

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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SCHOOLS

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

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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 Intentions

January 8 (Saturday)
5:00 PM +Roma de Vera, +Ciriaco Perera, +Esmeralda Cardozo, +Eusebio Borral, +Ted Rynkun and Lucjan Gaska, +Lino Ramon Marin

January 9 (Sunday)
7:30 AM Thanksgiving of Arbie Sarmiento & Family, +Tony Sy and Angelu Genato
9:00 AM Thanksgiving of D’Mello Family +Francisco P. Coronel, +Erik Tapia, +Anton Pereira
11:00 AM + Amado & Lucin King, +Romeo Ang, +Charles & Adeline Gomes, Theresa de Souza, +Rizalina L. Pujares
12:30 PM Thanksgiving of Maecy Orfano, +Manuel Quinsay, +Lolita Cogo, +Francisco Cogo Jr., +Goesie Garsuta, +Trinidad Crisologo

January 10 (Monday)
7:00 PM +Lino Ramon Martin

January 11 (Tuesday)
7:30 AM +Feliza & Socorro Singson +Ramon & Naty Lim

January 12 (Wednesday)
7:00 PM Jose & Josefina Villanueva

January 13 (Thursday)
7:30 AM +Jose & Petra Feril Angelo & Belen King

January 14 (Friday)
7:00 PM +Cyril Pereira

January 15 (Saturday)
9:00 AM +Aquileo, +Alex & Flor Rosario

If you require Mass Cards for your Mass Intention Offering, please do not hesitate to ask the Parish Desk.



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

A Prayer for this New Year

Help us, O God, to fulfill all the duties which life brings us.

Help us to honor our families, to be loyal to our friends, to be true to our loved ones.

Help us to be diligent in our studies, to be conscientious in our work, to be wise in our pleasure.

Help us to be brave in danger, to be strong in temptation, to be uncomplaining in pain, to be cheerful in disappointment.

Help us to remain humble in prosperity, to remain hopeful in adversity.

Help us at all times to live that our life and conduct may make it plain that we belong to you.

Give us the strength to bear lightly our joys and sorrows, to never disown the poor, or bend our knees before insolent might.

Give us strength to raise our minds high above daily trifles, and to surrender our strength to your will with love.

Amen.

-William Barclay and Rabindranath Tagore

LORD’S BAPTISM

Like the great prophets of the Old Testament, John the Baptist announces the coming of someone more powerful than himself. Then, the heavens were opened, the Spirit descends like a dove, and a voice speaks, “You are my beloved; my favor rests on you.”

The gift of the Spirit to those who receive baptism is a gift that purifies, justifies, and sanctifies. The transformation which the Spirit effects is connected with what the voice from heaven declared: “You are my Son, my beloved.” When Jesus was conceived in Mary’s womb, we saw that that the Spirit overshadowed Mary and the one who was conceived within her was to be called the “Son of the Most High.” That is exactly the transformation

**Sunday Offering
December 26, 2021**

Offertory	\$ 2,662.85
Building Fund	\$ 1,672.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 140.00
Candle Offering	\$ 213.60
ShareLife	\$ 180.00
Novena	\$ 2,241.40
Christmas	\$12,138.25
Confirmation	\$ 105.00
First Communion	\$ 25.00
Flowers	\$ 30.00
Sanctuary Candle	\$ 50.00
Equipment Fund	\$ 160.00
Total	\$19,618.45

the Spirit effects in those who are baptized. There was no obstacle of sin to remove from Jesus. But that obstacle must be removed from us. With that obstacle removed, the Spirit makes us into sons and daughters of God.

Those who are are baptized have “put on Christ.” (St. Paul). We have been buried-with Christ, risen-with Christ. “With” is a very small word but, when that word is combined with “Christ,” it tells us who we are and what baptism is all about. We are children of God in the only begotten Son of God. By that fact, his favor rests on us.

Today’s feast tells us our own story with this one difference. In the case of Jesus, the manifestation of God was an unveiling of what he already was. But with us we see and hear, not who we are but into whom we are transformed by Baptism. In the washing and the invocation of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, we “put on Christ” through the gift and activity of the Holy Spirit. It is the fulfillment of the longings of ancient times. We become members of God’s chosen people.

Today is an occasion to realize our dignity. It is by reason of this that we are also a Eucharistic people.

Sunday Offering December 31, 2021	
Offertory	\$ 1,010.00
Building Fund	\$ 2,225.00
Christmas	\$ 405.00
ShareLife	\$ 100.00
Total	\$ 3,740.00

Sunday Offering January 2, 2022	
Offertory	\$ 1,172.35
Building Fund	\$ 1,792.20
Mass Stipends	\$ 650.00
Candle Offering	\$ 132.10
Initial Offering	\$ 1,114.00
New Year	\$ 3,542.05
Equipment Fund	\$ 115.00
Total	\$ 8,517.70

EMPTY BOTTLES

If you have empty bottles at home after all the parties you have had over the Christmas festivities, please bring them to the church. The Knights of Columbus are gathering these empty bottles to raise funds for the various charities they support. Thank you.

Important Things to Remember

Unless you are topping your donation for 2021, please discard unused Donation Envelopes of last year. Please use the 2021 Donation Envelopes instead. Your Box of Donation Envelopes may still need to be picked up in the narthex. If you are unable to locate it or if you are interested in having your own box, please approach Ben or Cliff at the parish desk.

You can also donate via Credit Card or Pre-Authorized Form of Giving.

Our Grade 2 students and older who have registered for **First Reconciliation and First Communion** are invited to visit the Parish website for instruction on the Preparation requirements. The Dates for the celebration of the Sacraments are also posted.

In the event of a heavy accumulation of snow on our slope roof and/or a build-up of ice on the ground, the inner courtyards will be closed. Please pass through the Parish Hall to come into the church.

BE SAFE AT ALL TIMES WHILE AT CHURCH

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, we ask that those who are feeling unwell should not attend Holy Mass at this time. We are blessed as a parish to be able to broadcast LIVE on our YouTube channel all our Masses. It is not the ideal, but you will still feel connected to the parish from the comfort of your isolation.

Please observe social distance of 4 to 6 feet

We also remind everyone for your safety and the safety of your ministers that Holy Communion will be received only on the hand at this time. Pray intensely that this pandemic will soon be over and we can again receive the Eucharist on the tongue or on the hand, whichever way you would like to receive Him.

We also ask that parishioners not congregate in large groups before or after Mass, wherever possible. Please wear your mask and observe basic measures as appropriate to protect yourself.

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.arch-toronto.org/synodality.

Marriage Sunday

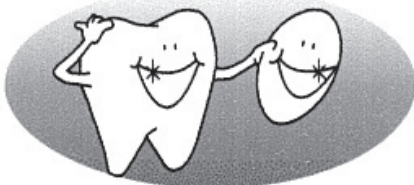
Celebration of Marriage Mass
Sunday, February 13, 2022
2:30 PM
St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto

The Celebration of Marriage Mass will take place on Sunday, February 13, 2022, at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, 65 Bond St, Toronto at 2:30 p.m. Bishop Robert Kasun, CSB will preside over this special Mass and all married couples will have an opportunity to renew their vows.

Due to social distancing measures, in-person attendance is limited at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica and only couples celebrating their milestone 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, and 60+ wedding anniversaries and one (1) guest per celebrant couple will be able to register to attend (for a total of a group of 3). Other couples, family, and friends are welcome to participate in the celebration via the Livestream.

For more information and to register visit www.archtoronto.org/marriage. Registration will close on February 4, 2022, or when we reach maximum capacity at the Cathedral.

Please wear your mask and be safe.



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