

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 19 (Saturday)

5:00 PM Thanksgiving of Jesuthasam Family. + Carmelina Soares, +MariaRolidola Hodglinson, +Crescencia Moore, +Juanito & Milagros Umali, +Evelyn Macalaguim

March 20 (Sunday)

7:30 AM +Jose & Petra Feril
9:00 AM Special Intention of Kevin Coon
11:00 AM Romas Roverlo Sr. + Rosita Rovelo, +Mary Pillai, +Cecilia Anthony, Pomeria & Joseph Perez
12:30 PM Thanksgiving of Irwin and Saquing, +Vince Gaspari, +Josefina Cruz, +Eduardo Saquing, +Nestor Reyes

March 21 (Monday)

7:00 PM +Filemon Aguilar, +Luis Furigay Pillar, Thanksgiving of Pius and Family

March 22 (Tuesday)

7:00 PM +Dr. Tilly

March 23 (Wednesday)

7:00 PM +Milagros & Juanito Umali, +Michael Fung

March 24 (Thursday)

7:00 PM +Dennis Rivas Sr., +Dennis Rivas Jr.

March 25 (Friday)

7:00 PM +Esmeralda Cardozo, +Lugero Anthony Vaz

March 26 (Saturday)

9:00 AM +Fe Olalia, +Dolores & Vicente Godawen, +Charles Cahn

5:00 PM +Filemon Aguila

Please note that the Daily Mass from March 21 to 31, Monday to Friday will be at 7 PM.



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

CONVERSION IS A DAILY EFFORT

Michael Whelan in his book, "Living Strings", describes conversion as a "homecoming" prompted by three human experiences: 1) A changing perception of God, self, and the world; 2) a shift in one's centre of gravity; and 3) a decision about the future of one's life. In all these human experiences, grace is ever-present.

Human perceptions change as a part of the process of growing to maturity. At times, great trauma or life-altering events bring about a radical alteration in these perceptions. As believers, our perceptions of God, self and others must necessarily be illumined by the light of Christ. Through Baptism, we consent to shift our centre of gravity and the basis of our security to Christ. From that frame of reference, we are well equipped to make decisions about the future of our lives.

In today's readings, we are encouraged to examine our own experiences of conversion as these compare to those of our ancestors in the faith. Jesus warns against thinking that another's need of conversion is greater than our own. Rather than soothe an uneasy conscience by pondering another's guilt, each one of us is called to recognize our own need for reform and to do what we must to answer that need.

St. Paul suggests that we would do well to learn from the mistakes of the past so as not to fail into the same pattern. As our Lenten preparation proceeds and our anticipation of Easter heightens, so also must our efforts at daily conversion.

Sunday Offering

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| Offertory (2021) | \$ 2,914.30 |
| Building Fund | \$ 1,054.00 |
| Liturgical Fund | \$ 129.00 |
| Mass Stipends | \$ 370.00 |
| Candle Offering | \$ 89.30 |
| Sanctuary Candle | \$ 60.00 |
| Office Equipment | \$ 710.00 |
| Humanitarian Relief | \$ 1,770.00 |
| Total | \$ 7,097.10 |

Altar Servers' Training

The Altar Servers Training will be held on Saturday, April 2 at 10 AM in the church. We invite any young people who have already received First Holy Communion to serve at the Altar. If you have not signed in yet as a volunteer, please give your name and contact information to the Parish Desk.

First Reconciliation

The First Reconciliation for our Grade 2 and older who have registered for the Sacramental Preparation for this school year will celebrate the Sacrament on April 4 to 8 starting at 4 PM. Parents are encouraged to connect with Cecilia, our Sacramental Coordinator for more details.

Fr. Mark will be away from
March 21 to 31

If you require any Liturgical Services other than the Daily Masses, please connect with the Parish Office and Deacon Roman Lim. If you require to connect with Fr. Mark, please do not hesitate to email him parishoffice@stjosephinebakhita.ca

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. EMAIL: youth@ocytoronto.org

Calling All Girls - A Special Evening for Mothers and Daughters

A virtual event

Friday, March 25, 2022, 7 PM

Register: dynamic.womefaith.com

The Anima Christi: An Intimate Journey with Jesus Christ

Friday, March 25, 7 PM to March 27, 1 PM

Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre
Pickering, ON

A silent Ignatian weekend retreat for men and women. Fr. Michael Knox, SJ, Director of Martyrs' Shrine in Midland, will facilitate the weekend. A suggested offering of \$235 per person. Includes two-nights' accommodation, meals, program and spiritual direction. Call 905-839-2864 to register.

The Sisters of Life are hosting a Day of Prayer and Healing for women seeking healing after abortion. The day is an opportunity to experience the loving mercy of God and the joy of healing in Christ, in a confidential and sacred space. It will include a witness of mercy, a Scripture reflection, personal prayer, opportunity for Sacramental Confession and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. There is no fee for the day, lunch will be provided. Please contact The Sisters of Life for more information about the location. Saturday, April 2, 2022, 9 AM to 5 PM. Call 416-463-2722 email toronto@sistersoflife.org

Our parish's first **SHARELIFE** collection will be held in two weeks, on the weekend of March 27th.

After two years of crisis, our communities need hope and healing. That hope can be found in you – the "hands and feet of Christ" making possible the life-changing work of ShareLife agencies.

Vulnerable people are turning to these agencies for support more than ever. And the problems are many, ranging from mental illness, to poverty, addiction and isolation.

The solution is in reach: your hands and ours, working together to live the Gospel.

Please deposit your envelope in the collection basket. You can also make your donation online via the parish website or at sharelife.org.

Monthly giving is a convenient way to spread your ShareLife contribution throughout the year. You can learn more about this at sharelife.org.

However you give, whatever you give, please give generously to ShareLife.

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

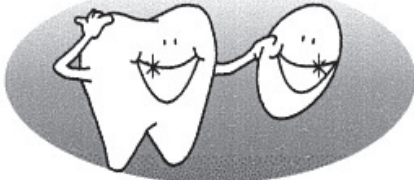
Risen Christ, as we remain in silence before you, we let this ardent prayer rise up: may the firing of weapons in the land of Ukraine cease! Welcome into your love those who are dying from violence and war, console the families in mourning, support those who have had to take the road of exodus. Faced with incomprehensible suffering, we still believe that your words of love and peace will never pass. You gave your life on the cross and you opened a future for us, even beyond death. So we implore you: give us your peace. You are our hope.

THE AMEN APP

Amen is the free Catholic Iphone App that brings you beautiful prayers, faithful meditations, and nourishing Scripture to draw your mind, body, and soul to rest in God. Get Started by downloading the app.

**Ask God to give you a new beginning
by focusing on the future**

Proceed is the rallying call of all who seek spiritual growth, enlightenment and fulfillment. Too many allow themselves to be paralyzed by the past and manipulated by memories. "When one door closes, another opens; but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one that has opened for us," says Alexander Bell. Wise people know to learn from the past without dwelling on it. They follow the future. They press on toward the goal as St. Paul did.



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