

# 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

3600 Forest Bluff Crescent

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## SCHOOLS

St. Bernard of Clairvaux

St. Faustina

St. Edith Stein

St. Simon Stock

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Secondary  
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**

March 5 (Saturday)  
 5:00 PM +Theo Fernandez and  
 Departed family members, +Ana  
 Principe, +Dampsey Vaz, +Roberto and  
 Jaime Ang, Souls in Purgatory

March 6 (Sunday)  
 7:30 AM +Joao Marino Fernandes  
 9:00 AM Thanksgiving of Inacio and  
 Paula Lee-Len  
 11:00 AM +Jose Javate & Paulino  
 Holganza, Peter Lai Nguyen, +Lina  
 Ariganello, +Pedrinha Fernandes,  
 +Anthony & Judy Fernandes, +Manuel  
 Alves, Special Intention of Jimane &  
 Edwin Roveló  
 12:30 PM +Rolando Isidro, +Lenny  
 Alexander, +Eleuteria Quinsay, +Nestor  
 Reyes

March 7 (Monday)  
 7:00 PM Souls in Purgatory

March 8 (Tuesday)  
 7:30 AM +Josie Dononila, +Inocencio  
 Guillermo

March 9 (Wednesday)  
 7:00 PM +Anton Perera, Thanksgiving  
 of Evelyn Laraya, Souls in Purgatory

March 10 (Thursday)  
 7:30 AM +Fr. Vito Marzillano

March 11 (Friday)  
 7:00 PM + Ranjan Victoria

March 12 (Saturday)  
 9:00 AM Thanksgiving of Caridad  
 Sarmiento  
 5:00 PM +Conrado, Alberto, Eduardo  
 Nicomedez, +Lucy & John Teixeira,  
 +Anne & John Braganza, Departed  
 members of the D'Mello and Fernandes  
 Family

Please Wear your Mask!



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

**FINDING GOD**

Just as Spring is a time of rebirth and renewal, the six weeks of Lent afford us an opportunity for rediscovering God, not because the sense of God has been lost or forgotten but because each season offers yet another new venue for finding God and for deepening the ever-evolving relationship with each of us shares with God.

Oftentimes, we find it hard to relate to God because of the way we look at ourselves as a sinner separated from God. This is not the starting point. We need to change our perspective because God loves us even before we even begin to love Him. We are created by Him and we are destined for Him. Here are a few suggestions to help you during this season of grace:

- 1) Change your thinking about yourself and about God. I suggest that you start believing that God loves you. You may think you are the worst sinner that has ever been born into this world. Guess what? Jesus says that even just one person who connects with God will make heaven burst out in great celebration. Why? because God does not give up on any one us. He loves us so much. He can't turn away His face away from us when we turn to Him.
- 2) God is always reaching out to you all the time. When your heart is stirred to talk to Him or even to do good, to smile, to offer a kind word to someone, it is God who is prompting you. Do not let your fear, your ego, your position, or your anxiety get the better of you. Be open, willing to receive the new seeds that God wants to plant into your life. Your life is a fertile soil. These seeds can take root, sprout and grow.
- 3) The reason we often fail to find God is because we are looking for Him everywhere when in fact He is already in you. Keep that thought always and remember God also dwells in others too.

**Sunday Offering**

Offertory (2021)	\$ 3,434.15
Building Fund	\$ 1,536.00
Liturgical Fund	\$ 84.00
Mass Stipends	\$ 565.00
Candle Offering	\$ 76.65
Shepherds' Trust	\$ 100.00
Initial Offering	\$ 5.00
Office Equipment	\$ 33116
Samosa Sale	\$ 242.00
Paschal Candle	\$ 550.00
Total	\$ 6,965.16

**ALTAR SERVERS**

We are inviting our young people to consider serving at the altar as soon as most restrictions are lifted. Please give your name and contact information at the desk if you or your child is interested to participate.

Altar serving is not only for young people. Adults can also serve in this capacity especially during the weekday Masses and most especially whenever we have funerals and other celebrations that our young people are not able to serve.

**WAY OF THE CROSS**

Every Friday of Lent following the 7 PM Holy Mass

What is the Way of the Cross. It is a traditional devotion in honour of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. It is a mini-pilgrimage through the events that covered the final hours of Jesus' life on earth. In many Catholic Churches including our own, there are 14 Stations, sculptures or paintings. We go from one station to the next. Our parish patron saint, St. Josephine Bakhita, loved to pray the Way of the Cross. She did this not only during the Lenten Season, but throughout the year. She wanted to know the Lord more so she can loved Him more.

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**Come & See - Day Retreat**  
 March 19 (9 AM to 3:30 PM)  
 St. Augustine's Seminary

Inviting single Catholic men 18 years and older, to cultivate a deeper prayer life and relationship with Jesus Christ; leading to a better discernment of God's call for their lives. Time for prayer, reflection and information on the process of becoming one of Christ's disciples as a Catholic priest. Register online at [www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee](http://www.vocationstoronto.ca/comesee)

For more information, please contact (your Parish Priest) or the Office of Vocations via email: [vocations@archtoronto.org](mailto:vocations@archtoronto.org).

PRAY FOR VOCATIONS!

**STEUBENVILLE YOUTH  
 CONFERENCE 2022**

Steubenville Toronto is back! This year, Canada's largest annual summer youth conference for high school students will take place on July 15-17, 2022. We are excited to host the conference at a new venue: in the auditorium of Canada Christian College located at 300 Water Street in Whitby, Ontario. This year's theme is: "Fearless (John 16:33)."

Group Registration opens on March 1, 2022 at 10 a.m. A group can be a youth ministry from a parish, a high school chaplaincy group, or even a group of friends with parent chaperones. Due to COVID-19, we will be offering groups the opportunity to choose between attending the conference for the entire weekend or attending the Saturday only.

To view this year's ministry team, theme promo video, photos from previous years, more details and to register, please visit: [www.steubenvilletoronto.com](http://www.steubenvilletoronto.com). EMAIL: [youth@ocytoronto.org](mailto:youth@ocytoronto.org)

**Power of Forgiveness Retreat**  
 Friday to Sunday March 18-20  
 Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre  
 Niagara Falls, ON

Understanding forgiveness is the first key to being able to forgive. Learn guided with tools that will enable you to move forward with the healing process Presenter: Anna Racine.

PHONE: 905-356-4113  
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**DOMINICAN FRIARS YOUTH  
 INTEFAITH VIDEO CONTEST**

The Archdiocese of Toronto Office for Interreligious Dialogue invites students to participate in the Youth Interfaith Video Contest sponsored by the Dominican Friars of Toronto in collaboration with The Catholic Register, Interfaith Youth Alliance Movement (IYAM) and Salt + Light Media. The theme of the contest is: "Cultivating Friendship and Solidarity" in light of the United Nations' International Day of Human Fraternity which happens on February 4 each year.

This is a wonderful opportunity for youth to explore the theme of how our diverse faith traditions call on us to Rebuild, Restore and Renew our communities together, through cultivating friendship and solidarity. We encourage participants to not only highlight the contest theme, but to reach out to collaborate and engage with people of diverse cultural and religious backgrounds.

Entries can come from an individual or a team. The video may be up to three minutes maximum in length and submitted by the contest closing date of April 19, 2022. For more details, visit [www.catholicregister.org/videocontest](http://www.catholicregister.org/videocontest)

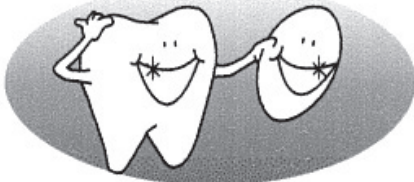
**PRAYER FOR PEACE IN  
 UKRAINE**

God of love, we are disconcerted by the violence in our world, and especially now by the acts of war in Ukraine. Enable us to stand in solidarity with those who suffer, and who live today in fear and anxiety. Sustain the hope of all those, in this beloved part of the world, who seek justice and peace. Send the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of peace, to inspire the leaders of nations and all human beings.

**Discover the Sacrament of  
 Reconciliation during the  
 Season of Lent**

By this beautiful Sacrament God gives all sinful members of His Church, "a direct, human, and personal encounter with the mercy of God" as found in the Gospel. [1] (CCC: 1446) In this encounter "God, the Father of mercies" pardons His faithful for post-baptism sins that they confessed to the bishop or his priests. (CCC: 1448-1449). In the liturgical actions of this sacrament, especially in the formula of absolution, Jesus Christ reaches out to us in the depth of our soul and mind to lift us to our feet, and restores us to be more perfectly what we are: His saints, the reconciled children of God. He does so "to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship Him without fear, holy and righteous in His sight all the days of our life" (Luke 1.73).[2]

The essential elements of the sacrament of Reconciliation are two: the acts of the penitent who comes to repentance through the action of the Holy Spirit, and the absolution of the priest who in the name of Christ grants forgiveness and determines the ways of making satisfaction.



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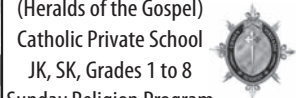


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