelyn and Ruel
Macalaguim
9:00 AM +Francis Coronel, +Julia
Jacinto, +Genaro Jacinto Jumar
11:00 AM +Peter Lai Nguyen, +Thay
Van do, +Tam Pham, +Paul Nguyen,
+Teresa & Jose Homen
12:30 PM +Peter & Paul D’Mello,
Deceased Members of the D’Mello
Family

Monday (December 6)
7:00 PM +Ramon & Naty Lim,
Angelo & Belen King

Tuesday (December 7)
7:30 AM +Anna Rosario, +Ernest
Spraggett

Wednesday (December 8)
7:00 PM +Angel Chans & Irma
Song, + Han Ling Akong, Souls in
Purgatory

Thursday (December 9)
7:30 AM +Anton Pereira,
Thanksgiving of Theres-Mae Sol
Cruz

Friday (December 10)
7:00 PM +Lolita Grant

Saturday (December 11)
9:00 AM +Alex & Flor Rosario

PRE-RESERVATION FOR
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR’S
MASSES STARTING THIS
WEEKEND



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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

We are invited to share in and be challenged by the visions and insights of Baruch, Paul, and Luke.

Baruch holds out a vision of a great procession of peoples from all areas of the world traveling toward Jerusalem. Once dispersed by their own sins and infidelities, they were promised that they would be reassembled by God whose forgiveness and mercy afford them a new beginning. Part of the challenge of Advent is to recall that the God, whose coming we are celebrating is the God who has come and will come for all; that fact should supercede and obviate every hint or suggestion of discrimination among us.

Paul’s vision for the community is expressed in the form of a prayer...that those who have opted to journey through life with Christ would continue to grow in love, and, with correct values and clear conscience live blamelessly until the day their spirit quest is concluded in Christ.

Luke’s vision is through the person and mission of John the Baptist, whose own spirit quest had led him to the desert. There, in fasting and prayer, he remembered the visions of others who

had gone before him and invited his contemporaries to do likewise. In his role as herald of salvation, John’s voice continues to speak in our midst; his call for repentance, readiness and rectitude remains relevant for all who have embarked upon this annual spirit quest, hoping to see and experience yet again “the salvation of God” (Luke 3:6)

**The Sacrament of
Reconciliation
During the Advent Season**

The Sacrament of Confession is offered in our parish from Tuesday to Friday from 5 PM to 6 PM. You can also call the parish office to see if Fr. Mark is around during office hours. You can also approach the priests on weekends following the Mass.

**PARTNERSHIP WITH ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
SOCIETY**

Our parish has once again partnered with St. Vincent de Paul Society to help families who are in need in our community. We are receiving gift cards to bring the holiday cheers to families who are struggling financially. You can drop this gift cards in our offertory collection or in the box by the Parish Desk any time during the week. We are hoping to send this Christmas gift cards to SVP before December 15. Thank you for your generosity!

Brother Francis: The Days of Advent

Brother Francis leads us on a daily journey in this special seasonal celebration of the coming of the Lord! Featuring meditations, prayers, and suggested activities to keep our focus on Christ this Christmas. Go to Formed.Org and signed up a member of our parish. It is free for all our parishioners.

Sunday Offering	
Offertory	\$ 3,203.05
Building Fund	\$ 655.00
Liturgical Fund	\$ 57.35
Mass Stipends	\$ 700.00
Candle Offering	\$ 63.25
Flowers	\$ 95.00
ShareLife	\$ 110.00
All Souls	\$ 20.00
Confirmation	\$ 105.00
Firs Communion	\$ 25.00
Missals	\$ 215.00
Lift	\$ 100.00
Shepherds’ Trust	\$ 110.00
Total	\$ 5,458.65

Lay Spiritual Formation

St. Augustine Seminary of Toronto

The season of Advent is a time of preparation. We are encouraged to reflect on the joy of our Lord's coming as a baby. Moreover, we are challenged to stay spiritually awake as we anticipate our Lord's second coming. One way of preparing is to spend more time in prayer and meditation. Retreats provide a wonderful opportunity to ponder the gift of faith.

This year we are delighted to partner with the Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies. Dr. Brian Butcher will be our facilitator for our Advent retreat on Saturday, December 11. Dr. Butcher will lead us through an insightful reflection on the gift of praying with or without sacred images. We are invited to explore the spiritual riches of the Eastern Rites of our Church. We will reflect on the gift of iconography as we ponder the mystery of God becoming human in Jesus.

The cost is \$25.00 plus HST. The event will be virtual, using ZOOM, starting at 9:30 am and ending around 1:00 pm. There will be an opportunity for sharing and asking questions. Register online at <https://staugustines.on.ca/events-listing/advent-retreat>

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WHAT IS THE ADVENT SEASON REALLY ALL ABOUT?

The name of the season comes from the Latin word, "adventus," coming or arrival. In the New Testament, the word is used for the Second Coming of Christ. As used by the Church, the word has three different perspectives -- past, present, and future: his first coming as our Lord and Savior in his Nativity in Bethlehem; his continuous coming in grace every day in our lives, his constant presence in the Church and its members; and his 2nd coming as Judge at the end of time. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church says: "When the Church celebrates the Liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Savior's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming" (no. 524).

Advent was originally a period of preparation for the Feast of the Epiphany, a day when converts were baptized. It was similar to Lent with emphasis on prayer and fasting. In the 6th century, Advent appeared in Rome as a preparation for Christmas with less penitential bent. Much later, the period of preparation was reduced from 5 to 4 Sundays. Finally, about the 9th century, the Church designated the 1st Sunday of Advent as the beginning of the Church year. Advent then is a season of expectant waiting for the Lord. We prepare ourselves and our families, our minds and hearts, to meet the Lord. We pray, we fast, we do works of charity, we have recourse to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we participate in the 9-day Misa de Gallo, we prepare Advent wreaths. There is much more to Advent than preparing our Christmas gifts for our loved ones. God gifted us with his own beloved Son. We need to give to Jesus the gift of a clean and contrite heart.

To assist you in planning for your Advent/Christmas Celebrations, we are providing you here with our Mass Schedule

From December 15 to 23
7 PM Christmas Novena Mass

December 24 Christmas Eve
Mass
5 PM, 7 PM, 9 PM, and 11 PM

December 25 Christmas Day
Mass
7:30 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, and
12:30 PM

There will be no 5 PM Saturday
Vigil Mass

December 26, Feast of the Holy
Mass
7:30 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, and
12:30 PM

December 27, Feast of St. John
9 AM

December 28 to December 30
Regular Schedule

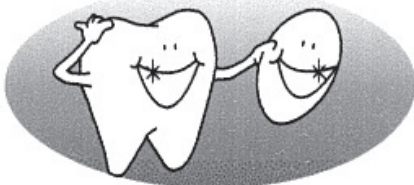
December 31, Year's Eve Mass
will be at 7 PM

January 1, Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God
9 AM, 11 AM and 12:30 PM

There will be no 5 PM Saturday
Vigil Mass for the Feast of
Epiphany

January 2, Epiphany of the Lord
7:30 AM, 9 AM, 11 AM, and
12:30 PM

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