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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 Assistants

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

April 23 (Saturday)
5:00 PM +Amador Obidos

April 24 (Sunday)
7:30 AM Thanksgiving of Maya and Ethan Pereira
9:00 AM +Saturnino Villa Sr., +Nemecia Villa, +Rosemarie Villa-Rambuyan
11:00 AM+Julieta Patriciom +Vimla Patel, Special Intention of Heidi Nadon
12:30 PM +Cristina Carpio Huab, +Resty Foronda, +Antonio Geronimo Lucena Leviste, +Nestor Reyes

April 25 (Monday)
7:00 PM Thanksgiving of Tessie Buena

April 26 (Tuesday)
7:30 AM +Peter Paul D’Mello, +Joseph D’Mello, Urselina Peixoto, Deceased members of D’Mello & Fernandes Families

April 27 (Wednesday)
7:00 PM +Herminigilda Nillos, +Carolina Calayag

April 28 (Thursday)
7:30 AM open

April 29 (Friday)
7:00 PM +Christalina & deceased family members

April 30 (Saturday)
9:00 AM Open

5:00 PM +Patricia Spalla, +Amanda Andrade

If you forget or unable to offer your Mass Intention at the Parish desk, you can also do it on our parish website. You can give your donation later when you are able to come to church.



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

Never Despair of the Mercy of God

Of the many things that St. Benedict prescribed to his monks as they strive to live the gospel of love each day was “never despair of the mercy of God.” I have always been intrigued about it because it reminded me that even after all the things that I do to be holy and still fall short, I should always never lose hope in God’s mercy. I can never do everything on my own. In this life, I will never arrive. It will always be a struggle. But I should always have the confidence that I am not alone, that God is always with me, helping me, and in the end whatever may be lacking, He will complete it for me.

There have been many saints in the Church that have contemplated on the Mercy of God. One of them is St. Catherine of Sienna. It is precisely despair of God’s Mercy that constitutes the only unforgivable sin. It is, for St. Catherine, the offense of considering one’s own sin to be greater than God the Father’s mercy.

“The despair of Judas displeased me more and was a greater insult to my Son that his betrayal had been. Therefore, such as these are reproved for this false judgment of considering their sins to be greater than my mercy, and for this they are punished with the demons and tortured eternally with them.”

St. Catherine tells us that on the day of judgment, each one will see the loving gaze of Christ, but for some, depending on their disposition, will see light while others will see darkness. There is nothing wrong with the source of that light, but it will seem so different depending on how we are.

Despair is one of the ways that the devil tries to deceive and entrap us. For this reason, we are reminded again and again that the mercy of God is so deep and so broad that even the Cross could adequately expressed it. Never despair of the mercy of God. Never!

Sunday Offering

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| Offertory | \$ 9,332.10 |
| Building Fund | \$ 1,210.00 |
| Liturgical Fund | \$ 83.50 |
| Mass Stipends | \$ 1,030.00 |
| Candle Offering | \$ 329.50 |
| Flowers | \$ 403.31 |
| Office Equipment | \$ 345.00 |
| Good Friday | \$ 2,268.70 |
| ShareLife | \$ 220.00 |
| Easter | \$ 3,681.25 |
| Catechetical Fund | \$ 3,038.00 |
| Initial Offering | \$ 30.00 |
| Humanitarian | \$ 30.00 |
| Total | \$21,971.31 |

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who came to participate in the Holy Week Celebrations. Thank you to all the volunteers. To execute a good liturgy, to set the ambiance, to enhance the solemnity, we depend on many people who volunteer their time and talent. A good number of them are behind the scenes, but their service is very precious. They are like the backbone on which everything are held together. As your pastor, I am deeply grateful.

I would like to thank Fr. Martin and Fr. Jaison for helping to celebrate the Holy Masses. I am deeply indebted to their brotherly assistance to me and the love they have for our community. God, in His mercy, has always look down with great favour on our community through the ministry of many priests. Fr. Emmanuel and Fr. Idara sent their love to everyone. I also would like to thank everyone who are following our Masses online. They are very much part of our community and may God’s blessing be upon them and their families.

RECEPTION OF THE EUCHARIST ON THE TONGUE

We are once again able to administer the Eucharist to anyone who wish to receive Jesus on the tongue. We ask the charity of those who wish to do so, to please process forward only after everyone has had the chance to receive Holy Communion on the hand. Thank you.

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Day of Prayer for Vocations

The Day of Prayer for Vocations will take place on Friday, May 6, 2022. This year we are inviting you to take a moment to pray for two intentions: for an increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life and for endurance in vocations already committed. We also ask you to keep Ordinandi in your prayers along with all those who are discerning and who are currently in formation. For more information, please contact your parish for local events. Thank you for all your continued support and prayers.

CHURCH SIGNAGE

Our Church at the moment has no signage. It is important that we address this. But everything is so expensive these days. The simple wooden Church Signage costs almost \$10,000. An electronic signage cost quadruple. I, Fr. Mark, would like to keep it simple, given the cost. But we can always aim higher. If you would like to contribute towards this project, please drop your donation in our regular offertory collection or if you prefer to use Credit Card, please donate to Special Projects in the Donate Now of our parish website. Thank you.

Catholic School Trustees' Workshop

Saturday, May 28, 9 AM

Catholic school trustees serve a critical role in passing the faith to future generations. If you are considering election, or already serving, join us online on Saturday May 28 for a day of formation and discussion introduced by Archbishop Thomas Cardinal Collins, with representatives of the Ontario Catholic School Trustees Association (OCSTA) and both current and past members of several Ontario Catholic school boards. Practical tips on seeking election and serving in office will be offered, along with legal, historical, and theological context. St. Monica Institute in partnership with OCSTA and Catholic Conscience. CONTACT: Brendan Steven EMAIL: brendan@catholicconscience.org

FOOD AND EMPTY BOTTLE DRIVE

The Knights of Columbus has organized a Food Drive and a Bottle Drive in our parish. The food items will be delivered to the Food Bank in our area and the empty wine bottles will help raise funds for the Special Olympics. Thank you for your generosity!

SHARELIFE SUNDAY MAY 1

Thank you to those who have contributed to our annual appeal. If you have not yet done so, I invite you to reflect on your ability to help those in need, and make a sacrificial gift to support those who turn to our agencies for assistance.

One of the key messages Jesus left us is to "love one another as I have loved you." Our generosity toward ShareLife agencies is one of the ways we can help transform the lives of the marginalized in our society.

Thank you very much for supporting our parish's ShareLife campaign. Thus far we have raised \$3,438.75.

ORDINATION PRAYER VIGIL May 13, 5:30 PM to May 14, 12 Midnight

St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica

Please join us, for the Ordination Prayer Vigil, for our soon-to-be priests. This beautiful event is being held at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on Friday, May 13 from 5:30 p.m. to midnight. For more information please contact the Office of Vocations via email – vocations@archtoronto.org. Please note, this event is open to the public.

Pray for Vocations

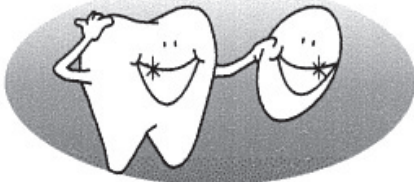
PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

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.

Deepen your appreciation of our Christian heritage!

NEWMAN, WESLEY, AND
THE LOGIC OF UNITY: AN
INDUCTIVE ECUMENISM
Thursday, April 28, 2022, 12 PM

St. John Henry Newman and John Wesley are widely acknowledged as great Catholic and Methodist theologians who also exercised significant pastoral ministries. These two Oxford figures, in fact, started movements that still have a great influence on the cultural and religious life of Christians around the world. Dr. Daniel Pratt Morris-Chapman, a research fellow at Wesley House Cambridge, Stellenbosch University and the Oxford Centre for Methodism & Church History, will discuss how these two leaders have much to contribute in promoting visible unity among Christians today. For online participation register at: <https://www.prounione.it/en/events/28-apr-2022/>



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