

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

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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 (December 11)
 5:00 PM Thanksgiving of Vanessa Katar, Thanksgiving of Julyes Aguilar and Marie, Thanksgiving to St. Pius X, +Dereck Noqueira, Fernandes and Braganza Family, John & Ann Braganza, +Christopher Colaco, +Jerry Coutinho

Sunday (December 12)
 7:30 AM +Juanito & Milagros Umali, +Evelyn and Ruel Macalaguim
 9:00 AM +Socorro and Feliza Singson
 11:00 AM Thanksgivintg of Bernie Bautista, Thanksgiving of Louise Azanon, Thanksgiving of Marie Roncal, +Teresa and Jose Homen,
 12:30 PM +Evangeline & Manuel Resendes, +Lucilia & Jorge Grouveia, +Nestor Reyes, +Lucy Texeira,

Monday (December 13)
 7:00 PM Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Perpetual Help and the Sacred Heart

Tuesday (December 14)
 7:30 AM Thanksgiving of Santos Family, Special Intention of Damara White, +Noemi Perez

Wednesday (December 15)
 7:00 PM +Jovencio Batara, +Julian Gorospe, +Eusebio and Lourdes Naluz, +Carlos Lopez Castejon

Thursday (December 16)
 7:30 AM +Joseph Malcom D'Souza, +Raymond dela Cruz

Friday (December 17)
 7:00 PM +Arecia Paul

Saturday (December 18)
 9:00 AM Thanksgiving of Ed & Andica Frondozo



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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

In the course of his preaching near the Jordan, John attracted a variety of diverse converts. Ordinary people moved by his message and wishing to respond to it asked "What ought we do?" Tax collectors, similarly motivated said, "What are we to do?" Soldiers, also wanted to know how they could translate their willingness to change into action, "What about us?"

If their frank and eager questions are any indication of their zeal, then those who were drawn by John's message would probably have agreed to anything he asked of them. But John did not issue Herculean challenges; he simply directed the energies and generosity of his questioners toward the routine and workaday circumstances of their everyday lives. God does not require the extraordinary or bizarre; rather, blessedness is to be found in the ordinary and even in the banal.

We, too, need to raise the question: "What should we do?" There is still time to channel our eager willingness to respond to that question into the large and small, significant and insignificant moments of each and every day.

Sunday Offering	
Offertory	\$ 4,299.50
Building Fund	\$ 4,840.00
Liturgical Fund	\$ 76.75
Mass Stipends	\$ 900.00
Candle Offering	\$ 201.10
Flowers	\$ 165.00
ShareLife	\$ 5.00
Christmas	\$ 300.00
Confirmation	\$ 420.00
Firs Communion	\$ 50.00
Missals	\$ 110.00
Lift	\$ 1,200.00
Total	\$13,067.60

CHRISTMAS NOVENA MASS

Our Parish Nine Day Preparation to Christmas will begin on December 15 to December 23

Holy Mass will be celebrated every evening at 7 for nine days including Saturday and Sunday

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.

Openness to Christ's Words: A Path of Encounter and Conversion
 January 28 to 30

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Centre
 2326 Liverpool Rd. Pickering

A silent Ignatian weekend retreat for men. During this three-day retreat, we will focus on the Ignatian method of contemplation that suggests the use of our senses (SE 106) to contemplate together some of the significant moments of Jesus' encounter with His audience and the healing and transformative process that followed as a result of these encounters. Fundamental to this is the role of the Holy Spirit that allows people to open their hearts to the Divine Grace which transforms, restores and recreates. Facilitated by Fr. Jean Francky Guerrier, SJ. A suggested offering of \$235 per person. Includes two nights' accommodation, meals, program and spiritual direction. Contact: 905-839-2864

MORE ABOUT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

For Luke, John the Baptist is the last of the prophets to announce the coming of the Messiah. The “word of God came to John, the son of Zechariah in the desert,” during the time of the Herodian Tetrarchy, serving under the Roman governor, Pontius Pilate, with Annas and Caiaphas as High Priests (vv. 1-2).

He preaches a baptism of repentance throughout the whole region of the Jordan. Luke quotes Is. 40:3-5 -- He is “a voice crying out in the desert: Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths” (vv. 4-5). “Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth (v. 5), and all flesh shall see the salvation of God” (v. 6).

We are to prepare for Christ’s coming by repenting and cleansing our hearts. The path to our hearts has been made crooked by our sins. There are valleys where sin lurks. During this Advent Season, the word of the Lord calls us to contrition and forgiveness through the Sacrament of Confession.

As we are nearing the end of our Calendar Year of 2021, please remember to update the parish of any change to your information that we have on file. When we close the Financial Book and issue the tax receipts, we would like to have your accurate information. Thank you.

Thank you to parishioners for donating towards the purchase of flowers to adorn the Altar.

If you also would like to contribute towards the decorations throughout the year, please use the envelope earmarked for this purpose. Thank you.

GET TO KNOW THE SAINTS

One of the great saints, whose feast we celebrate in the month of December is St. Ambrose of Milan. Ambrose studied theology in Rome. His proficiency in Greek served him well. He studied the Old and New Testament, as well as the works of Greek theological writers notably Philo, Origen, Athanasius, and Basil, with whom he exchanged letters. He did exegesis of the Old Testament, and used his biblical knowledge in his preaching. His oratorical abilities impressed Augustine of Hippo, who would listen to his sermons, and later be converted by him. His sermons were acclaimed as masterpieces of biblical presentation and Latin eloquence.

Ambrose introduced new Church melodies, instructed catechumens, denounced social abuses, secured pardon for condemned men, and advocated austere asceticism. Along with his convert, St. Augustine of Hippo, St. Ambrose was one of the most influential bishops and theologians of the 4th century. Augustine acknowledged him as the model bishop. The heretic, Pelagius, admitted that Ambrose was “the flower of Latin eloquence.” In a mosaic in the church of St. Ambrose in Milan, Ambrose appears as he wished to be seen: a simple Christian Bishop, clasping the Book of Gospels.

If you want to hear more about St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, we encourage you to visit www.formed.org This resource is available for free to all parishioners of St. Josephine Bakhita.

In the Formed Website, Dr. Ben Akers sits down with Dr. Elizabeth Klein to discuss this important Church Father, who is best known for his spiritual guidance of St. Augustine of Hippo and the pivotal role he played in his conversion.

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

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

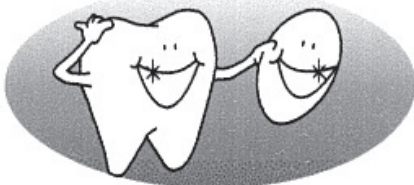
December 31, Year’s Eve Mass
will be at 7 PM

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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