

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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St. Edith Stein

St. Simon Stock

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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

February 13 (Saturday)
5:00 PM Thanksgiving of Pereira Family,
+Lucy & John Texeira, +Avelino Vaz,
+Juliana Almeida, + Ronald Caguioa,
Constancia Ocsan

February 14 (Sunday)
7:30 AM For the Parish Community
9:00 AM +Joaquim Rebello, +Arturo &
Fely de la Cruz
11:00 AM Thanksgiving of Fernando
Family, +William Sy, +Nestor Papa,
+Suhandar & Surjanti Angriawan
12:30 PM Thanksgiving of Linda
Corrales, +Antonio Perpuse, Luc Lim
Hoye Yee, +Nestor Reyes

February 15 (Monday)
7:00 PM +Roma de Vera

February 16 (Tuesday)
7:30 AM Thanksgiving of Santos Family

February 17 (Wednesday)
7:00 PM +Avelino Vaz, +Judith, Amado,
and Lusing King, +Romeo Ang

February 18 (Thursday)
7:30 AM +Rey de la Cruz

February 19 (Friday)
7:00 PM Open

February 20 (Saturday)
9:00 AM +Fe Olalia

Our parish is deeply grateful to **Conrad Rodrigues** for serving as Lector Coordinator for the last 12 years. As Conrad steps down, the members of the Lector Ministry will elect among their peers who will become their coordinator. Susan Javier, our volunteer coordinator, will facilitate in the election process.



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

WHERE DO YOU FIND YOUR WORTH

The gospel presents some option: Do you find your worth in filling your bank accounts? Do you find your worth in the quantity of what you eat or drink? Do you find your worth in what people say about you? If you find your worth in any of these things - in money, in plenty, in good times, in good reputation - I think you have a problem.

The first reading tells us that the happy person finds his/her worth solely in God. The second reading specifies this proclamation even more. The happy person find his/her worth in the death and resurrection of Jesus.

This perspective has vast implications for us, for if God is to be the source of our worth, then that implies that God accepts us totally and completely as we are, without fail and without condition.

In today's readings, it is the implications underneath the text that boldly confront us. If we find our worth in God, then we must ask ourselves: Do we believe, really believe, that we are completely and totally accepted by God? Do we believe, really believe, deep down in our heart of hearts, that we are absolutely and unconditionally accepted by God just as we are?

It takes courage to believe that that is so - especially when we are poor, and hungry, and weeping, and hated. It takes courage to have faith in God's love when we are down and out.

It takes courage to trust that God will catch us no matter what. It takes courage to believe that God loves you and me, personally, as you are, as I am.

This is the good news - God accepts us as we are - here, now, at this very moment - He alone is the source of our worth!

Please wear your mask and be safe.

Sunday Offering January 9

Offertory (2021)	\$ 2,305.05
Building Fund	\$ 2,456.00
Liturgical Fund	\$ 64.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 580.00
Candle Offering	\$ 69.25
Equipment Fund	\$ 100.00
Flowers	\$ 5.00
Funeral	\$ 300.00
Confirmation	\$ 140.00
Total	\$ 6,019.30

YOUR TAX RECEIPTS ARE NOW READY

Please remember to pass by the Parish Desk to pick up your Donation Receipt. You can get them during Office Hours or on the weekend when you come for Sunday Mass. Thank you for supporting the Parish. Your regular monetary contributions help us to meet the day-to-day expenses, salaries of staff, Loan repayments, and programs. May God repay you for your kindness and generosity.

Would you be interested to help in cleaning our church?

We would like to ask all parishioners to consider helping clean our place of worship even just once a month on a Sunday afternoon or a Monday morning. If you are interested, please leave your name and phone number at the parish desk. Serge Poirier, our Cleaning Coordinator, will contact you. Thank you for volunteering. It is a menial task, but a meaningful one. It is a simple spiritual activity that has deep significance, because without the practice of cleaning there can be no empty space, no space for a deep communion with God. We need to create a sacred space in order to live in relationship to the sacred.

How do we walk together as Church?

Embracing Pope Francis' New Call to Synodality.

Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 11 AM
A Virtual event

Join authors Moira McQueen and Massimo Faggioli for a robust conversation on the topic of Synodality and how the faithful at all levels can participate in Pope Francis' call to solidarity and contribute to a rich reflection on a vibrant future for the Catholic Church. Moderated by Christopher White. Sponsored by Novalis Publishing. Cost is Free. To Register, <https://bit.ly/RegisterSynodality>

St. Augustine's Seminary Lay Formation Program:

Topic: The Light of Newman in the Dark of Winter: Help for Our Lenten Journey

A Virtual Event
Saturday, March 12, 2022 starting at 9:30 AM to 1 PM

Now is the time to start thinking about Lenten retreats. Join us on Saturday, March 12 as Dr. Donald Graham, Assistant Professor at St. Augustine's Seminary, leads us through a day of virtual reflection on "The Light of Newman in the Dark of Winter. Help for Our Lenten Journey." Dr. Graham has published widely on the topic of St. John Henry Newman. Don't miss this opportunity to reflect with fellow pilgrims on the journey. Cost: \$25 Contact: St. Augustine's Seminary at 416-261-7207

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience

Friday, March 25, 9 AM to Sunday, March 27 at 5 PM

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National Indigenous Reconciliation Financial Effort

The Archdiocese of Toronto is promising to be a major contributor toward the Catholic Bishops in Canada's pledge to raise \$30 million to support Indigenous reconciliation initiatives, after more details of the national fundraising effort were announced last week.

"Children were separated from their parents because of residential schools and for that reason alone Catholics should not have participated in that system," said Cardinal Thomas Collins, Archbishop of Toronto. "I reiterate the apology of the Canadian bishops in September 2021 as we reflect on the harm and intergenerational trauma caused by residential schools."

The Archdiocese of Toronto will contribute \$6 million in funds over five years toward the national \$30 million goal.

From a Married Couple

What advice do you have for young couples navigating the ups and downs of marriage during a global pandemic?

Don't wait until your daily routine is affecting your physical and mental health to seek help from family and friends.

Set realistic personal and family expectations.

Accept that there are many things you can't control and don't let it affect your family's harmony.

Force yourself to take time to recharge and recover, as you need to be well in order to help those around you.

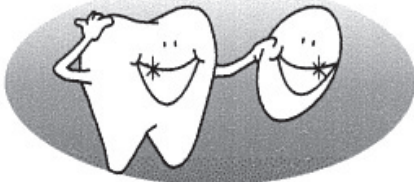
Don't be so hard on yourself, this is a less than ideal situation that we are all going through.

Cut your spouse some slack and put yourself in their shoes as often as possible.

Constantly remind your spouse how much you appreciate them and everything they do for your family. Encouraging words are what keep you going when you feel burnout and overwhelmed.

Laugh together about the chaos in your house and try to stay positive as much as you can.

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