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prepare the way...



ADVENT

Mass Intentions

Saturday (December 18)
 5:00 PM Thanksgiving of Roberto & Melisa Perez, of Adlin Garcia and Family, +Linda Pilar, Tiring & Dionicio Taguicana, Rosevelt & Bonifacio Pagauitan
 7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Charles & Nanya Nnabuiife
 Sunday (December 19)
 7:30 AM +Juanito & Milagros Umali, +Evelyn and Ruel Macalaguim
 9:00 AM +Dolores Sta. Mina
 11:00 AM Special Intention of Miller, +Teresa and Jose Homen, +Ciprinao & Pelagia Legaspi, +Maria Reyes Gloria, Souls in Purgatory
 12:30 PM +Leena D’Souza, Marie Crasto, +Nestor Reyes
 7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Chalres and Nanya Nnabuiife
 Monday (December 20)
 7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Chalres and Nanya Nnabuiife, Thanksgiving of Agsalog Family, Thanksgiving of Chalres and Nanya Nnabuiife, Special Intention of Nunez Ferreira Family, +Karl Lesaca, +Edgardo Nillos
 Tuesday (December 21)
 7:30 AM +John D’Silva, +Joaquim & Anna Furtado
 7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Charles & Nanya Nnabuiife
 Wednesday (December 22)
 7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Kathleen Carolasan, Charles & Nanya Nnabuiife, Special Intention of Nunez Ferreira Family, +Josefina Ruviven
 Thursday (December 23)
 7:30 AM +Thanksgiving of Armando Santos & Family, Maylalin & Hector Alvarez & Family, +Angel Chans, Irma Song, +Emelita Manalo Luzon, Souls in Purgatory
 7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Charles & Nanya Nnabuiife



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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Maranatha, Come, Lord Jesus, Come!

As the days wind down toward Christmas, the business of gifts will be uppermost on the minds of some of us. There will be daily reminders from stores to finish our Christmas shopping. The Church does something similar too, a kind of a countdown, beginning on December 17th to the 23rd called the “O Antiphons” at the singing of the Magnificat in the Evening Prayer of the Church.

December 17: “O Holy Word of God, you tend to all creation with your strong yet tender care. Come, show your people the way of salvation.”

December 18: “O Lord and Leader of Israel, who showed yourself to Moses in the burning bush and who gave him the law of life, come with outstretched arms to save us.”

December 19: “O Root of Jesse, raised up as a saving sign for all peoples. Come, without delay.”

December 20: “O Key of David who opens and no one closes, Come, open the gates of death and elad your captive people from the darkness into freedom.”

December 21: “O Morning Star and Sun of Justice, radiant dawn and splendor of eternal light. Come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.”

December 22: “O King of all and joy of every human heart, Come and save all whom you have made.

December 23: “O Emmanuel, God-with-us, Come and set us free.”

With this assurance, we can rejoice that the Lord who was born in Bethlehem will always be there to rule and shepherd his people. We can give thanks that He has come to establish a new covenant in his own blood and that through that blood we are also made whole and holy. Finally, we can celebrate with Mary and Elizabeth because we have been blessed; the Lord has indeed come to us.

Please remember Fr. Mark in your prayers as he begins his 32nd year as a priest today.

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.

Sunday Offering

Offertory	\$ 2,786.05
Building Fund	\$ 1,760.00
Liturgical Fund	\$ 168.75
Mass Stipends	\$ 560.00
Candle Offering	\$ 151.40
Baptism	\$ 525.00
Flowers	\$ 115.00
Masks	\$ 25.00
Confirmation	\$ 70.00
First Communion	\$ 25.00
Missals	\$ 35.00
Lift	\$ 276.00
Total	\$ 7,132.36

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

Pope Francis has launched the Synod on Synodality: a two-year global process of listening to the faithful that will help the Church reflect on how we can do God’s will in the world today. The comments of the faithful will ultimately be discussed at a meeting of the bishops in the Vatican in 2023. To learn more about the Synod on Synodality and to share your thoughts, please visit: www.archtoronto.org/synodality.

Thank You is in order!
 On behalf of the parish, I would like to thank everyone who have contributed their time, talent, and treasure to build community here at St. Josephine Bakhita. Thank you also for your patience and understanding throughout the whole year!

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.

SOMETHING FOR YOU TO PONDER...

When God comes to the Garden, he already knows Adam and Eve's sin. He seeks them out not to call them to account for their actions and pay the price for their mistake; he isn't looking to scold them or punish them. God is calling them back—out of shame and hiding, back to himself. He wants to repair the damage that sin has done. God loves us so much that he won't let anything at all stand between us and his love.

Before Adam and Eve have even expressed sorrow for their sin, God seeks them out. This is the incredible beauty of God's mercy! As St. Paul says in his letter to the Romans: "But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8).

God doesn't wait for us to come back to him after we have sinned—he comes looking for us, just as he looked for Adam and Eve. In his merciful love he searches for us to bring us home. He is calling to each one of us: "Where are you?" What is your answer? What are some areas of your life that you need to surrender to God's merciful love? (Excerpted from *Forgiven: the Transforming Power of Confession*, Formed.Org)

All Parishioners of St. Josephine Bakhita are invited to access the resources available on the Formed.Org Website. Go check it out to help you and your family grow in your understanding and appreciation of the Faith.

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PRE-AUTHORIZED FORM OF GIVING

The Archdiocese of Toronto has established a Pre-Authorized Giving plan (PAG) to help you support the parish's work through your regular offertory gift. To accomplish the mission entrusted to us by Christ, parishes depend entirely on the generosity of their parishioners. Pre-Authorized Giving allows you to donate to your parish through scheduled monthly transfers from your bank account or credit card. These funds are then deposited directly into the parish's account.

There are various benefits of participating in pre-authorized giving, both for you and for your parish.

Advantages for You:

- The convenience of having your offering automatically contributed to the parish.
- Knowing you continue to support the parish even when you are away.
- Continual support of ministries and programs funded through the parish.

Advantages for the Parish:

- Regular, dependable contributions to the parish.
- Reduction of cash on hand.
- Reduction of paperwork.

For information on how to enrol, please contact your parish office

CHRISTMAS 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
7 PM

December 28 to December 30
Regular Schedule

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

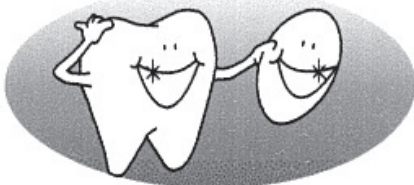
January 1, Solemnity of Mary,
Mother of God
9 AM, 11 AM and 12:30 PM

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

Our Parish Office will be closed on
December 27 & 28, January 3 & 4
(Monday and Tuesday)

Please wear your mask and be safe.



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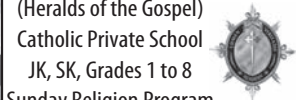
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